

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the REconomy Centre

**PRESENT:** David Mitchell (Chair), Sue Holmes, David Martin, Lu Overy, Robert Vint, Ernesto Antonio

**1. APOLOGIES:** Shirley Prendergast, Paul Church

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:** the minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 were approved and the accuracy of the minutes of the 2022 AGM were noted.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Dave noted that he had continued to receive RHS newsletters and a receipt for £45 for our affiliation fee for 2023/24.

**4. SHED ROOF**

Ernesto had noticed that the shed roof leaks in heavy rain. Since it was purchased by SHDC as part of the basic infrastructure of the garden, it was agreed that SHDC should be asked to repair it. Sue agreed to contact them.

**5. MAINTENANCE**

Sue has a list of maintenance items that need to be addressed. The three compost bins need replacing and David, who made them, has agreed to itemize the wood etc. that will be needed. We will probably need to pay someone to do the work.

Sue suggested that we should hold an event when the new noticeboard is erected and use it to get new volunteers and committee members. Both Lu and Sue are unable to make the next two Thursdays but Pam Scott may have some suggestions for new volunteers.

**6. WILDLIFE GARDEN**

We briefly discussed the proposed Wildlife Garden plans. Keith has submitted two grant applications for this (in the name of ParkLife, since they will manage the work). Paul, as Treasurer, will need to be involved in the financial side.

**7. LGA CONSTITUTION**

Dave outlined the problems with the current constitution, which was adopted at the 2010 AGM:

- It makes repeated references to 'members of the Association' who take part in votes at AGMs and it implies we should maintain an up-to-date list of them (which we have certainly not done since 2011/12).
- It says our finances are managed by the Totnes Development Trust (which has not been the case since 2014)

Dave has drafted an updated version which resolves these issues. We will need to call a General Meeting of the LGA to update the constitution and we need to publicise this widely so that all those who might be concerned at the changes can be present at the meeting and vote on the changes.

**9. AOB**

Robin Lacey is interested in doing some artwork related to water – Sue will invite him to the AGM next month so he can tell us more.

**10. NEXT MEETING:** the next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7th, it will be held at the REconomy Centre, starting at 5:30pm).