

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2016
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 01.00pm

Meeting concluded: 02.10 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Pauline Priestman (Vice Chairman), Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk) Councillor Richard Tucker, Kareen Williams, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Holder, Cllr Willis, John Boxshall, Kevin Carlton and Rob Thurston.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 10th May 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Jenny Gosden SECONDED BY: Pauline Priestman</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Items raised from the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016</p> <p>Roger had finished tidying and re planting the Bucket and Spade Project.</p> <p>No Regional Feedback has been received from last years judging.</p>
4.	<p>Monthly Finance Report</p> <p>The budget for 2016/2017 was £21,000.</p> <p>Zoe had already allocated expected and known costs (watering, plants, judging day etc.) which brought their available balance to £1,785.35</p> <p>The planting was discussed and whether all the features had been planted yet. Zoe explained it was just Grove House and the Train Station to be finished this week. Bert and Cynthia who normally plant these two areas only informed Zoe a few weeks ago that they wouldn't be able to this year so they have been the last to be planted.</p> <p>Kareen offered to plant Grove House and Zoe will email her the list of plants.</p> <p>Volunteers are planting the Train Station. Zoe expressed how the Working Party needs to remember and take into account, like themselves, those who are</p>

	<p>planting are volunteers. Their time is not paid for and they fit it in around their other commitments. Considering this is the first year since Bert and Cynthia have not been coordinating the plants Zoe said the volunteers and Grounds Team had done a brilliant job.</p> <p>Pauline wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the Grounds Team in dealing with the large volume of plants delivered to the Cemetery.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Judging Day</p> <p>Zoe expressed how Pitman's had still not been in contact with her regarding transport for judging day. It was discussed and agreed for Zoe to go ahead and book transport due to the date getting ever nearer.</p> <p>The Route had been previously emailed to the Working Party and it was agreed that due to the afternoon start and late finish that this year just light refreshments be arranged for after the judging and for Zoe to buy a selection of cakes to accompany tea, coffee and cold beverages.</p> <p>Bev has nearly finished the portfolio however reiterated the lack of new content. Zoe expressed how this has been an issue raised many times now and something the working party needed to be more proactive about. Zoe explained how to make an impact you don't have to spend a huge amount of money and how schools and youth groups would probably love to get involved with projects and competitions. For example producing artwork which could possibly be hung in Grove House. There are lots of ways to engage with the community and promote In Bloom throughout the year once the main judging is over.</p> <p>Zoe said that again photographs need to be taken at every opportunity to document In Bloom throughout the year.</p> <p>Pauline wondered if after judging to hold some form of Public Consultation.</p> <p>Kareen mentioned how on the 2nd October North Somerset are hosting their "Your Somerset Day" and may be worth In Bloom having a stand to promote In Bloom. This idea was well received.</p> <p>Bev informed the Working Party that the Flower Show is all organised and Zoe said if she could have members of the Working Party to assist her on the day.</p> <p>Pauline asked if Zoe could put together some time slots for people to choose from and allocate their name to.</p> <p>The Town Clerk asked if we could see if North Somerset could trim the bank in Grove Park again in preparation of judging day. Zoe will send a list to North Somerset.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Weston Ambulance Station</p> <p>Zoe had been approached by Weston Ambulance Station who is taking part in their own Bloom contest against other stations. They wondered if In Bloom may be able to help by supplying Tubs ect...</p>

	<p>RECCOMENDED: Zoe ask the Station exactly what they are in need of and then In Bloom can see what they have which they may be able to use.</p>
7.	<p>Presentation Day – Taunton</p> <p>This year the awards were being held on the 6th October in Taunton. Tickets are £18 per person and the form needs to be received by South West In Bloom by the 9th September.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: Email the volunteers and Working Party to see who may want to go to the awards and decide on a suitable subsidy for volunteers once numbers are confirmed.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Roger Brown presented 3 potential designs for the Princess Diana Flowerbed outside Grove House. The Working Party agreed for Roger to decide which design he felt worked best and was given a budget of £50.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: £50 is allocated for Roger to use for the Princess Diana Flowerbed outside Grove House.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 19th July 2016, 1.00 pm, Grove House</p>	

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.10 pm

Signed:

Dated:

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