

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 3.00 pm

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

1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>Chris Webber Jenny Gosden Jos Holder Malcolm Nicholson Councillor Clive Darke Councillor Clive Webb</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>Cynthia explained that Cleeve Nursery was not interested in the Gardening Competition and they will try and contact Cadbury. The Multicultural Society may be donating £100 towards the competition. It was agreed that Weston in Bloom would match this.</p> <p>Richard Knowles and Burt Filer explained they saw some fantastic Planters at the Bath Spring Seminar. They are £99 each and would be suitable for the Homebase Project. At the last meeting a ceiling of £500 was allocated for the redevelopment of the Homebase Project. Richard asked if this could be reviewed, consisting of:</p> <p>3x £99 planters (dark grey) for Homebase Project=£297 1x £99 planter (dark grey) for Grove House Courtyard=£99 2x £99 planters (dark grey) to keep spare=£198</p> <p>Total:£594 (not including delivery charge and any discount)</p> <p>The Working Party agreed the expenditure.</p> <p>Zoe explained that she will do her best to order them and have the payment in before the end of March so the money is taken out of this year's budget. However Zoe expressed that she had explained in previous meetings that the Working Party should be looking at placing no more orders after the beginning of March else there is no guarantee the payment will be made out of this year's budget.</p> <p>Cynthia has contacted the Friendship Group and arranged for Weston in Bloom to visit on 3rd September.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED: That with the above amendments, the notes be approved.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Zoe to order Planters</p>
4.	<p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>The Report was circulated and accepted.</p>
5.	<p><u>St James Street:</u></p> <p>Please refer to Agenda Item 9. Route</p>
6.	<p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Burt explained that the 3 planters will be placed at the Homebase Project.</p> <p>The Courtyard at Grove House is being Redeveloped.</p> <p>Councillor Willis thought it may be a nice idea for members of Weston in Bloom to have their picture taken with the boy who named the Donkey “Sparky” and invite him to the judging day lunch. Zoe will find the contact details.</p> <p>Kareen wondered if it was worth approaching Weston College to produce some of the signs we need for the flower beds. However the Working Party agreed that they had been let down on numerous occasions and it would not be a viable long term venture.</p> <p>Burt is having plants delivered on the 13th and 16th of May.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Zoe to find contact details.</p>
7.	<p><u>Bath Spring Seminar:</u></p> <p>Richard Knowles expressed how it was a brilliant day and enjoyed by all who attended.</p> <p>Cynthia said some of the main points they picked up on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IYNA: Must show outreach to the community • We do need a portfolio • If there are gaps in the bedding plants, do not fill with more. Use edible planting instead, herbs, cabbages or other edible produce. • In parks, furnish to the very edge of the beds. <p>Richard also mentioned they found some Railing Troughs. They were self-watering and would be ideal for outside the old town hall. The amount needed would be:</p> <p>8x Self Watering Railing Troughs @ £99 each=£792 (not including delivery charge and any discount given)</p> <p>The Working Party agreed this would be okay however Zoe would need to check that the Troughs can be placed outside the Town Hall before ordering.</p>

	<p>Zoe again explained that they will be pushed for time to order them and produce payment before the end of March and there is no guarantee it will come out of this year's budget.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Zoe to look into ordering Railing Troughs</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>IYNA:</u></p> <p>Zoe listed the entries for the IYNA this year which she has sent away. There were 11 in total and more to come in from those who have entered online. The Working Party thought they had done really well to obtain so many and agreed it was better they started it earlier, giving them more time to plan.</p> <p>Zoe announced that she was sorry to say Julie Merter from Locking Primary School who ran the children's Gardening Club has passed away. The Working Party was sorry to hear it and asked that a letter of condolences be sent.</p> <p>The Working Party would like to enter Worle War memorial for an IYNA.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Zoe to enter Worle War Memorial</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Route:</u></p> <p>Bev read through the Route and The Working Party agreed it was good and accepted.</p> <p>Some amendments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instead of visiting Rectors Way allotments we will be visiting 18 Albert Avenue instead, a residents Garden. <p>It was agreed that Uphill Society and Pam from St James Street will be invited to the Judging day lunch to talk to the judges and showcase their work, due to them not being visited on route. Also they can be included in the portfolio.</p> <p>Burt mentioned that there was a planter available for Pam.</p> <p>Zoe asked the Working Party if they could please have a list ready for her by the next meeting of who they would like to invite to judging day lunch. This allows more preparation time for letters to be sent out and will not be a rush at the end.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Zoe to email Uphill and Pam Zoe to pass on Burt's contact details to Pam The Working Party to give Zoe a list or invitees.</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Forth Coming Expenditure:</u></p> <p>Please see Agenda Item 7 and 3</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>Richard asked Roger if the trees which have been planted at the Summerland’s project could be moved if necessary. This was due to the construction work which will be taking place there. Roger explained that ideally they should stay where they are, moving them risks damage to the tree, however, yes it is possible.</p> <p>A report from Councillor Russe was circulated regarding the Rockery project. Councillor Wills thought that the project was far too big to tackle as one entity; it should possibly be broken down into sub sections and projects. The Working Party agreed. Councillor Willis will contact Councillor Russe.</p> <p>Councillor Willis informed the Working party that the streets around the town can be deep cleaned not only for judging day but Freedom of the Town as well. New bins are being installed also.</p> <p>Councillor Wills also mentioned that the 12th March is non-smoking day. She and other members of Weston in Bloom will be there to help promote this.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>Councillor Wills contact Councillor Russe.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 11^h March 1.00pm Grove House</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 3.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: