

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**  
**AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 3.15 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Roz Willis, Jocelyn Holder, Burt Filer, Cynthia Filer, Roger Brown, Kareen Williams Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator) Carol Fisher and Lew Hartley (Uphill Society)

1.	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b></p> <p>Jenny Gosden Pauline Priestman Bev Tucker Cllr Darke Malcolm Nicholson</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b></p> <p>No Declarations of Interest</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Notes of the previous Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on 03.12.13.</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Willis informed the Working Party that due to her becoming Mayoress next year, she will not officially be part of the Working Party however will help out as much as she can. Richard, Cynthia and Bert have been invited to represent Weston in Bloom at the Mayor making.</p> <p>Richard thanked Cllr Willis for all her hard work over the years.</p> <p>Cllr Willis explained how she had expressed to Cllr Russe Weston in Blooms thoughts on the size of the project and said that Cllr Russe agreed and will look at possibly breaking it down into smaller sections.</p> <p>Cynthia thought it may be a nice idea to use some of the new planters in Grove Park and plant them up with Sunflowers to help celebrate 50 Years of In Bloom.</p> <p>Richard Knowles expressed he had not been to Bournville Primary School Yet.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></b></p> <p>The Current balance stands at £20,255.96p</p> <p>The Grounds Manager added that it would be a good idea to bring forward the planning for future projects this year. This will mean that there won't be any major last minute spends in the final few months when we are coming to the end of the financial year.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Judging Day Lunch:</u></b></p> <p>Cynthia will give Zoe a list of the Volunteers to invite. The Flower arranging society will</p>

	<p>produce a display.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Planting:</u></b></p> <p>The replanting of the Boats and Donkey will be taking place over the next few weeks. Bert is planting at the train station on the 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Bert explained how the basket trees are still in the ranger's yard on Sunnyside Road. If we want them we need to act quickly because they will probably go.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager said that as long as there is space we could use the compound at the top of Grove Park.</p> <p>Roger had been to look at the train and before it can be re painted it needs a good wash to remove all the dirt. Also the 3 pebble planters outside the Odeon need weeding. Roger will do this when he can.</p> <p>Richard has planted up half of Worle Highstreet</p> <p>The Grounds Manger said that over the next couple of weeks the Grove Park Flowerbeds will be stripped out and planted again in early June. Westhaven School has been in contacted and have been working hard to produce all the plants needed. The troughs in the cemetery will be replaced also.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Quote from Uphill Village Society:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe explained how Carole had given her a quote for the slate chippings totalling £134.50 excluding VAT. The Working Party all agreed to pay for this.</p> <p>Carole explained how the village is in the middle of an enhancement scheme which is why the slate chippings were needed.</p> <p>Carole had been trying to find some oak barrels for a while and finally found some at Ritchie's Cider in Highbridge. He had 6 left so Carole bought them there and then for £145. Uphill wanted to know if Weston In Bloom would also pay for this. Lew Hartley expressed how the Working Party agreed to Uphill having £500 to use. The Working Party agreed to pay for the planters. Uphill now has £220.50 left.</p> <p>Carole asked that if she could find more of the barrels for £70 would Weston in Bloom pay for them. The Working Party agreed.</p> <p>Cynthia gave The Grounds Manger previous minutes from the 08/04/2014 where prices were listed by Uphill for British Daffodils and British Bluebells.</p> <p>“500 British Daffodils- £270 1000 British Daffodils- £500</p> <p>500 British Bluebells- £80 1000 British Bluebells- £149”</p> <p>The Grounds Manger thought they were slightly overpriced. He will obtain prices he uses to give uphill some idea of what to look for. He also expressed that it may be a good idea to order together in some cases.</p>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>St James Street:</u></b></p> <p>The Working Party agreed to supply St James Street with 8 half baskets and plants.</p> <p>Zoe explained what baskets were order last year and the Working Party would like to order an extra:</p> <p>6 Full Baskets 8 Half Baskets</p> <p>Roger Brown thought it might be a good idea to move the 3 planters together in the middle of the street instead of having them spaced out.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>New Sponsors for 2014:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe explained that we need to aim for 3 new sponsors this year. The Grounds Manger explained that we can have both Financial and Non-Financial sponsors.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u></b></p> <p>Bert will be buying 10 bags of compost @ £3.80 each.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe explained the water tenders had come back:</p> <p>Glendale: £17,400 Keith: £10,080</p> <p>The Working Party agreed to award the contract to Keith.</p> <p>Rob thought a calendar of projected expenditure may help with forward planning.</p> <p>Zoe informed everyone that she needs to know by the end of May who would like to go to the Spring Seminar in Trowbridge.</p> <p>The Two judges for this year are Lesley Jellyman and Tony Moor.</p> <p>The Working Party gave Zoe the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> as possible days for judging.</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm Grove House</b></p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 3.15 pm

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Dated: .....