WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016 AT GROVE HOUSE

Meeting commenced: 01.00pm Meeting concluded: 02.15 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Pauline Priestman (Vice Chairman) Councillor Roz Willis, Councillor Jocelyn Holder, Kareen Williams, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, John Boxshall and Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Martin Williams, Malcolm Nicholson and Rob Thurston.
	Sue and Rod Thomas emailed Zoe informing her they must resign from the Working Party due to other commitments.
2.	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest received.
	Roger Brown introduced John Boxshall from the group "Incredible Edible Weston" who would like to work with In Bloom and help with some of the existing projects as well as introducing Weston in Bloom to some of the projects already established with other groups. John was happy to attend the Weston In Bloom meetings.
	PROPOSED: Pauline Priestman SECONDED: Roger Brown
	Pauline Priestman asked if he could step outside the room while a vote was taken.
	A vote was taken as whether to Co-opt John onto the Working Party. The vote was carried.
3.	To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 12 th April 2016
	The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.
	PROPOSED BY: Cllr Willis SECONDED BY: Bev Tucker
	RECOMMENDED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
3a.	Items raised from the last meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016
	Roger had nearly finished tidying and re planting the Bucket and Spade Project. Zoe will take pictures of the finished project for the portfolio.
	Despite Cllr Willis speaking to Terry Porter no Regional Feedback has been received from last years judging.

4. Monthly Finance Report

The budget for 2016/2017 was £21,000.

Zoe had already allocated expected costs (watering, plants, judging day etc.) which brought their available balance to f1,885.35

5. Judging Day

The date for the 2016 Judging day is Tuesday 12th July. Weston will be judged in the afternoon by John Wheatley, after Portishead in the morning.

Zoe will change the route timings and email it out to the Working Party.

Until a confirmed start of arrival no plans for food/a reception can be planned.

The Tour will start at Westhaven School so as to miss the school run in Uphill Village which can delay the Route and cause complications on Judging Day.

6. It's Your Neighbourhood Awards

Zoe circulated the list of entrants for this year.

Apart from The Weston Railway Station, Westhaven School and Milton Road Cemetery (all on route) the remainder of sites will be judged on a different day.

Bev mentioned how preparations for the Flower show are going well and the event is going to be another success.

7. Weston In Bloom Museum Block

RECOMMENDED: This item was deferred until to the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Zoe will arrange a meeting with the volunteers to plan this years planting.

Zoe will contact Keith to water all features before the planting begins to soften the soil.

Grove House Porch Flowerbed was discussed and it was agreed some planting needed to happen.

RECOMMENDED: Roger bring some plans to choose from to the next meeting to re plant the Grove House Porch Flowerbed.

Zoe explained how Bert and Cynthia Filer can no longer plant Grove Park or the Train Station however John from Incredible Edible Weston said he may be able to help. John explained how he has contacts with a few groups in Weston and different projects which Weston in Bloom may be able to be involved in.

Zoe wondered if Weston in Bloom would be open to the idea of re-designing the In Bloom logo and running a competition with local schools. Discussion ensued however the idea is to be differed until the September meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21st June 2016, 1.00 pm, Grove House

WIB Minutes.12.04.2016 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.00 pm

Dated:

Signed: