

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Allotments Association:
Mrs Jill Anker
Mr Keevan Anker
Mrs Vanessa Greveson
Mrs Chris Newsham

The Administrative Officer was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor J A Rowlands

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest as an Allotment holder
The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest as an Allotment holder

2.0 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

Councillor D T Evans was proposed but he declined to accept the nomination.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor M G Sarsfield be Chairman for the forthcoming year.

*Councillor Sarsfield took the Chair
The Town Mayor and the Deputy Mayor left the meeting*

3.0 TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor H Mattocks be Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming year

4.0 UPDATE OF TENANCY AGREEMENTS

Mrs Newsham, the Vice Chair of the Allotments Association, gave an update of the tenancies.

There are currently 59 tenants holding 33 full allotments, 25 half plots and 1 three-quarter plot. There are two vacant half allotments, 23b and 41a, which the Association hope to allocate in the near future.

5.0 CONDITION OF ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Association reported that the condition of the Allotments was not too bad for the time of year when the ground is cold and wet. Improvements should be evident in the coming months.

Two half plots were causing some concern but these will be monitored by the Association during the coming months.

A lot of water was gathering on the corner by Plots 49 and 26; the Association asked if Town Council staff could investigate the reason. Members of the Association greatly appreciated the work of the Town Council staff for the grass cutting and their help with the Open Gardens event last summer.

Comments from the Town Council with regard to the Association's Familial Inheritance proposal had been taken on board and a revised version will be sent to Council in the near future.

Parking difficulties are being experienced in the Coach Park whilst the Contractors' compound is in place. Although the Contractors, Dawnus, had left spaces for the Allotments Association to park, these spaces were being used by non-allotment holders. Signage was required pointing out that the spaces were for allotment holders only. A sign was also required on the Allotments gate advising that parking within the Allotments was for tenants only. Mr Anker stated that he was liaising with Dawnus with regard to this issue and had requested a copy of their Health & Safety procedures. A Councillor suggested that this subject could be raised at the Special Council meeting on Tuesday 12 February.

With the permission of the Town Clerk, Dawnus had tapped into the water supply on the Allotments. A meter reading before commencement had been requested. There could be a problem with soil compaction and Mr Anker will take photographs of the area upon completion of the works for remedial work to take place. The Chairman stated that the Council's Project Officer would contact Mr Anker to discuss the reinstatement works required. A copy of Risk Assessment and Council's Insurance details would be required. A Councillor asked how the tapping of the water supply would affect the allotment holders. Mr Anker stated that there would not be a lot of water usage by the tenants until May/June.

The Allotment Association stated that tree stumps left on some allotments needed to be removed and funding was needed to achieve this. The Chairman advised that donation requests to Council were considered twice a year and asked that they complete a form to submit to Council for consideration.

Rabbits have been seen on the allotments. The Town Clerk had been asked to obtain samples of rabbit-proof netting to try to solve the issue. Mrs Greveson stated it wasn't too much of a problem yet but will be monitoring the situation.

The Association stated that no Council inspection of the allotments had yet taken place. The Chairman agreed to visit the allotments with members of the Association in March.

6.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April/early May