

## **Dornoch Community Gardens**

### **AIMS**

- 1) To develop thriving, attractive and multifunctional garden plots for the benefit of plot holders, visitors, the local community and wildlife.
- 2) To adhere to and promote, where possible and practicable, sustainable practices including: organic growing principles, the use of heritage varieties, reduced food miles and smaller carbon footprints.
- 3) To support the transfer of gardening skills to the wider community and enhance community understanding of the links between gardening activity, food quality and health.
- 4) To ensure the gardens and any group activities are accessible and inclusive of all members of the local community insofar as is reasonably practicable.

### **RULES**

#### **Plot assignation and fees:**

- 1) Plots are assigned on a first come first served basis.
- 2) Garden plots will be assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at the site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, clean up and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot.
- 3) A list of plot holders and a waiting list will be published on [www.DADCA.org.uk](http://www.DADCA.org.uk).
- 4) Fees will be set annually at an Annual General Meeting of members
- 5) No fees are payable in first year if plot is a new one or one that has been not used for more than 6 months.

#### **Plot management:**

- 1) Plots should be maintained to a good standard.
- 2) A plot will be considered as neglected, and therefore not maintained to a good standard if plot holder has not been active for 3 months
- 3) Plots should be kept tidy and gates and sheds closed (and locked where applicable)
- 4) Individual compost bins are allowed on assigned plots
- 5) All rubbish should be removed from site

- 6) Vacated sites should be completely emptied including any composted material

**Gardening practices:**

- 1) If any type of pesticide is used, all other plot holders should be informed and a barrier erected when spraying to protect other areas and users from drift.
- 2) All infected and diseased plants should be removed from plots and disposed of by burning
- 3) It is expected that plot holders will take part in 'work parties' twice annually in order to maintain site
- 4) No illegal, dangerous or highly invasive plants may be cultivated on the plots

**Water:**

- 1) Hoses should be used with consideration to other plot holders and should not cross other plots
- 2) Taps must be turned off after use

**General:**

- 1) Plot holders should behave considerately in a spirit of co-operation and treat the gardens, other plot holders, neighbours and visitors with respect.
- 2) All sound equipment must be used with headphones so as not to disturb the peace of other plot holders and neighbours.
- 3) Vehicles should be parked with consideration for other plot users and neighbours
- 4) Family members are welcome but please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots
- 5) If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the garden committee immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
- 6) No buildings or temporary structures may be erected without permission from the Chairperson.

**Animals:**

- 1) Dogs should be kept on a lead. Any dog mess must be cleaned up immediately

**Liability:**

Neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for the actions of plot holders or their guests and will not be held liable for any damage, loss or injury incurred.