

Three Towns Growers Board Meeting  
Via teams Minutes Tuesday 12th of January 2021 19.30

In attendance

FT, GC, MB, MB, MPK, GK, DL GmcN , CH

Apology PG and EP

Item	Discussion	Action
	FC welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year	
<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of December and 15 <sup>th</sup> December were adopted and approved.  The minutes are to be sent to the plot holders.	<b>GK CH MPK GMcN</b>
<b>Big Lottery</b>	GMcN been in contact with the Eric the architect. He will produce a 'build report' then get back to us with in the next 2 weeks and look at what we will be able to build within our budget. MB asked if we still needed to use the same spec from 2 years ago? As we may be able to buy a 'garden room' or a kit build. This will be explored when the architect come back but regardless of this the foundations will still need to be laid down.	<b>GMcN</b>
<b>Development worker</b>	Gordon McNeil has already produced 16 docs. An Induction Pack is also being produced. These will also be sent to GC for North Ayrshire Council to be reviewed. We will also need to include PVG in the job advert. CG discussed that desk space would not currently available at NAC due to Covid. All groups and schools are currently suspended. We will not go ahead with recruitment until there are less restrictions, and also better weather to allow the worker to get started.	<b>GMcN to continue with this subgroup with MB.</b>

<b>TSB</b>	MB informed group that Saltcoats TSB bank is closing (which is where we bank) The nearest one will be Largs or Kilmarnock; we can use the Post Office to deposit money but not to get interim statement etc. Was discussed about getting online banking but felt this may be open to various risks.	
<b>Plot sub group</b>	Update on non-paid plots: 6 indoor beds and 12 outdoor beds. Email reminder to go out to members. GMcN has current copy of non-payment and also the non-cultivation policy. Another email to go out to the membership, with a deadline of the end of January 2021 to either pay or forfeit your plot.	<b>GMcN to email out non cultivation policy</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	No Potato Day this year, but potato advice will be given. Hopefully, the Plot Holder's day should be able to go ahead with social distancing: 27 <sup>th</sup> of March 2021 Pond: information given on wildlife moving to and from the pond- toads, frogs and newts. Pathways (rebranding of roads)- explanation of plans to turn the pathways into a positive natural benefit for the site. HogWatch- making the site more hedgehog-friendly. Skip to be provided at the start of the growing season but only for non-compostable waste: PLOT waste only.	<b>FT</b>
<b>Hog watch</b>	FT suggested that we may need to make the site more hog friendly with possible holes cut in the fences. MB suggested 'underpasses' as well- good idea.	
<b>PB</b>	Participatory budget now open, possible application for upgrade of pathways, or a starter pack for the polytunnel.	<b>FT to complete funding application 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>
<b>website</b>	Requested that minutes and newsletter be uploaded Website. MP has access.	<b>MPK</b>
<b>Quiz</b>	Suggested that we could do some sort of social online via a platform for plot holders. MPK suggested a quiz via Kahoot. Will prepare a 10 min demo for next meeting with GC.	<b>MPK</b>
<b>Small poly tunnel</b>	Need to get this finished and up and running. DL to ask PG for a list of required kit to be able to make a start planting, with the aim of selling plants.	<b>DL PG</b>
<b>Hereditary plots</b>	DL raised issue of plot possibly being hereditary, GMcN to create a paragraph to go into plot agreement, still to be reviewed.	<b>GMcN</b>

	Next meeting Tuesday 19.30, 26th of January 2021	
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