

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 09th SEPTEMBER 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.15 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk) Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) The Mayor, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Jocelyn Holder, Pauline Priestman, Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>Cllr King Cllr Darke Burt Filer Cynthia Filer</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>The chairman explained how ill Burt had been recently. The working party agreed it would be nice to send a fruit basket to him. Zoe will organise this.</p> <p>Malcolm asked what a Pennant Award was.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager explained it was a Green Flag Award. Zoe explained she thought it was something separate and still in keeping with Britain in Bloom. Zoe will investigate and let the Working party know.</p>
4.	<p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>The report was circulated and accepted.</p>
5.	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u></p> <p>Zoe asked if the Working Party had managed to obtain any sponsorship yet or spoken to any local business. The Working Party had not.</p> <p>Bev said a small piece of information could be put in the BID Leaflet which is going out to all the local businesses in November. It could explain about sponsorship and also the need for volunteers. The Working Party agreed this was a great idea.</p> <p>The Working Party would like signs put up on their projects around the town, Saying "Available to Sponsor". Zoe will look into this.</p>
6.	<p><u>Meeting to Discuss Next Year's Entry:</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued as to whether the meeting should be before or after the visit from Tony Moor. The date 3rd October has been provisionally booked. Zoe will speak to Tony at Trowbridge and see what dates he is available for and will then contact the Working</p>

	<p>Party. The Working Party did not want to speak to Tony without some sort of idea for next year.</p> <p>Pauline mentioned that next year individuals should take responsibility for an aspect of In Bloom, such as taking photos, keeping track of events throughout the year ect.. The Working Party agreed this was a good idea.</p>
7.	<p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Richard referred to information he was given from Burt. The main issue is not having enough volunteers to carry out the work. The Working Party will continue to try and attract more volunteers.</p> <p>Roger explained how he is happy to transform some of the features they look after into more permanent planting which is 90% zero maintenance. This would ease pressure. The Working Party agreed that Zoe should email around the Working Party and ask Burt for instruction of what areas would work best and could be adapted.</p>
8.	<p><u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u></p> <p>Zoe will receive costings for any changes going to be made to the features.</p>
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>The Mayor mentioned that at the Memorial Garden in Milton a Community Project was going to happen, possibly involving Broadoak School. Poppy Seeds were going to be planted in commemoration and they are hoping to do this on the 11/11/2014. This is something Weston-in-Bloom could be involved in.</p> <p>Also the Mayor wanted to know what the Working Party thought about adding a wooden barrel to the War Memorial in Worle. It would be filled with sand and enable people to place their crosses in. The Mayor will donate the barrel and approach Somerset Wood Recycling to make it.</p> <p>Bev explained that the Highways agency should be made aware just in case there were any problems. The Working Party thought it sounded like a great idea.</p> <p>Roger would like to undertake some work on the Homebase Project which is looking run down. He would like to replace the wooden blocks either with stone or a plastic material. It was agreed that before any work is carried out Bev and Richard will visit Homebase and see if they can help in any way, either offering help physically or donating materials.</p> <p>Pauline mentioned that the Bandstand is being officially opened on the 14th September and the Working Party should be mindful of this and possibly tidy up any of our areas before then.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting – 14th October 1.00pm Grove House</p>	

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

Signed:

Dated: