

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th APRIL 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.15 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Bailey, Councillor Clive Webb, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk) Jocelyn Holder, Chris Webber (Town Centre Partnership) Burt Filer, Cynthia Filer, Pauline Priestman, Jenny Gosden, Roger Brown, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator) Carol Fisher (Uphill Society)

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| 1. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>Councillor Willis Rob Thurston Kareen Williams Bev Tucker</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>Zoe explained that when she called Amberol to place the order for 6 Quad Planters in Grey that the price had changed. The price which was shown at the Spring Seminar was an introductory price only. Amberol agreed to honour the price of £99 however would not offer a further 10% discount. Also the colour of the planters would have to be Black instead of Grey.</p> <p>Chris Webber informed the Working Party that Amberol produce good quality products and are well known throughout the trade.</p> <p>Zoe went on to explain how the order was not placed due to it not being in time to come out of the 2013/2014 budget. The payment would not have been taken until the beginning week in April along with the delivery date. There was no way around this therefore it must come out of this year's budget 2014/2015.</p> <p>The Working party agreed to only order 4 due to the change in price.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to order 4 quad Planters in Black at £99 each not including carriage charge.</p> <p>Cynthia informed everyone that the Horticultural Society will pay £100 towards the Garden Competition. Weston in Bloom will match this. The prizes shall be £25 (1st Place) £15 (2nd Place) and £10 (3rd Place) in each of the 4 classes.</p> <p>Cynthia also informed everyone that 18 Albert Avenue is willing to take part in this years In Bloom Judging Route.</p> <p>A response was not received from Councillor Wills regarding the Rockery Project.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to speak to Councillor Willis</p> |

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| | <p>Zoe informed the Working Party that she has the name and previous school of the boy who named Sparky the Donkey.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to see if the school could pass on a message</p> <p>Richard expressed how well the non-smoking day went. They were on the high street promoting for around 4 hours and took plenty of pictures from the day. He has received a card from North Somerset Council expressing their thanks for Weston in Blooms attendance.</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>Zoe explained that the opening balance for the financial year 2014/2015 is £21,530.00</p> |
| 4a. | <p><u>Uphill Society</u></p> <p>Richard Knowles would like to make a small change to the proceedings and introduced Carol Fisher from the Uphill Village Society.</p> <p>Carol Fisher explained that in Uphill the boat display on Grange Road is beginning to look run down underneath and is in need of some new slate chippings. Carol has a vague idea the cost would amount to £150.</p> <p>Also The Uphill Village Society would like to purchase British Daffodils and Bluebells.</p> <p>The costing is set out below:</p> <p>500 British Daffodils- £270 1000 British Daffodils- £500</p> <p>500 British Bluebells- £80 1000 British Bluebells- £149</p> <p>Carol asked if Weston in Bloom would be interested at putting some money towards the cost.</p> <p>Burt Filer explained that he had previously asked Councillor Bailey if he would be interested in some free bulbs which became available and he was turned down. Councillor Bailey explained he approached Lew Hartley from the Uphill Village Society however was told that they did not have enough people at the time to make use of them.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman said that in a previous meeting which Lew Hartley attended the Working Party asked that Uphill Approach Weston in Bloom with a clear breakdown of their needs. This was due to Weston in Bloom possibly being able to obtain plants cheaper; however a breakdown of certain costs was needed in order to make a decision.</p> <p>Burt Filer mentioned the “In the green bulbs” Weston in Bloom had obtained. Zoe will speak to the Grounds Manger enquiring about further orders.</p> <p>Carol Fisher explained that currently Uphill uses the company “Nature Scape” and there are quite a few areas in Uphill which could use Spring Bulbs.</p> <p>Richard Knowles said that firm Quotes are needed before any decisions are made. He asked the Working Party if the £150 for Slate seemed reasonable and if the quote was around this figure, would this be something the Working Party would consider. The</p> |

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| | <p>Working Party agreed they would consider the purchase once firm Quotes had been sourced.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Zoe to speak to Rob about “In The Green Bulbs”</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><u>Display Boards:</u></p> <p>Zoe explained that pictures need to be constantly taken and emailed to either herself or Bev Tucker.</p> <p>Richard confirmed he has the display boards which they can use at the Annual Town Meeting. Zoe will fill in the form for Weston in Bloom.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to fill in the Annual Town Meeting Form</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Burt Filer explained that he would like to produce the same effect with the plants which is at the Donkey and Kart, slopping display of flowers, at the Homebase Project.</p> <p>Everyone agreed the Donkey and Kart looks fantastic.</p> <p>Burt gave an update on the Basket tree and the Railway Station. It has arrived and has been assembled. Burt has added compost and begun planting it up.</p> <p>It was also discovered that the basket trees from Grove Park and the Old Town Hall are at “The Rangers Yard” on Sunnyside Road, along with the Railing Troughs.</p> <p>Zoe informed everyone that she has been in contact with John Painter from the Highways department at North Somerset Council. He has no problems with the Railing Troughs however would like to meet on site to discuss locations.</p> <p>A small amount of Compost and Plants will be added outside the Co-Op in Worle.</p> <p>Roger Brown and Burt Filer explained that the planting will have to wait until the Autumn at the Summerland’s project due to construction work taking place.</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p><u>Basket Tree at Railway Station:</u></p> <p>Refer to Agenda Item 6. Planting.</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p><u>Ordering Process:</u></p> <p>Zoe explained that she had had a meeting with the Finance Team. Purchase orders need to be filled in correctly with all prices, descriptions, and amounts. Delivery notes must be passed on to Zoe as well.</p> |

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| <p>9.</p> | <p><u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u></p> <p>Jocelyn Holder attended the Weston College enterprise scheme where Westhaven School were promoting their product, a Cardboard Plant Carrier. They would like to try and introduce it to all the major Gardening Centres. In order to obtain Copyright they need around £200. Jocelyn asked if this is something Weston in Bloom could help with.</p> <p>The main concern arose with giving money to something which could be seen as a commercial project. It was agreed to see if the Finance team could help to see if the School could apply for a Grant or if not could the Finance team point them in the right direction.</p> <p>Chris Webber left at 1.50pm.</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>Burt has seed potatoes left over and is giving them away for free if anyone would like them.</p> <p>Richard had been contacted by Marina. She was enquiring whether Weston in Bloom could do anything to help St Georges. The Town Clerk explained that St Georges is a separate parish. The Working Party decided they could not help due to this and Richard will refer them to St Georges Parish Council.</p> <p>Richard is going to visit Bournville Primary School to show support for the School Gardening project they are entering in conjunction with the Royal Horticultural Society.</p> <p>Roger Brown explained how the Grass needs cutting in Locking Road Car Park. North Somerset Council is not taking responsibility for this. The Town Clerk confirmed that it does come under North Somerset. The information was passed on to Councillor Clive Webb.</p> <p>Richard thanked Cynthia for her article in the Mercury asking for volunteers.</p> <p>Richard explained how Weston Hospice have produced a brilliant Garden and wondered if they could go on route or be an IYNA. Councillor Bailey offered to take Richard to Weston Hospice Care.</p> <p>The Town Clerk thanked Richard for his hard work in producing the Hanging Baskets for the Re Opening of Grove Park Toilets.</p> |
| <p>12.</p> | <p>Date of Next Meeting – 13th May 1.00pm Grove House</p> |

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.15 pm

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