

## MINUTES OF STANWICK COMMUNITY GARDEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June on site at the Community Garden

Present; Dave Cox (Chairman), Brenda Marshall (Secretary) Clare Annable (Treasurer), Janet Carrington, Carolyn Brawn.

1. **Apologies** from Lucy Speirs
2. **The minutes** of the meeting held online on 11<sup>th</sup> February were accepted as being a true record.
3. **Treasurer's report:** We have in the bank a sum of £736.82 and Cash monies of £218.89 giving a total of £955.71. We will put aside £200 of this towards the replacement of the polytunnel cover.
4. **Review of the plant sales so far:** The above includes money from the first plant sale that we held recently, a great sum of £307.40 so far! We spent £36 on compost but nobody put in an expenses claim for anything else. We have another sale this coming weekend and there is still some money to come in from this one, so we did very well. Thanks go to all of our members who supported the sale and everybody who bought plants. People have been so generous and it is much appreciated. The plants that sold well were vegetables and trailing plants. It was noted that we should have grown petunias as we always have before and they sell well. We also managed to supply the Pocket Park Group with some plants for the village planting. Brenda was thanked for organising the sales and all of the committee were thanked for their part in it. Everybody worked so hard.

A rota was decided to cover the hours of the next plant sale.

5. **Review of the watering regime:** We would like to thank Michael Perry (Taff) who has been doing the watering for us. He has also opened and closed the polytunnel in the cold weather and washed a lot of the pots. Without his help we would have struggled to keep the plants for so long, especially in this hot weather.
6. **Working Party:** Involving the community: We had a very successful working party earlier in the year and intend to have another to weed the flower beds as the few of us who keep the garden tidy cannot manage it all. Dave Cox will be there on Saturday from 10-12pm to show volunteers where to concentrate their efforts.
7. **Summerhouse Bookings:** As yet we haven't got any bookings. This is probably because the weather is nice enough to be outside at the moment. In the afternoons though there is a bit of shade in front of the summerhouse and it is possible to take chairs outside and enjoy the surroundings.
8. **Serve:** This charitable organisation have asked if they can bring a few people to visit the garden in a mini bus. The details have been passed to us from the clerk to the Parish Council, Jenny Hodgson. We have made contact and told them that we will welcome a visit, or regular visits from them. It seems that it will be a while before they can set things up and they will contact us when they are ready.
9. **Open Day in September:** We were going to hold an open day with a cake stall in September as we couldn't have one in May this year. However we probably wouldn't

have any plants for sale at that time of year, and in light of the Church Country Fayre which is being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, we have decided to take part in that instead. We could have a stall selling savoury snacks if it is acceptable to the organisers. There are usually lots of cakes for sale so that would be a bit different, and we should have homemade jams by then, using fruit from our fruit cage.

10. **QE11 Platinum Jubilee 2022:** We will be working in conjunction with the Parish Council towards this big celebration but have started to put some ideas together. Carolyn will try to grow a 'flag' in one of the raised beds using red, white and blue flowers. We will concentrate our efforts into producing red white and blue planting elsewhere in the garden too. We will need a lot of bunting in the same colours and/or silver colour (platinum) Perhaps members could help make some. We also will need flags. Any other ideas welcomed from any members.

11. **Renewal of trugs and any other purchases required:** It was approved to purchase up to four new trugs as the old ones have split.

Dave needs some new ear defenders for when he mows the grass.

Christopher and Carolyn Brawn have very kindly volunteered to paint the summerhouse and toilet shed with timber treatment once again. The purchase of materials was approved. It was commented that the raised beds and the benches in the community garden should be treated soon as well.

12. **A.O.B.**

- The subject of using peat free compost was raised. It was agreed that we would do so in the future even though it is likely to be a bit more expensive.
- As we had to cancel our AGM this year it was decided that we would hold it next year at the normal sort of time, restrictions permitting (February) we can co-opt members onto the committee in the meantime if anybody wants to join us.