

Croftburn Allotments Association EGM

Date 12th May

A meeting was called due to several complaints on Facebook regarding the entrance gates to the allotments being left open. Any member who could not attend was given the opportunity to respond directly to the Secretary. Some of the members who made a complaint on Facebook contacted the Committee via email.

Sederunt: 13 members attended and 4 members recorded their views by email and Facebook messenger.

The need to fundraise was acknowledged by all members, and the challenging task of obtaining grants and funding was highlighted. At present we need to repair the cabin roof and replace/maintain our communal tools and equipment. The sale of plants to the local community was fully discussed and it was decided to have a system for the secure opening and closing of the gates at set times was unanimously agreed.

Members agreed to the following: Gates will be opened from **10am till 5pm** under supervision. This will be from **15th March till 15th September**. The gates will be locked at all other times. This decision will stay in place until our AGM. It will be placed on the agenda for ratification and a proposal to update the current rules to reflect this decision will be put to all members.

A sign will be placed on the outside gates advertising the plant sale. It will contain a mobile phone number for people to be able to gain access outwith the opening times.

A table with plant sale items will be placed in front of the communal cabin and some additional sale items will be placed in the communal poly-tunnel to facilitate on-going sales.

Members should refrain from parking their cars near the display table. Cars should park beside the communal bark area. Please allow space for members to access the bark. The parking of cars in general is only for the delivery of heavy items etc. Members are reminded not to obstruct our neighbours driveways. Please be aware of children on the site when you enter and exit the plots, drive slowly and cautiously.

Members were disappointed to learn that a sign(s) had been removed from the gates and placed in the nearby refuse bin. Any member found removing or defacing signage would be subject to the disciplinary procedures of Croftburn Allotments.

Communication on Facebook reviewed: Members agreed the use of Facebook for recording complaints and grievances is not allowed. Any use of Facebook to record complaints will result in the post being removed; members were reminded to email the Secretary using our web site www.croftburn.org. The Committee will act as mediator and try to solve the issue amicably. It was further agreed that relationships on the plots were very good and no one wanted anything to sour the allotment community.

Members were thanked for their considerations and attendance.

Elizabeth Bea
Secretary