

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.30 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Roz Willis, Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Clive Darke, Councillor Claire Kingsbury Bell, Burt Filer, Cynthia Filer, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Kareen Williams, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>Malcolm Nicholson Jocelyn Holder Rob Thurston</p>
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>No Declarations of Interest</p>
3.	<p><u>Notes of the previous Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on 03.12.13.</u></p> <p>Section 3, Item 3: Burt Filer informed the Working Party that the rotten basket has been removed by Roger Brown from the Homebase Project.</p> <p>Councillor Willis has spoken to Councillor Russé however it is still unclear whether any progress has been made on the Rockery.</p> <p>Zoe is going to either speak to Kevin Carlton regarding the free tubs or contact Gareth Withers directly.</p> <p>Zoe asked the Working Party that out of the persons present, who would like to attend the spring seminar. Currently 5 members came forward however the entire Working Party has until Tuesday 21st January to let Zoe know if they would like to attend. Councillor Willis will speak to her husband about arranging railway transport.</p> <p>Zoe will email the Working Party a comparison of prices from previous years hanging baskets.</p> <p>Bert and Cynthia informed the committee that they are still trying to get in contact with Cheddar Garden centre.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman made reference to Section 4a, <i>“Cllr Richard Tucker said the Summerland’s Project is going well and by liaising with Bert Filer, two trees will be planted”</i> Pauline made the committee aware that a semi permanent container is going to be placed directly where the trees are planted and asked if Cllr Tucker had informed them. Bert expressed he had heard nothing of this till now however will contact Cllr Tucker.</p>
4.	<p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>The remainder of the budget was discussed and accepted.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Lesley Jellyman Visit:</u></p> <p>Richard Knowles and the committee expressed how they found the meeting beneficial. One of the key points they picked up on was regarding the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards and the importance of not "chasing them".</p> <p>The committee agreed that this year the organisation must start earlier. Zoe gave everyone a form for applying to the IYNA so they can approach groups and local community projects, making them aware that all the information must be given to herself by the Tuesday 25th February at the latest in order to register all the applicants in time.</p> <p>Bert and Cynthia will contact "The Lions" who will be re developing the Floral Clock. Cllr Willis will be speaking to "The Colton Centre" and seeing if they would like to enter. Kareen Williams will liaise with Worlebury School and their entry.</p> <p>Cllr Willis thought the idea put forward by Lesley of building sculptures from rubbish was brilliant and thought it was something Weston in Bloom could take forward. Cllr Willis has spoken to Bev Tucker and they thought it would be good if they could get the schools involved. The children could collect small items such as bottle tops, Cans and other recyclable items which would usually be thrown away and use then to produce sculptures. The Weston in Bloom Working Party would then visit and judge.</p> <p>The Working Party thought it was a good idea and it would be explored further.</p> <p>Bev Tucker is still working on how we can clean the high street ready for judging.</p> <p>Cllr Darke and Bev Tucker left at 1.45pm</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Bert Filer informed everyone that the Donkey and Bucket and Spade could use some maintenance work. He will be purchasing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 bags of compost • Gravel • Bark • "Grow More" • Conifers • Paint <p>Bert will let Zoe know of the costing.</p> <p>Cynthia said that the volunteers who work on the Bio Diversity garden still have £40 to spend out of the original £100 they were allocated.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Edible Garden Project:</u></p> <p>Cllr Kingsbury Bell presented her idea of the edible garden project. A location on the corner of Baker Street is being looked into and many people have already expressed keen interest. Cllr Kingsbury Bell wanted to know if some members of Weston in Bloom would like to sit on a Sub- Committee. Cllr Willis thought it may be a good idea if Cllr Kingsbury Bell took Cllr Young's place on the committee in order for her to attend and feedback each month. Zoe will look into the legalities of whether a Sub Committee is viable and the changing of a member.</p>

	The Working Party strongly expressed that they support the idea in principle and would be willing to offer advice and support when they can however, no physical workforce can be allocated.
8.	<u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u> See "Planting"
9.	<u>Any Other Business:</u> None
10.	Date of Next Meeting – 11^h February 1.00pm Grove House

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: