

Notes from Advisory Group Meeting
18th June 2021 at Allotments
Martin, Caroline, Rosie & Sarah
Apologies from Mark

Structure of Group

We talked at length about how the group has worked in the past.

It was acknowledged that Stan Studd had done a great job as Chair, taking responsibility for the majority of the tasks for the group. Stan will be greatly missed.

We decided that in the future these tasks should be shared between us all.

Sarah is happy to take on the admin, with the support of the rest of the group when needed. Martin suggested that Sarah could also Chair the group which, with the agreement of everyone else, she accepted. Sarah and Rosie are to meet with Caroline and Ramune to help us better understand how everything works.

Rats

We have had an update from Simon, the Pest Controller but unfortunately some of our questions have still not been answered. Rosie will write to Simon to ask why the boxes are all positioned at the gate end.

Compost Heap

It needs to go either at the A1 end of the allotments or be removed altogether as it is an eyesore and is taking up half a plot. Martin's idea of it going next the handyman's shed unfortunately won't work as that field is not leased by the council. Dot has permission to use it for 2hrs a day and we have access across it. Caroline will speak to Ramune who is the handyman's Line Manager.

Communication

Ramune doesn't need to see all our chat and emails can easily be left unread as there are so many.

Sarah has set up a Whatsapp group that will hopefully make communication between us a bit easier and quicker. Ramune will only be emailed if its relevant to her and needs her input or action.

Budget

We touched briefly on the budget for the allotments but not in any detail.

The £1000 from Tesco Bags for Life to be discussed at the next meeting as it needs to be spent soon.

Allotment Facebook Page

Sarah has set up the group but it's not yet public as the system will not allow her access to finish editing. She will ask son for advice!

We had hoped to do a walkaround but it started to rain and we ended the meeting.

Note - Untended Plots

Rosie and Sarah had a quick walk up and down after the meeting ended and can report back as follows:

Plot 6	No change, weeds now going to seed.
10	Has been allocated to a marina resident. They haven't started on it yet.
17	This plot has now been handed back and is available to the waiting list.
22	Not worked
15b	Not worked. Ramune will ask plot holder if they still want it. If it becomes vacant it will be offered to the holder of 15a.
11	Not worked.
33	Not worked.
40	Not worked. Grass around 3ft high and going to seed. First letter been sent.