**Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association**

Treasurers report

For the year ended 31st October 2021

AGM

15th December 2021

I have provided copies of the year end accounts in OSCR format, requiring approval prior to submission to OSCR, but should anyone have any questions on any line item then please feel free to query. The summary of the year is that we again had a surplus at year end of £588.74 , this after no income from Fundraising due to no Farmers Market nor an Open Day. We sold some donated fleece to members, raising £104 . Due to the size of the waiting list we stopped taking new member fees during the year.

Bank Balance held at TSB Kinross at 31st October 2021 was £6006.96 with a small amount of petty cash amounting to £35.92.

**Major highlights in year**

All rental income received ( bar 1 ) by 31st January

Continuing waiting list showing the demand for allotments is not waning.

Our new leaseholder did not change rental figure for land, nor attempt to renegotiate the lease.

**Lowlights**

Dealing with the dumping of rubbish from Leaseholders car park extension and damage to allotment grounds.

Dealing with the our Leaseholders regarding use of car park and pedestrian entry after erection of fence.

COVID 19 impacting on social gatherings and workdays.

**Plans for the year ahead.**

Increase in rents to be agreed by the board- we have had one increase since 2016/17 year, will raise potential additional £90 in next year. We had said at previous AGM that inflation increases would need to happen to keep pace with our costs but we may need to review this undertaking as retail price inflation currently running at 6%.

Polytunnel needs some repairs to roof , birds have pecked holes at the top and the rain is coming in, despite some remedial work in attempting to plug the holes with tape. Basic structure remains effective albeit no temperature control but the 7 year life guarantee is now out. Charging for such replacement was the reason for charging for polytunel spaces, intention that over a period of time we would have enough for reskin. When this was first installed, the grant claim for installation was for £1800.

Costs for brand new replacement of poly alone will cost £600 , we have sought out installers to remove, and reskin the polytunnel, and this has been quoted at £ 2050 . In previous years we have asked for volunteers to take this on but to date, no one has come forwards. COVID has obviously been a problem in large gatherings but we are now in dire need of this replacement happening hence looking at outside installers.

Lawn mowers increased by one new one and one donated therefore we will go forward with the current equipment.

Various posts/gate posts across plots needs repaired following the windy weather.

Planning some form of solar power watering in polytunnel and water capture.

More bark is promised and we hope to get a delivery of manure.

Hedge needs to be tidied up although ideally we would like members to attend a work day or two to do this work.

Planting of some trees is required around the boundary in line with our Green credentials.

Budget for 2021/22 presented for approval by board, in essence similar costs for this year plus inflation increase plus one off charge for Polytunnel replacement less amounts set aside in Bank from Polytunnel space rents. Expected costs net of already banked polytunnel space rents would be £2638, Income from plots if increase adopted would be £1740 therefore the Bank balance would cover the difference of £898.

Any questions

Thank you.

**Budget submission 2021/2022**

Income 1740

**Expenditure**

Fixed Costs- being Web, Insurance and Rent, Memberships

After inflation increase of 4%

(676)

Variable Costs- last year plus 4%

(712)

Poly tunnel replacement

Awaiting quote ( recd) 2050

Less set aside from PT rents

Net (1250)

Total costs (2638)

Shortfall (898)