

**HORFIELD AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, 13th February 2006**  
**Held at the Good Shepherd Hall, Kings Drive from 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**

Mr.Neil Pirie, Chairman,  
Ms. Ingrid Morris, Secretary .  
Mr.Brian Styles, Treasurer .  
And between 40 and 50 members.

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING HAD BEEN CIRCULATED IN THE NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS**

**APOLOGIES**

Ms Cartman (St Agnes).

**WELCOME**

Mr. Steve Clampin, BCC Allotments Manager,

**MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Were distributed to the membership present and adopted on a proposal by Ben Probert and seconded by Ingrid Morris.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Ben Probert enquired about the outcome of the audit review. The Treasurer reported that a proposal would be put to the meeting as part of the Treasurer's report.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A report from the Chairman was circulated to the meeting outlining the capital projects achieved in the last year and the priorities for 2006/07. The Chairman thanked Pete Clee for the establishment of the very successful community composting facility. He also pointed out the increase in social events such as the September Show and Plant Swap.

The Chairman confirmed that there will be a 'September Show' in 2006

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A summary draft account and report were distributed to the members present. Full audited accounts are available to members on request.

The Treasurer pointed out the low cost of administration of the Association, the very high cost of water and the importance of water conservation and the contribution made by the BCC to capital projects (£7000). The treasurer also pointed out that minor maintenance is a major source of expenditure and that ways should be sought to increase the involvement of volunteer labour in this area.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting (subject to audit), proposed by John Molton and seconded by Ted Ayres-Hunt. It was agreed that K.V. Momber & Co. be appointed as auditors, proposed by Pete Clee, seconded by John Molton.

**COMPANY DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Company Articles one third of the Directors need to be elected each year. The following Directors stood down: Pete Clee, Phil Hall, Jo Madden, Howard Millbank, John Molton, Jon Palfrey. There being no new nominations the above directors were re-elected en bloc. Proposed by Dick Probert, seconded by Ben Probert.

Mr. Ben Probert proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors for their work on behalf of the Association.

**BCC ALLOTMENTS MANAGER**

Mr. Steve Clampin noted the upsurge of interest in allotment gardening and gave an interesting presentation outlining the goals and achievements of the Allotments Office and explained the allocation of resources. The problems faced by the Allotments office, on a city wide basis, exactly mirror the problems encountered by H&DAA ie. vandalism, non payment of rent, rubbish removal, water wastage and boundary disputes.

Mr Clampin highlighted the increasing participation of Allotments Associations and individual plot holders at the Bristol Flower Show and encouraged our involvement. He also reported the setting up of the Allotments Maintenance Team, whose services could be purchased by H&DAA.

**PRESENTATION OF TED HILL CUP & FIELD PRIZES.**

The Ted Hill Cup, and a £25 garden voucher, for the most improved plot during the first year of tenancy were awarded to Ms N. White, 5 Grahams (not present). 'Best newcomer on field' awards went to Mrs Stone (Baptist), Mr, Clements (Davis), Mr. Callow (Longs) & Ms. Cartman (St Agnes).

**COTHAM PLAYING FIELD DRAINAGE WORKS**

The installation of a drainage tank on Cotham Playing field follows 15 years of periodic flooding of Donkey Lane and parts of Davis field. Reports of recent flooding (with photographic evidence) have elicited no response from the planning office or local Councillors. The result of the new drainage works is being closely monitored by Pete Clee who will report back to the Committee.

**ORGANIC ORCHARD**

Ms Pauline Markovits requested permission, on behalf of the Organic Orchard, to consult about the possible installation of a composting toilet. The request to go forward to the Committee for discussion. No objections were raised by the meeting.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

Mr Ben Probert proposed a vote of thanks to Ms Sarah Rhodes, Miss Phyllis Brookes and Mrs. Anne Millar who provided light refreshments.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There followed a 'Gardeners Question Time' style discussion.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8-55 PM.**