

**Committee Meeting
 Old Trafford Amateur Gardeners Society
 Held At Seymour Grove Allotments
 Sunday 6th January 2008 12:00**

Present: Teresa Scholtz, Janet Machen, Dilwyn Parry, Joan Denton, Bill Mathers,, Victor Partridge, Syd and Joan Shaw

Apologies Andy Simpkins

1	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	There being no November Meeting due to Bonfire Night preparations October Minutes were reviewed.	
2	Matters Arising	
	Notice on Gates regarding dogs an outstanding issue	DP
	Debbie Ellen contacted Solar power installer but no date yet agreed.	DE
	Steel Container yard not yet visited	BM
	Check if TMBC (Janet Long) could arrange another container	DP
	Paving slabs for container footings to be sourced (for free if possible)	DP
3	Events	
	<u>Future Events</u>	
	Potato Day	
	Decided on weekend of 9 and 10 Feb from 1100 - 1600. We need Volunteers to help out, eg making teas, coffees etc	
	We will also try to organize a seed-swap at the event.	
	TS to check that seed potatoes will arrive and Bill to prepare posters	TS/ BM
	Option to offer seed purchase scheme out to members on the day.	
	Veg Competition	
	BM may be able to get some pumpkin seeds cheap	
	Social Event	
	Evening 'get -together' to coincide with music event at Old Trafford?	

4	Funding	
	<u>Awards For All Grant</u>	
	Container - we should go with the company we already had a quote from unless Dilwyn gets more positive information from Janet Long. He will contact in the next week. We also need to obtain heavy duty paving stones on which the container will stand. Put down weed-killer before the container is put in place.	DP
	Wood-burning stove - Debbie is pursuing	DE
	Solar panels - TS is dealing with supplier. Site visit is expected in the next few days and installation will follow in the next couple of weeks. Question about where the battery should be sited. Suggested it should go at the sink end of the pavilion. The invoice has been received and is lower than the original estimate (about £200. TS to make initial payment of about 30%	TS
	Ramp - Victor and Brian to organize when it suits them - get others to help with labour	
	Windows - no action taken ye	
5	Newsletter	
	Newsletter - Bill continuing to work on this. We decided to keep it simple - one colour - and Bill will print at home. We should reimburse for paper, ink etc. We can put photos up in the pavilion	
6	Any Other Business	
	Date for AGM - Probably decide at the February meeting but it should take place in March or April	
	End of year stock take - TS and Syd to do on Monday	TS/ SS
	Allotment garden - We agreed Janet could purchase plastic sheeting to cover area which is not being worked on. TS and Janet to draw up a plan for the 'garden'. Volunteers welcome to dig and weed area!	TS/ JL
	Community Garden - Janet reported that topsoil had not been removed from the plot despite rumours to the contrary. Victor to talk to people at the cake factory to see if they will remove glass from blocked up windows so that the community garden can create safe spaces nearby.	
	Cultivation of plots of clearing of paths. We agreed we should do an inspection (after next meeting?) and also devote a whole meeting to discussing how we can make sure difficult plots are not left to get overrun with weeds and become a nuisance to neighbouring plots. There was a suggestion that we could look into offering training sessions for newcomers - run by horticultural students?	
	New notice board - large new notice board has been kindly provided by Victor. The old one will be attached to the gate at Warwick Court entrance.	

	Savings account - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer agreed that grant money should be paid into a dedicated account (at the Abbey National) so as to maximise interest earned. This account is to be opened asap and £7000 transferred into it. The same arrangement for account signatories will apply as for the current account at RBS.	TS DP JL
	Pipe burst - repaired by volunteers and lavatories now open for use. Thanks to all who helped with this tricky and dirty job	
	Next Meeting:	
	3 rd February 2008	
	There being no other business the meeting was closed at 14:00	
	Chair	
	Secretary	

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