

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF  
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor Councillor D G Jones  
Councillor J Carr  
Councillor R J Parry  
Councillor S Zalot  
Allotment Association representatives:  
Mrs C Barlow  
Mr W Hopkin  
Mr D Jones (Chairman)  
Mrs S Theakston

Councillor F Carr attended as an observer

The Town Clerk was in attendance

**APOLOGIES:** The Deputy Mayor Councillor I Davies  
Councillor C M Brimecombe  
Councillor D W Gallichan  
Councillor J W Jones

**Councillor R J Parry took the Chair**

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**1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**2.0 UPDATE OF TENANCY AGREEMENTS**

- 2.1** It was noted that only one half plot remained unallocated. The Chairman of the Allotments Association said it he was attempting to contact a person on the waiting list in the hope that this plot would also be allocated in the near future.
- 2.2** Tenancy agreements had been returned by most plot holders, and fees paid for the coming year. There were only four existing tenants who had not yet paid, and four who had recently been allocated half plots.
- 2.3** The Chairman of the Allotments Association said that he would remind the people concerned, but if payments had not been received by the end of the month the Town Council office would issue reminders.
- 2.4** The meeting wished to record it thanks to Mr Dave Jones, Chairman of the Allotments Association, for the hard work he put in to keeping the Allotments area in good order and ensuring all allotments were allocated. It was felt that the allocation of half plots to new tenants was working well and it allowed more people to become involved in having allotments.
- 2.5** Comment was made that the standard letting agreement needed to be updated. It had been in use for many years, and did not cover matters such as insurance and liability of plot owners to the public. It was pointed out that the letting agreement was the one recommended by the National Allotments Association. The local Allotments Association said that it would form its own sub-committee to

look at the wording of the document, and make contact with the National Association with a view to having a new document drawn up for use throughout the country.

### **3.0 CONDITION OF ALLOTMENTS**

- 3.1** The composting area just inside the allotment gate had been removed and the ground re-seeded and generally tidied up. This was a marked improvement in the appearance of the site, and it was hoped that it would deter any further fly-tipping within the allotment area.
- 3.2** The presence of the recycling bins within the adjacent car park was noted to present a problem. There was a tendency for people to dump general rubbish there, often between the back of the bins and the fence of the allotments area. Complaints had already been made to Anglesey County Council, with the suggestion that the bins be moved. A further letter might be appropriate.  
Recommendation to the Finance and Planning Committee:  
A letter be sent to Anglesey County Council concerning the problem with the recycling bins and rubbish encroaching onto the allotments area.
- 3.3** The meeting praised the standard of cultivation on the allotments. The 'use it or lose it' policy that had been adopted over the past three years had worked very well. Special mention was made of the work carried out by the allotment holders to improve the condition of allotment 49b
- 3.4** It was disappointing to report that there had been a number of thefts from the allotments during the autumn period. These had involved removal of equipment as well as produce from the allotments. Mr Dave Jones had purchased a monitoring camera which seemed to have stopped the problem. Members asked if the County Council camera near the Yacht Club could be used to monitor the area, but it was pointed out that this facility had now been closed down. A cheap CCTV camera might provide further security.
- 3.5** The high use of water over the past year had now been investigated. It seemed that the meter was working correctly and there was not a leak. The meter showed only one unit of use since November. It had been a hot summer and so there may have been an increased use of water by plot holders. In addition, it had been noted that camper vans had been visiting the site and taking water. New locks had been fitted on the taps and this should prevent unauthorised taking of water in the future. The Society said that it would suggest its members make more use of water butts and it would ask members not to leave hoses unattended. It was noted that the large increase in water charges had not been passed on to allotment holders for the coming season.
- 3.6** During the past couple of months the national magazine 'Allotment and Leisure Gardener' had featured an article on the Beaumaris Allotment Association within the section on Wales. It showed photographs of a Lifetime Achievement Award being presented by the Chairman to Mr Bill Hopkin, and photographs of the 'Biggest Pumpkin' competition.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm**