

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.10 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Clive Webb, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Bev Tucker, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roz Wills (Town Mayor), Councillor Clive Darke, Jocelyn Holder (Mayoress), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer and Kareen Williams.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman raised the point that it would be a helpful to reiterate what 'Declaration of Interest' meant.</p> <p>The Town Clerk explained that interest was declared by a member of a committee if a matter occurred in the meeting that they could benefit from or have an interest in.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To highlight the 'Declaration of Interest' protocol to members at the beginning of each WIB Working Party year.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on the 10th March 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Under item 3a where it states 'Action: Roger to send pictures of Homebase and the Wave Project to Bev Tucker for portfolio', it should have read 'Action: Jenny to send pictures'.</p> <p>Under Any Other Business the '<i>Multicultural Friendly Association</i>' should have read '<i>Multicultural Friendship Association</i>'.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That with the above amendments the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Items raised from the last meeting held on 10th March 2015</p> <p>Pauline asked if Zoe had managed to find a suitable location for the tree planting to take place. It was explained that the park was managed by North Somerset Council and Zoe had spoken to Kareen Williams at the Multicultural Friendship Association giving details of Ed McKay who works for North Somerset.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said he had direct contact numbers for Gareth Withers and for Richard to speak to him at the end of the meeting.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Monthly Finance Report</p> <p>The Working Party had a budget of £21,000. Zoe informed the Working Party that she had raised all the current purchase orders for regular outgoings. This resulted in there being £3035.86 left. However Zoe had also included on the sheet costs which are expected (such as judging day lunch) with an estimated cost next to them. This brought the budget to £1905.86.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman mentioned the YMCA as a possible venue for our IYNA Awards Evening this year. Also discussed was the use of water retaining granules to help limit the amount of watering taking place.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Final Route</p> <p>Bev gave everyone a copy of the final Route as decided at the last meeting.</p> <p>The Town Clerk explained that non-residents of Weston-super-Mare may find the wording ‘Weston Cemetery’ to be confusing as there are two cemeteries in Weston.</p> <p>Action: Bev to change the wording to read ‘Milton Road Cemetery’.</p> <p>Malcolm was unsure about Jill’s Garden not being included on route this year. It was explained that the WIB group had not carried out any work on the garden throughout the year and the garden was in need of attention. It would be included in the Portfolio instead.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman mentioned that the Homebase Project looks really good. The Working Party thanked Roger for all his hard work.</p> <p>The Working Party discussed whether the Band Stand was going to have any hanging baskets.</p> <p>Action: Bev to contact North Somerset regarding hanging baskets on the Band Stand.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Forthcoming Expenditure</p> <p>This agenda item was discussed during the circulation of the Finance Report. There was no current upcoming expenditure.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Updates for Portfolio</p> <p>Bev circulated a copy of the Portfolio. It was nearly complete.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Whitecross Association</p> <p>Councillor Mike Bell could not attend the March meeting due to illness and had requested that this agenda item be deferred until April’s meeting.</p> <p>Discussion did not ensue. A representative from Whitecross Road was not in attendance.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The agenda item be inactive until further notice.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>IYNA</p> <p>Zoe informed that there were 16 entries, and more would be sent to her once South West in Bloom had organised them.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planting</p> <p>Richard Knowles explained that all the plants had been ordered and work would begin week commencing the 10th May 2015.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Baskets</p> <p>Roger Brown had requested the use of the square plastic flower tub and WIB needed to replace the rotting basket on Bideford Road.</p> <p>The Bucket and Spade outside the Winter Gardens was looking very untidy and run down and Bev advised that Chris Webber could tidy the display and do what he could. She could also explore the cost of two ‘Sponsor me’ signs.</p> <p>The Working Party unanimously agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roger Brown to have use of the square plastic flower tub. 2. The basket on Bideford Road be replaced. 3. Chris Webber to tidy up the Bucket and Spade outside the Winter Gardens. 4. Bev to source costings for two ‘sponsor me’ signs.
<p>12.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Richard Knowles said Big Worle was looking good and the Preanes Green area was progressing with planters being installed. Richard was also helping outside Worlebury Golf Club and improving the planters there.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting – 12th May 1.00pm Grove House</p>	

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.10 pm

Signed:

Dated: