



YACIO Trustee Meeting

19th June 2019

Attending: Tony Chalcraft, Adam Myers, Anna Pawlow, Simon Wild, Tina Funnell, Lisa Turner, John Shirbon (from 8pm)

Chair: Tony Chalcraft

Minutes: Anna Pawlow

1. Apologies

Colin Smith, Maria Lewington

2. Notes and Actions

MCPC Complaint - TC has contacted MCPC and held the right to revisit the complaint if future issues arise. AP is to continue testing the system and reporting any issues.

Waste - CS has obtained 2 permits for waste removal.

3. Administrator Report

AP reported that she continued to be busy with new lettings and notice letters. AP asked that a second opinion from a Trustee be sought on the condition of plots on Glen for clarity.

Action: AM to inspect plots

4. Duty Trustee Report

SW had dealt with a few issues. He was liaising with CS regarding an issue with a polytunnel on Howe Hill and had been contacted by the Council regarding a hedge boundary on New Lane.

5. Waste Disposal

AP explained the issues surrounding the supply of skips for mixed waste disposal that she had encountered. No skip companies in York could now

supply large skips to the allotments (those that had them available would not take the risk on the mixed waste). Trustees discussed options. These were: a 'man with a van' to directly take rubbish to the tip, larger skips but supervised loading, a combination of smaller skips for specific jobs with the 'man with a van' option to supplement this. Winter shredding of woody waste was also discussed again as an option.

6. Concessions

Trustees outlined their thought prior to the presentation from John Shirbon.

+ Site Secretary Agenda

Trustees discussed and agreed the topics for the Agenda for the upcoming site secretary meeting.

7. Any Other Business

- Low Moor Plot 89

It had been brought to Trustees attention that a plot had been granted free to a tenant on Low Moor by the former CYC Allotments Officer in perpetuity. It was felt that this was a concern as it went against all policy.

Action: TC to raise the issue with CYC

AP to check the tenancy documents signed.

- Green Lane Willow

SW had dealt with an issue on Green Lane regarding a large willow.

Following this the Association had sought to reclaim expenses even though this had not been agreed prior to any work. Trustees agreed that this was unacceptable.

8. Next Meeting Dates

24th June - Site Secretary Meeting

3rd July - Trustee Meeting

7th August - Trustee Meeting

Please note no meeting 3rd Wednesday in July or August.

JS Attending from 8pm

9. Concession Policy Proposals

John Shirbon presented his proposals for an overhaul of the concessions policy to Trustees. TC noted that no policy decisions would be able to be made swiftly and any changes would have to be approved by the membership.

JS's central position was that full paying tenants supplemented the rents of tenants on concessions and that some of these concessions were not means tested and that this was unfair. He further felt that the 40% rate of concession granted was overly generous and that as YACIO now had to be a self funded organisation this should be reduced. He proposed that only a half plot be eligible for a concession as opposed to the full plot at present. Trustees asked several questions clarifying his proposals.

Actions: AP to seek information from the NSALG regarding concession policies elsewhere.

AP to re-run the statistical analysis on concessions (last produced in March) for further review.