

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.30 am

Meeting concluded: 12.17 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Roger Bailey, Dave Dash, Helen Thornton, Jill Bute and Raymond Armstrong.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: Kareen Williams, Roger Brown, Philip Dinham, Sue Thomas, Sandra Sellars, Jim Sellars, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Kareen Williams and Maureen Jackson.

ADVISORS: Fay Powell (Grounds Manager) and Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Officer).

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Councillor Willis and the Town Clerk.
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none received.
3.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19th November 2019 PROPOSED: Councillor Dave Dash SECONDED: Philip Dinham RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
4.	Monthly Finance Report The remaining balance after committed expenditure was £498.84. <i>Kareen Williams entered at 11.38am</i>
5.	Planting Due to heavy rain the pansies in the Donkey and Cart Trough had died. They were replaced with some heathers. Sandra Sellars agreed the weather conditions had been tough. Free Plants were available from North Somerset Council again. A maximum of 900 plants per group could be requested. RECOMMENDED: Weston in Bloom apply for the maximum number of plants available – a mixture of 900 plants. The chairman highlighted the boat at the Railway Station which needed attention. Jim and Sandra who looked after the feature agreed. It was though perhaps a bench of some kind with a sea side theme would look nice in that location, providing the correct permission was given from the Railway Station.

	<p>It was thought a local business may sponsor the feature.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: The Grounds Manager along with the Community and Grounds Officer, Jim and Sandra to have a meeting with Somerset Wood Recycling to gather some proposals and costing for a new feature at the Railway Station.</p> <p>The Chairman raised the fact he had approached the College about a raised bed in Spider Lane which needed attention. It was 4 x 5mtrs in size. It was still unknown how much the College could or indeed would contribute to the initial and ongoing costs of the project. Members felt it was a worthwhile project.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and the Community and Grounds Officer advised a clear agreement and understanding of how this partnership working would run needs to be clarified before any decision were made.</p> <p>It was felt WIB needed to consider the project as a way of supporting the town, its reputation and the community aspect this project offers.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: A meeting be arranged with the College and the Community and Grounds Officer be in attendance.</p> <p>The ponds at the old entrance to the Winter Gardens were also discussed however it was felt this was too much of a task.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Britain in Bloom Entry 2020</p> <p>The Spring Seminar was taking place on the Thursday 19th March in Seaton. Tickets were £20 each should volunteers wish to go. The tickets would be paid for from the WIB budget. It was an interesting programme of talks.</p> <p>Sue, Rod, Jim and Sandra would like to attend.</p> <p>The Community and Grounds Officer would email the volunteers to confirm numbers.</p> <p>It was asked that re-wilding be included on the next Agenda.</p> <p>Discussion ensued as to whether the Town Council could grow its own plants. This was deemed too expensive at this point in time.</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 12.17 pm

Signed:..... Dated: