

Minutes GAF meeting on Thursday January 10th 2019 , Garnethill Multicultural Centre, Rose st. at 7pm

Present: Jenny Reeves (Chair), Iain Sutherland (Treasurer), Christine Kuhn (Secretary), Judy Wilkinson (Minute Secretary), Denis Barrett (Budhill), William Gormley (Oatlands Gate), Jean Secaud (Oatlands Gate), Eddie Simpson (High Carntyne), Jan MacDonald (Mansewood), Doreen Grainger (SWAA), Celia Bonner (SWAA), Ruth Hollinshead (Lambhill), Sean Minamata (Lambhill), Ania Neisser (Lambhill), Ruth Townshend (Croftburn), Carol McIvor (Kennyhill), David McLean (Westthorn), Andy Forester (Westthorn), Barbara Orton (Craigpark), Julie Osborne ,

Apologies: Sandy Paterson (Allotments Officer), Delia Smith (Springburn), Euan (Oatlands Leisure gardens), Derek Livesey (Merrylee)

Discussion: 7pm - 8pm Getting to Know You - Initial results of the sites' survey and visits. Discussion about what GAF can do to help associations network with each other, share experiences and extend their local and city-wide links with others interested in using and caring for green spaces. A report on the discussion will be put up on web site.

Business meeting: (8pm - 9pm)

1. Draft minutes of AGM: Nov 2018 (circulated and on website) - noted

2. Ideas from discussion - suggestions for action.

- (i) More support and networking about Governance - (see suggestions from Sept 2018 workshop)
Action Jenny,

(ii) Information dissemination:

- New plot-holders Denis advice - '1 hour work and then 1 hour talk, introducing yourself to neighbours and asking what they do'; SWAA - invite those on waiting list to events and to work on community garden.,
- Welcoming sign on allotment gates 'a Growing Space' and publicity for what is grown - including flowers.
- Vignettes on website about what we do - children, biodiversity, water management, drainage so people know which sites have particular expertise.

Action: Working group on using social media:

(iii) How to find out who owns the land - check out links for website - **Action Judy**

3. Update on Potato Day -Jan. There will be a shortage of some varieties of potato. Jan will put out list very soon - 'try something different' .NEED for volunteers for training - must be committed to helping - please contact Jan at jan.lynnne2303@gmail.com. DON'T FORGET baking and preserves. Side story: John Marshall (Potato professor) wore one of Emily's t-shirts in Peru at the Potato Park!

4 Brief reports:

- Allotment Officer's Report - not available.
- Planning Guide and PAS workshops -: <https://www.pas.org.uk/news/allotments-and-growing-spaces-workshops/>. based on a draft booklet about planning
- GAF response to GCC's consultative draft Open Spaces Strategy- response will be on the web. Highlighted need for structures to enable participation. **Further action : Jenny, Judy**

5 AOB: Agreed Judy nominated as rep on GYOWG and Scottish Food Coalition

6. Date next meeting Thursday March 7th 2019, Garnethill Multicultural Centre, Rose St. at 7pm
The Discussion Topic will be **Soils** and will be led by Jan MacDonald from Mansewood Allotments. There will be a follow-up practical session at Mansewood (date to be arranged.)