**March Minutes**

**Craigentinny Plotholders’ Meeting**

**Saturday 8th March 2025 at 11.00**

Attendees: Joan P Elspeth MacA, George R, Kirsten N, Clara FB, Fiona C

Apologies: Samantha McI, Eve McC, Innes G, Mike Wight, John Maule

* **Woodchipper** – At the last meeting we suggested getting a woodchipper onto the site. There is a cost for van hire, and we would have wood prepared in advance to ensure efficient use. A note will go out on the WhatsApp and email
* **Ian Woollard** is due to retire in March 2025, it is not clear who or when his replacement will be in place, however there are several applicants. There is also some work going on at the council to look at the management of both allotments and community gardens
* **Toilet Provision** – Ian has confirmed that this will be picked up by his replacement, it’s unlikely we will have toilet provision soon
* **Pallets** – we have been offered a supply of pallets, and confirmed there would be interest in getting some when available
* **Willow Tree** - We had no takers for the willow branches on the communal plot.

FEDAGA UPDATES

* Noted that Craigentinny Allotments are awaiting wall repairs, no one at the meeting was aware of outstanding works. Fiona will ask Ian Woollard for an update at the next meeting
* Thanked Fiona for organising and delivering the Fedaga orders for potatoes and Onions.
* FEDAGA show is taking place on 6th & 7th September 2025 at Saughton Park. They are looking for new ideas for the show, and to encourage participation. All are welcome to enter their produce
* SASA Heritage potato trials are included in the January Newsletter and it's an opportunity to grow some interesting potato varieties

FEDAGA sends out a regular newsletter, January newsletter attached. The FEDAGA website has details on how to get included in newsletter email

**Treasurer’s Report**

In response to the introduction of charges (£50 per annum) on our Bank of Scotland account Elspeth has spent considerable time and effort finding a no fee solution. She has kindly detailed changes and statement of accounts in the Treasurer’s Report Attached

Thanks to her hard work and determination we have now been set up as a Community Interest Group. The Community Interest Company Regulator was able to review and confirm that the, previously agreed, Articles of Association and constitution for Craigentinny Allotment were in order.

The Articles of Association will be posted on the website

**Date of Next Meeting: Saturday 12th April , 11.00am at the Communal Shed.**