

COMAS AGM Minutes

Tuesday 20th October 2020, 19:00hrs,
via Zoom Conference App

Present

Olga Asma	<i>Member</i>	Joanne Maylott	<i>Plot Holder</i>
Salih Ayon	<i>Committee</i>	Mireille Oyewole	<i>New Plot Holder</i>
Craig Eastham	<i>Member</i>	Neal Roberts	<i>Plot Holder</i>
Gordon Flear	<i>Treasurer</i>	Fran Sullivan	<i>Sow the City</i>
Zoe Hopkin	<i>Committee</i>	Sharon Thomas	<i>S4B</i>
Margaret Jamieson	<i>Secretary</i>	Martin Toal	<i>Chair</i>
Katrina Keane	<i>MCC Neighbourhood Team</i>		

Apologies

Bernard Priest *MCC Councillor*

1. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- i. Martin opened the meeting by greeting everyone and then read the Chair's report.
- ii. The report mentioned the effect of Covid-19 on people and the sites. It told of the slow progress of the Electricity Project but was more positive on the extra sheds installed at Hartfield Close, the bumper harvest this season and the surplus produce offered to the community. It also noted the society's relations with other groups.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Gordon gave the Treasurer's report and outlined future projects. It noted the income for the year was £3,997.51 and the expenditure was £1,223.15.
- ii. He talked of the acquisition of garden tools this year, including the strimmer and lawn mower. Donations from the purchase of bags of compost and elsewhere were mentioned, as well as the use of the services part of the plot holders' rent.

c. Questions on the Reports

Martin asked if There were any questions about either of the reports and there were none.

2. Elections

a. Officers

- i. Sharon Thomas was then asked to chair the elections for the next year's committee.
- ii. *Chair* – Martin was willing to stand again as Chair. This was seconded and, as there were no other offers, was duly elected.
- iii. *Treasurer* – Gordon was also willing to stand again as Treasurer and this was seconded. As there were no other offers, he was duly elected.
- iv. *Secretary* – Margaret was willing to stand as again as secretary and this was seconded. As there were no other offers, was duly elected.

b. Committee members

- i. Zoe was willing to stand as a member. This was seconded and she was elected.
- ii. Gordon asked Salih if he would like to stand and, after the role was explained, he agreed to stand and was duly elected. There were no further offers.

3. Open session

- a. This section of the meeting was used to introduce people, inform people of imminent events and to hear people's comments.
- b. Martin asked Fran to explain her role as a *Growing Ambassador* of Sow the City. [Correct title is *Growing Champion*] To do this Martin outlined future plans, including moving shrubs and raspberries from Elizabeth Yarwood Court to other parts of the neighbourhood or orchard. Martin explained we were building raised beds. Fran said she could arrange help to build these and package it as a community event at the allotment site.
- c. Katrina then asked if COMAS could hold an event for an upcoming Winter festival. She suggested we could have a bulb planting event as she had bulbs and there were as a small amount of funds available for this purpose.
- d. Martin informed us about a workshop at Platt fields Park to build stalls for an upcoming Winter market. We could keep a stall following the event.
- e. Gordon reminded everyone about the Dobie's seed scheme that was available and that catalogues were available in the polytunnel at the allotments.
- f. There were no more important points raised so the meeting then closed.