

RAGA Minutes 8 January 2018

Gledhow Sports and Social Club

Present: Pat, Cath, Steve, Brian, John, Bob, Primrose, Paul and Margaret

1. **Welcome:** From Paul
2. **Apologies:** Peter
3. Minutes for the meeting on 6 November passed as correct
4. **Matters arising:** Paul received an email from Lynne Rogers the Allotments Officer to say that the Roundhay allotment because of the way the land was acquired is not a statutory allotment. Paul was asked what the process was for converting to a statutory allotment, but he didn't know. It had been suggested that Barbara Greenwood and Ian Martin be invited to this meeting but this had been overlooked and so it was suggested they be invited to the March meeting.
5. **Plots Let:** Note from Peter; 4 vacant and 8 on the waiting list. Tom Devlin will be allowed to swap to one of the vacant plots at the top of the site. Starter beds situation needs updating. His offer of roofing tiles and pallets declined.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Balance £32,287. LCC rent paid today £3070.00 a lot of members paid by bank transfer this year. LDAGF fees still to pay 137 members £137.00 Membership discount cards to be available in the sales hut for members to collect. As so many have been left unclaimed in previous years it was thought better for members to fill them in themselves in future.
7. **Secretaries Report:** the website needs updating. The potato order has been sent, Brian will inform members when they arrive. Paul suggested we all look at the website so we can make suggestions to Brian on the update.
8. **Planning Application:** Paul sent an email to Clare Wallace LCC Conservation Officer (committee copied in) before Christmas, but he has not had a reply. Paul explained that the insurance company requires all tools and equipment to be stored in a locked steel container and that we can't get cover against fire for a wooden, brick or stone building. So, we will continue to rent until we are told otherwise. The Federation Group Insurance policy has had a £1500 loading this year because of the four claims, our two representing the largest amount. While we wait for a decision on our planning application we could hire another container for the shop. The next step as far as the planning application is concerned seems to be to submit the application and rely on the decision being overturned on appeal. Paul will try Clare Wallace again and speak to Christian.
9. **Substation:** Northern Powergrid have agreed to dig the trench.
10. **Lease Change:** Because there needs to be a change to our lease(Substation) and it need to be re-registered with the Land Registry it is a good time to consider changing our status from an association to an incorporated body such as an Industrial Provident Society which would mean that we don't have to have trustees and therefore won't have the fuss and expense of re-registering every time a trustee is replaced. The National Society will provide model rules and support our application to be come an IPS it would cost us £2.50 per members to joint the National plus the £40 or £50 to set up the company. John said there are models on the internet. It would cost several hundred to do it directly, though a solicitor might not cost as much. John will investigate. LCC don't seem to mind what our current legal status is, at present we are an

unincorporated body with trustees. We need to agree any change of status preferably at the next AGM or call a separate EGM.

11. **TVG:** Holiday
12. **Possible date for the AGM:** 19 or 26 April Paul to arrange
13. **LDAGF:** Next meeting 24 January. Learning Day now Saturday 24 March at Pudsey Civic Hall
14. **Non-members on site:** Nothing reported
15. **Next meeting:** Monday 5 March 7.30 GSSC – Barbara and Ian to be invited
16. **AOB:**
 - a. After discussion the consensus was that we should hire another container for the shop to store bulky items, composted manure, growing compost etc. The TVG could move small amounts into the main shop container each Thursday to save those doing the shop having two containers open at the same time with the security issues that could cause and the bother of opening and closing two each time the shop is open.
 - b. Burnt Trees: Forestry will do the trimming and reshaping of the trees before the end of March.
 - c. Paul explained about the error over the Termination Letter sent to Linda Chapman. She was very understanding and will continue with her plot.
 - d. Steve asked about another manure delivery – could it be put on the concrete base?
17. Meeting ended at 8.20 pm.