

CARDINHAM GARDENING CLUB

MINUTES of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday January 24, 2012, at the Callywith Inn, Bodmin

Present: Libby Pidcock (chair), Loveday Sutton (treasurer), Margaret Bate, Penny Bull, Gill Bate, Richard Brice, David Flynn

Apologies: Peter Scholes

Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Wednesday November 16, 2011, were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising:

- (i) Tea-makers needed for March, October and November. Gill will circulate list for these at the next meeting.
- (ii) The matter of cups for the show will be dealt with nearer the time
- (iii) Penny wondered whether it might be possible to arrange a hall meeting with a speaker during the summer months to cater for those who do not take advantage of the trips. It was felt that, while this year's programme was already fixed, the idea could be considered when next year's programme is being prepared. (See also item (i) in Any Other Business)
- (iv) It was decided to prepare and offer at an early opportunity copies of a list giving details of those members prepared to offer lifts to club outings – the list to include phone numbers and advice on how to use the list, which will be prepared by Gill.
- (v) General satisfaction was expressed at the choice of venue for the Christmas dinner – the Duchy Nursery's new restaurant. It was decided to make an early approach to book the venue for this December – trying in the first instance to secure a price of £17.50 a head or thereabouts, though we may add £1 to that to cover incidentals. December 7 was a favoured date.
- (vi) Sue Crier will be asked to remove old meeting minutes (ie, those before January 2011) and any other out-of-date material from the website. Libby offered to go through the website with Sue.

Treasurer's report

Loveday reported that the bank balance stood at £407 – though £50 was to be deducted from this to cover the deposit for the 35-seat Group Travel coach booked for the trip to Rosemoor. (NB: At the next club meeting Libby will point up the fact that entry will be free for everyone on the trip; the sole expense will be for the coach.)

Election of Officers

There being no other candidates for office, the present officers were re-elected en bloc: Chairman – Libby Pidcock; Vice-Chairman – Richard Brice; Treasurer – Loveday Sutton; Minutes Secretary – David Flynn and Gill Bate jointly.

Visits

(1) *National Dahlia Collection at Long Rock, near Penzance (Aug 8)*: The meeting decided that this trip (which may require a minibus) should be combined with a visit to Trevenna Cross nursery and garden centre at Breage – probably requiring a 9.30am departure.

(2) *Greenway - Agatha Christie's house and garden (Sept 12)*: Loveday will contact the National Trust. It was decided to approach Greenway via a boat trip from Dartmouth (approx £8)

(3) *Caerhays*: the owners require a minimum group size of 15

RHS garden promotion week (April 16-22)

There was a discussion on a number of ways in which the club might participate in this but no decisions were reached.

Pasty and cider supper/social evening

Potential venues were discussed in readiness for a decision nearer the time. In the meantime Penny will explore a satisfactory source for the pasties.

Any other business

- (i) It was decided to hold a one-off club meeting at Warleggan Jubilee Hall during the summer – content to be arranged – in order to acknowledge the current number of club members from Warleggan parish and perhaps encourage others there to join.
- (ii) Loveday observed that officers of the club who incurred significant expenditure on behalf of the club should make a point of reclaiming these from club funds. There was general agreement to this.
- (iii) Sue Crier has printed up a number of useful “Thank you” cards bearing the club’s name that can be used to express our appreciation to speakers or to anyone who has helped the club.
- (iv) Raffles: the normal practice on purchasing prizes will be a minimum of three prizes at a cost of £12.
- (v) Publicity: Libby reported that she is sending newsletters regularly to the Cornish Guardian. Loveday will send a copy of the year’s programme to the Radio Cornwall’s weekly gardening programme. We should bear in mind that if we happen to have spare seats on a particular outing, Radio Cornwall may well be used to alert other gardening enthusiasts of the opportunity to join us for the day. The meeting favoured a suggestion that we should seek an opportunity to publicise the club and its activities at the

Boconnoc Spring Show – perhaps with the help of a co-operative stallholder. There was a discussion on what form this should take but no decision was reached on that.

- (vi) Loveday will put together and circulate a newsletter shortly that will include additional trip details and explain for anyone not present at the AGM that subscriptions have increased slightly.
- (vii) The next committee meeting will need to go through the year's programme to tie up any loose ends.
- (viii) Colin Jackson has asked the club's help in procuring feedback from gardeners concerning a new "Aphid Eliminator" that he intends to market. Response forms will be made available at a club meeting.
- (ix) There was general approval for efforts to encourage members to bring along to club meetings any plants they wish to sell or swap – proceeds either for themselves or as donations to the club. Loveday will include this in the newsletter and Libby will mention to members at the next meeting.

Next Committee meeting: date to be arranged