Meeting of 1st Annual General Meeting of Kings Chase Allotments, for Romsey Town Council Allotments.

Meeting held on the 29th February 2024 at 6:30pm. at the "Court Room" Romsey Town Hall.

The meeting was attended by 10 members with apologies by 3 plots holders.

Present: Adrian Landscheit, Andrew Harris, Emma Pitman, Rory Maxwell, Melissa Doherty and Cllr Russell Theron

1. Apologies:

Plot 6, plot 8 and plot 14

2. Chairmans report

The Chairman, Mr Rory Maxwell started proceedings by giving a warm welcome to all those who attended and thanked the committee for their efforts in setting up the committee in its infancy year.

Rory touched on the roll of the committee with rolls and responsibilities. The change of tenancy start dates to aid with the growing season and managing the allotment gardens for new growers. Explained about incoming rules with the new tenancy in October 2024. Explained about the current closed waiting list and the potential of linking with Southampton Road Allotments to alleviate to potential lengthy waiting time for an allotment on Kings Chase.

3. Statement of Accounts read by Clir Russell Theron

It was explained that the accounts fall under the derestriction of the council. And the statement was written are prepared by them. The accounts will be audited at the end of the tax year each April for Romsey Town Councils end of year accounts. These accounts are correct for month number 10 dated 12-02-24

There will be a sum of money to come into the allotment funds from the Romsey Extra Parish Council. The final accounts are due in from REPC in May this year. This has been held up due to accounting complications with HMRC following the merger of Romsey Extra and Romsey Town Council.

The allotment generated a net income of £975

We had a total expenditure of -£3830

We had a total income over expenditure of -£2855

We expect the books to be balanced when the monies are transferred from REPC in May.

4. Election of Committee

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No additional members have nominated themselves to be part of the committee, it was agreed that the current committee members would remain in-place. These are as followed :~ Proposed Rory Maxwell

Proposed by: Rory Maxwell Seconded by: Cllr Russell Theron

Adrian Landscheit	Plot 01	
Andrew Harris	Plot 34	Secretary
Emma Pitman	Plot 30	Members Secretary
Rory Maxwell	Plot 31	Chairman
Melissa Doherty	Plot 33	

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Formal Meeting Closed 18:47

Open session to the floor:

Request notice board updates.

The keys to the notice board in the allotment carpark have now been handed over to the committee. so information will be made available as and when required.

Request for lock on new car park gate.

We plan on changing the gate lock and introducing a lock on the new gate. This will be a code lock and will have the same code for both gates. 2 weeks before the gate lock are installed all members of the allotment will be emailed with the code.

Requested area for communal supplied instead of the car park.

This will be discussed in the next committee meeting. We will look into making an area available so supplies of communal woodchip or manure.

Rory mentioned that Totton allotment association have a site shop than non plot holders can become a member of and to purchase more cost affective supplies. <u>https://tottonallotments.org.uk/</u>

Questioned if the allotment has a full allocation and how the current plots are managed. As some plots seem to not be worked.

The committee have plot inspections once a month and each plot is scored. If allotment garden fall below in certain areas members are contacted first to offer help and guidance. If the plots still fall below the required standard we look at ultimately removal from the allotment. Below is a basic for that is used to assess each allotment garden.

Kings Chase Allotments

Romsey Town Council Kings Chase Allotments Management Committee Town Hall 1, Market Place Romsey SO51 8YZ Tel: 01794-512837 Email: kingschaseallotment@gmail.com Date: 23-09-23 С N1 PLOT No. 1 11 12 13 14 15 Cultivation Cultivation Area idiness Weeds ub Let Plot Average N3 PLOT No. 26B 28A 28B 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26A 27 29 30 31 32 33 34 Cultivation Cultivation Area Tidiness Weeds ub Let 0 0 lot Average Plot requiring attention Committee member V Vacant Plot Warning letter or eviction sent New tenant Each area is marked out of 10 Cultication - Estimate of how much the available beds are cultivated Tidiness - Free of rubbish Cultivation Area - Estimate cultivated space is being used Weeds - Free of weeds Cultivation - Red = 20% and less Tidiness - Red = 20% and less Sublet - Red = Contact and reminder of T&Cs

No further questions from plot holders. *Open session Closed 18:57*

Andrew Harris Confirmed 07-03-24 Secretary