

Moor Pool Allotment Association (MPAA) meeting, November 4, 2017

10.30am The Lower Moor Pool Hall.

13 people attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Beryl Beavis, Vivienne Winkley, Madeleine Poade, Helen & Adam Parry, David Wride, Phil Simpson, Andrew Bull.

Rob Sutton provided a brief account of the history of the MPAA and of the developments since the Moor Pool Heritage Trust (MPHT) gained ownership of the Moor Pool allotments.

He then noted that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the draft constitution and to form a new committee. The draft constitution was approved by all present, with a view to further discussion by the committee.

He also pointed out that there was a small cash sum left over from previous subscriptions and sales at this year's Festival. This amounted to £324.66, but as yet, no bank account had been opened.

Rob Sutton proposed that a new committee be elected and that all places were now vacant.

Andrew Hackett proposed Rob Sutton as Chair. This was approved by all present. Rob asked for volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members. Marilyn Martin-Jones, Nick Ball and John Walter, Ted Fearon and Lynda Stobert stood for and were elected to take up the following positions.

1. The new committee

Chair: Rob Sutton

Secretary: Marilyn Martin-Jones

Treasurer: Nick Ball

Committee members: John Walter, Ted Fearon and Lynda Stobert

The committee will meet once before Christmas 2017. Date to be arranged. Beyond that, committee meetings could be held twice a year e.g. in Spring and Autumn, possibly during weekday evenings rather than weekends.

Rob thanked them for joining the Committee.

2. Ideas and issues for the committee to take forward

- The need for the committee to get a broad overview of the situation regarding the allotments by visiting the different allotment sites
- The need to consider how clearance and restoration can be tackled. It was suggested that a Working Party could be set up to look at this. Several people expressed willingness to be part of this. The kind of work that still needs doing includes: work on overgrown hedges, cutting back of sycamores, clearing asbestos, waste and instances of fly-tipping. Some funding is still available for this. Rob confirmed that a residual amount of some £6,000 was still available from monies allocated by Banner Homes for allotment restoration and this had now been received by MPHT.
- The value of having access to the map of Moor Pool sites being prepared by MPHT once the locations of the allotments has been confirmed. These locations are due to be added soon.
- The need to generate interest in the allotments through different events, including social activities e.g. talks, an allotment walk, a visit to the Guinea Gardens.

Rob thanked everyone for attending the meeting.