

**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF DUNDEE ALLOTMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

Held on Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 2pm  
Environment Department, 3 City Square, Dundee

**Present:** Peter Sandwell, Environment Department, Dundee City Council  
Hazel Elder, West Law Allotment Association  
Peter Marshall, South Road Allotment Association  
Andrew Reid, Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society (SAGS)  
Raymond McGregor, Old Craigie Road Allotments  
Alex Cathro, Ancrum Road Allotments

**Apologies:** Len Jamieson, Stirling Park Allotments  
Helene Millar, City Road Allotment Association  
Ronald Cant, Kinnaird Allotments  
Janet Wade, Environment Department, Dundee City Council  
Alex Gouick, Magdalen Green Allotment Association

**Action**

**Empowerment Bill**

Wording re 250m<sup>2</sup> - relates to all owned by Council - Managed and leased - private not included.

5 year waiting list - 3 years after bill made into Law. Local Authorities look at all waiting lists and see how managed.

Food Strategy working group. Food Growing Strategy Local Authority's to map out how to meet demand and provision - no timescale, but will have guidance notes.

Fair Rent Clause has been included in the Bill.

Stage 3 - June. Leads to recess for Council - Director may want to do Committee Report to explain. Sense of direction for group - could be bigger group.

SAGS now happy, but desperate to see final document.

**1. Matters arising from Minutes of 20 August**

1.1 Community Allotments: Douglas progressing most of construction work at Ancrum done, but no planting, bulk grown on at greenhouses and ready to go out. Working yesterday, communal shed up yesterday, polytunnel up without polythene. Alison reassured in hand.

Site in Haldane Avenue - target of garden opening next year

Site behind Ardler clinic - hard standing site - raised beds - secure site - NHS agreed in principle.

Potato patch at Whorterbank, work ongoing.

Good to see Ancrum and Douglas growing over summer.

**2. Remit and purpose of meeting and group**

Look at remit in view of changes / work required by Council.

### 3. Membership of Group

Representatives of all allotments, where no Societies present - individuals.

### 4. Programme of Implementation

- 4.1 Welcome Pack on the website [www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/allotments](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/allotments). Still to update contacts page.

### 5. Immediate tasks / short term issues

#### 5.1 Fencing

PS to check how small amount of money in capital for next year to be spent. Look at City Road Allotments as they have been waiting a long time.

Alex raised concern re fencing at Ancrum, he thought it was going to be repaired, but work not undertaken as part of the capital work.

#### 5.2 Leases

West Law have Lease.

South Road are desperate to get clarification on costs. Peter to chase all outstanding Leases. **PS**

#### 5.3 Skips

West Law trialling removing skips for three months.

Rupali taking over from Janet. Peter to speak to Kenny Kerr / Rupali re skips. **PS**

### 6. Longer term action - Allotment Survey / Audit

#### 6.1 Surveys

Please chase return of these.

### 7. Group Updates

#### 7.1 West Law

- Nothing extra to report.

#### 7.2 Stirling Park

- Entrance gate access still to be sorted - people able to climb over the gate.

#### 7.3 Old Craigie Road

- Gaps between fence and road. Peter to raise with Ally. **PS/AL**

#### 7.4 City Road

- Nothing to report

#### 7.5 Ancrum Road

- City Engineers responsible for paths. People falling on dangerous path. Litter Pick, Balgay Saturday 6 June - will ask to clean up path and hill. **PS**

## 7.6 South Road

- Ross Watson continuing to assist with water drainage. Two plots still badly affected. Scottish Water trying to repair, they have added valves on pumped main and fixed all accessible leaks.
- Air Gun on site - small site, lots of children. Any firearm without discretion of Director. Management Rules to be displayed. Issue Newsletter with it in. Without permission he is in breach of conditions. Spoken to by Committee and Police.
- Parks regulations need to be displayed to be enforced.

## 8. AOCB

- 8.1 Now launched Take Pride Campaign. Main objective to prevent fly tipping, chewing gum, graffiti and dog fouling - change peoples behaviour. Have put additional bins and recycled units into some areas.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 August @ 2pm  
Meeting Room 1:1, 3 City Square

cc: Ken Laing  
Gary Robertson  
Rod Houston  
Ally Lawson  
Michelle Glass  
Jake Pratt  
Jay Grant  
Jim Wilson  
Sandy Boyd  
John Whyman