

COMAS Treasurer's Report

Tuesday, 16th June 2020

Our accounting year now follows the gardening year, so is from October 2019 to September 2020.

Income

Our basic income is from the £10 from each plot holder – which goes towards the equipment and buildings that the Committee obtain for the plot holders (£200). We received donations (net) of £27 for the compost and have also had a donation from S4B (£65). We recently received a grant from NHS Mental Health Trust towards cost of providing electricity to the site (£1,800).

Expenditure

Most of our expenditure has been on equipment and parts plus seeds for use within the Allotments – this has included tools, putting up the polytunnel and the Council cost of the three Committee plots (£15) – total £370.91. We have also spent £295.88 on the provision of the lean-to shed for tools for plot holders from the restricted funds.

As of Sunday 15th June 2020, COMAS had the following funds:

£440	Unrestricted – noting that electricity and water payments will be required later this year.
£818	Restricted fund to be spent on plants for green areas in the locality.
£1,404	Restricted fund for improvements to the Portacabin – replacement door and ramp being sourced.
£1,800	Restricted fund to begin providing electricity to site.

The future

We know that we are to receive a grant of £1,500 from NIF (Manchester Council) for the electricity and more tools.

S4B have indicated they will help fund the 'internal' electrical connections.

We expect to use the restricted funds to make the Portacabin accessible for all – with power – during the rest of 2020.

We also are aware that we will have to pay for the running costs of water and electricity and at the time have no firm idea what these may be.

If you have ideas about which tools are required or where locally we can place plants that will attract wildlife, please get in touch with the Committee.

Gordon Flear