

ST THOMAS ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
at
THE ROYAL OAK, Okehampton Street, Exeter EX4 1DY
7.00pm 25th September

DRAFT MINUTES

Introduction and welcome. There were no apologies

Katie Wilkinson from Devon Wildlife Trust made a short presentation outlining the challenges to wildlife generally and outlining some steps we can all take to boost biodiversity on allotments. (See Biodiversity Boost Project below).

The Minutes of the last AGM, 9th November 2023 (previously circulated) were approved and signed off.
There were no Matters Arising.

Annual Accounts (see attached)

- The Treasurer's Report and inspected accounts for year ended 30.09.23 were presented. Proposals for future projects to improve sites were invited via site reps.
- The Accounts were unanimously endorsed and signed off.
- The meeting voted to continue with the current accountants.

Annual Reports (see attached)

- Trading Shed Manager
- Show Team
- Chairman's Report

Election of the Committee for 2024-2025

- Committee members who willing to continue in post were unanimously endorsed. Two new Committee members, Bev Spragg (Cowick Rep) and Moira Casey (Funding Officer) were endorsed. Vacancies are advertised on the website.

Awards by the Association

- Thanks were given and Trading Shed vouchers for Volunteers were approved.
- Votes of thanks were given to **Ron Blakey** who is stepping down from many roles including as Trading Shed Manager and to **Claire Richards** who is stepping down from the Committee but who will continue on the Show Team.

Events and Projects

- Date of the Annual Show 2025 is yet to be decided.
- The Biodiversity Boost Project (see attached) was presented and endorsed. Anyone who is interested in helping roll this out should speak to their Site Rep or email the Association.
- Using Rainwater rather than mains water may help keep our rent bills down. Funding had been sourced from South West Water to help provide butts, guttering etc. to facilitate this at Cowick Lane site

Changes to the Constitution

These were approved by the Meeting. 22 further Proxy Votes are required. Please

download from the website or collect from Cowick Lane Trading Shed.
The meeting closed at approx 8.55. Refreshments and further conversation followed.