

Bridport and District Allotments Society Meeting
Annual General Meeting held at Mountfield on 8th September 2011

Members Present:

Colin Sparkes (Chair), Bob Driscoll, Mandy Rathbone, Alexandra Gurini, Mark Budden, Brenda Dando, John Keens, Mary Keens, Lynne Atkinson, Brian Atkinson, Margaret Tebbs, Roger Pollock, Eve Hobson, Dorothy Maxwell, Barry Thomas, Richard Edwards (minutes), Daryl Chambers, PC Mike Brown, (Community Beat Officer for Bridport).

1. Apologies from: Charles Wild, Jill Lloyd, Gavin Maxwell, Paul Cryer, David Rapson, Chris Bowles, Ralph Probert, Crispin Boyle.

2. Chairman's Report:

Colin reported that members seem to have had a good growing year.

The committee has met throughout the year and Colin noted the considerable work done to stuff envelopes, 2 ½ hours work, four times a year for newsletters etc. **This would be reduced if more members were on email so please send Mandy**

() or Colin () your email address to make life easier.

By Colin's reckoning there are 160 (full or half) town council allotments in Bridport, plus 24 on the Palmers site and 33 at Burton Bradstock.

Thanks go to Ralph Probert who organised the Food Festival stand, to Linda Bullock who organised publicity for the society at the Melplash Show and to Bridport Town Council, Daryl Chambers and Paul Fuzzard for their interest and dedication to the cause in the town.

3. Treasurer's Report

Membership is up again from 175 to 203. This is because many of the new allotment holders have joined up. We again made a surplus this year of £78.70, so funds stand at £687 in total. What shall we spend it on?

4. Election of Officers

Chair: *Colin Sparkes*, nominated by Lynne Atkinson, seconded by Mary Keens.

Minutes Secretary: *Richard Edwards*, nominated by Bob Driscoll, seconded by Dorothy Maxwell.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: *Mandy Rathbone*, nominated by Bob Driscoll, seconded by Brian Atkinson.

Secretary: *Lynne Atkinson*, nominated by Mary Keens, seconded by John Keens.

Newsletter: *Charles Wild* nominated by Colin Sparkes, seconded by Lynne Atkinson.

Roger Pollock led the thanks to Bob for his sterling service as Secretary for many years. He now has more time to concentrate on his allotment.

5. Nominations for the Society's Committee

They are: *Ralph Probert*, *Roger Pollock*, *Mark Budden*, *Mary Keens* (to replace Lynne) and from Burton Bradstock, *Margaret Tebbs* and *David Barnikel*. These were all agreed by the whole group.

Mary Keens becomes the deputy minute taker.

6. Annual Subscriptions - a review

Colin proposed to keep subs at £2 since the society has a healthy bank balance. All were in agreement.

Dorothy proposed having a family membership (as they do in the gardening club) - to make it easier to use the discount card at Groves - but there was little enthusiasm for this at the meeting so it was not carried.

7. AOB

Colin reported that the Eco-Compost from Dorset County Council is apparently safe - the process is hot enough to kill all pathogens, weed seeds and "propagules" (spores etc.).

Lynne and Mary expressed their gratitude to Daryl Chambers and the Town Council for the water at Skilling.

This concluded the AGM, which was followed by the Quarterly Meeting