

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

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.20 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Clive Webb, Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer, Kareen Williams, Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager), 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 Darke The Mayor Malcolm Nicholson</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>Kareen explained how she had given her apologies to the last meeting but they were not noted.</p> <p>Cynthia agreed with Pauline's thought that members should all take responsibility for different parts of Weston in Bloom and that this should not be forgotten. Pauline explained it would be a good idea if each member could look after any Weston in Bloom related features in their area. This could involve taking pictures all year round or cutting out press releases.</p> <p>Rob explained that the Pennant award was separate from the Green Flag Award. This will be discussed with Tony Moore on Thursday for more clarity.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Zoe to email all the members the criteria they need to follow for judging.</p> <p>Richard Knowles informed Bev that the judges told him they should enter the "Bid" Scheme as an IYNA.</p>
4.	<p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>The report was circulated and accepted.</p> <p>Burt informed Zoe she will have a bill come through from the Horticultural Society for the compost he bought.</p>
5.	<p><u>The Homebase Project:</u></p> <p>Roger Brown produced a plan of how he would like to renovate the Homebase project. It would use permanent materials which mean less rotting and maintenance. The prices he has given are the maximum we would have to spend. Originally the project was sponsored by Homebase and hopefully they will either offer a discount or some type of support.</p>

	<p>The current price Roger has proposed is £515 including VAT. (£429 without VAT)</p> <p>The Budget was approved provisionally.</p> <p><u>Proposed:</u> Roger Brown <u>Second:</u> Jenny Gosden</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Burt and Cynthia explained how they have had 2 new volunteers come on board. All the boats are now allocated to volunteers however there are still 3 baskets on Biddeford Road which are not maintained by anyone.</p> <p>The plants are arriving on the 17th October. Planting will take place over the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Rob Thurston said that the Grounds Team are in process of planting up the Flowerbeds along the main pathway in Grove Park. It is a mixture of both Somerset Wood Recycling and the Grounds Team who will be planting Clarence Park.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Zoe to produce and print posters to put in all notice boards asking for volunteers. Also to include some in the Councillors pigeon holes.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u></p> <p>Cynthia mentioned next year it would be nice to get another Basket Tree for the Railway Station. They cost £1080 plus £95 delivery (including VAT)</p> <p>Richard Knowles would like to put some planters outside the resource centre premises. Kareen thought it would be a good idea to reuse the planters from the Railway Station if we are buying another Basket Tree.</p> <p>Jenny Gosden would like to add some baskets in the Rose Garden.</p> <p>Cynthia reminded Zoe to inform Keith that we need 2 Winter Baskets for the Worle War Memorial and 4 for the Railway Station.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Zoe to contact Keith regarding Baskets.</p> <p>Rob mention he will be ordering the plants early December.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>Zoe discussed the idea which was raised to her by Kevin Carlton. There are 2 beds outside the Cricket Club on Devonshire Road which are currently not looked after by anyone. Zoe and Bev thought this would be a nice project to take on. Possibly planting Wildflowers and involve some of the nearby schools such as Uphill Primary School and the Oldmixon Primary School. The committee agreed the idea was good in principle but would need looking into further.</p> <p>Zoe had been given a message by Chris Millard. He had been contacted by the Chairman of the 290 Air Cadet. In 2016 it is the 75th Anniversary of the Air Cadet Core. They were enquiring if the Floral Clock could be used in celebration. The Working Party said they would need to talk to the Lions as they have taken it on. They also said to explain</p>

<p>Weston in Bloom would not be able to supply any funding for this.</p> <p>Richard said the IYNA Ceremony went well at the Museum. The press attended and took plenty of pictures.</p> <p>Cynthia explained that the Horticultural Society had John Wheatley attending to give a talk on the 8th January.</p> <p>Jocelyn Holder and Pauline Priestman raised the issue of Ellenborough Garden. They felt it was becoming overgrown and returning to a state similar to the one it was in many years ago. Jocelyn will co-ordinate with Rob Thurston to sort out how to tidy the park up.</p> <p>The Marking Sheet from Judging Day was given to the Working Party. Bev picked up on the points about Street Furniture. The benches in the High-street will be refurbished over the next year and also the Bins are being replaced.</p> <p>Pauline thought it would be a good idea if everyone took the sheet home to look through and arrived for the meeting on Thursday earlier, so they could decide what questions they would like to ask.</p> <p>Pauline also thanked Bev for all her hard work throughout the year and for her co-ordination of the Route and Portfolio. It was really appreciated.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting – 11th November 1.00pm Grove House</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.20 pm

Signed:

Dated: