

## LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 at Totnes Fire Station.

**1. Present;** Jim Carfrae; Roma Church; Sue Holmes; Janet Mitchell; David Mitchell; Catherine Munro; Jill Tomalin; Ed Vidler; Robert Vint; Liz Warnes.

**Apologies:** Wendy Reid; Stephanie Parker; Keith Rennells

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting:** Confirmed as accurate.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- a) Volunteers' badges and costs of leaflets still outstanding. **Action: Roma**
- b) The Woodland Trust trees have been heeled in at Follaton and should be left until next year.
- c) no one responded to Dave about anything missing from current signs at the garden. PLEASE all look and feedback to Dave. **Action: all**

#### **4. Reports**

*Pool Project:* no substantial changes since our last meeting - John should have his report ready by the end of March, Charlotte will be presenting her thoughts to our April LGA meeting. In informal discussions about the P R-P spout, we agreed it is probably best if we presume the spout is part of our plans until/unless the costs render it unviable, and we will make the EH application on this basis.

*Sculpture Planting:* white vinca minor arriving this week -Vols can plant at the weekend session. Janet spent £119.69 of agreed £125 budget. Roma to identify way to protect new plants with vols and action. **Action: Roma**

*Volunteers:* The leaflets box is here, Roma will create stop-gap leaflets to get us going **Action: Roma**

#### **5. Bird and Bat Boxes**

Bird boxes from RSPB now here and will be installed with bat boxes this week by SHDC staff.

#### **6. AGM and Committee.**

Wendy, Janet and Sue wish to stand down at the AGM. Janet will join the Pool group. Date amended to 29th May, probably venue Bogan House (Jill to book). Jim to approach David Martin as a possible committee member. Dave to design poster and leaflet seeking new committee members for delivery to houses nearby - Jill, Lorette and Liz all willing to deliver them. Content of AGM to be discussed at next meeting. **Actions: Jim, Dave, Jill, Lorette, Liz**

#### **7 - 8. Friends of the Lamb and Leechwell etc**

Catherine and Roma working closely together but planning to keep monthly LGA sessions separate from Lamb/Gardening for Health sessions. Monthly programme being devised by Laurel and Jenny: agreed dates are 22/3, 26/4, 24/5, 21/6, 19/7 and possibly a kids' day in August. They are proposing a wildflower garden and labyrinth but no real clarity currently on where to site these. Discussion also about the area adjacent to the Herb Garden and the outstanding piece of work needed there. Agreed they should email clarification of the work to be done in March for approval, and we can then discuss the overall programme at the April LGA meeting with them, and Charlotte. Catherine to advise/invite Laurel and Jenny accordingly. **Action: Catherine**

Roma and Catherin plan to combine email networks and looking to create a club to encourage wildlife etc. Muddy Mums are willing to manage fortnightly activities in a kids corner where the sunflowers were. Jeannette has been asked for recommendations. All supported this proposal - Catherine to prepare list of start up items we may fund, and Roma to determine where to move artichokes! **Actions: Catherine, Roma**

The purchase of a propagator has been suggested - Roma to see if a suitable place can be found in the garden, and Catherine to check in the Lamb (possibly near the car park?)

**Actions: Roma, Catherine**

### **9. Spring Event**

Jim, Jill, Lorette unable to come. Date (re-)confirmed. Plans for activity from Muddy Mums, Dangerous Dads, cakes and tea, harpist, possibly storytelling, plant stalls, but currently a lack of response from other groups. A mini Olympics from Dangerous Dads was approved within the limitations of the space and other activity! A formal list of who needs to do what is planned shortly from Steph, Catherine and Roma.

**Action: Steph, Catherine and Roma.**

### **10. SHDC Activity**

Jim to circulate written update report from Keith.

### **11. AOB**

The Quiz night is Easter Monday, 9th April. Ed to sort out raffle prizes and four losers prizes from residue from last time. Jill, Dave/Janet, Roma and Ed each to provide a bottle of wine for the winners.

**Action: Jill, Davie/Janet, Ed, Roma**

The budget and funding discussions will be held over until next time. Thena Kendall wishes to fund a tree to celebrate Michael's 80th birthday. We should reconsider position on plaques/sponsors for benches and fund-raising opportunities.

**Action: Jim**

Possible Lantern fund-raising event - plans are currently imprecise. Jim to help formulate a proposal.

**Action: Jim**

Six free Tai Chi sessions will be offered in the summer once more.

**NEXT MEETING: 5.30pm, TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED.**