

**MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALLOTMENT FEDERATION HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2009**

- 1. Chairmans welcome** The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing his delight and thanking everybody for the overwhelming attendance at the meeting, he then continued in welcoming guests from the City Council. Councillor David Smart. Allotments liaison to the Environment Committee Gillian Marston.. Assistant Director City Services Hugo Blomfield. Countryside Manager Tim Read. Projects Engineer Fiona Cyster. Allotments Office
- 2. Apologies for absence** These were received from the following Geoffrey Theobald Chairman of the City Council Environment Committee Beverley Anderson, Tracey Llewellyn, David Watts and Hilda Woolford.
- 3. To Approve the minutes of the 2008 AGM**
The minutes were approved, adopted and signed
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5. Annual Report 2008 / 2009**
The Chairman reported that the discussions between the City Council and the Federation on the Allotments review continued, I am pleased to report that the final paper has been arrived at. There were two major outcomes from the review, (1) The Allotments Office and the Federation will meet monthly to discuss any issues that may arise, this is happening and it has been found to be extremely useful to both sides. (2) The Allotment Rules would now need to be updated, this was last carried out in 2006, at the last Site Representative meeting volunteers were recruited to carry out the review. For the first time the Site Development Fund was fully taken up with a variety of projects that will enhance the general running of the sites. The third year of the Childrens competition was again an outstanding success with an increase in entrants, the winners and runners up received their awards at the City in Bloom Festival Award Ceremony, our thanks go to Gerry Nevill who organised and ran the competition, thanks to Walter Sargison for judging the competition. The Site Rep meetings have been held quarterly and have been well attended it was with regret that I had to accept the resignation of Gerry Nevill. Gerry has been a stalwart of the Federation who has held a variety of posts, was the driving force behind the Plots for the Disabled, raising funds and building them, a presentation in appreciation of his work on behalf of the Federation will be made at a later date. I have to report that John Smyth is not standing for re-election this year, John who has been the guiding light of the Federation for many years, Johns' knowledge of allotment legislation is second to none and he has left us copious notes to work from. I would like to pay tribute to the current committee, Amy our secretary who answered our appeal at last years AGM has done extremely well considering that she has had no experience in