

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.00 am

Meeting concluded: 12.10 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Roger Bailey, Jill Bute, Dave Dash, Jenny Gosden, Kareen Williams, Fay Powell (Grounds Manager) and Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Officer).

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Councillor Thornton, Willis, Philip Dinham Maureen Jackson, Roger Brown and Bev Tucker.
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none received.
3.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20th August 2019 PROPOSED: Jenny Gosden SECONDED: Dave Dash RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman thought the judging day had gone well. There were apologies received close to the date which resulted in a smaller amount of attendance. It was hoped next year more Councillors will attend. It was agreed the stand at the Flower Show was not in an ideal location.
4.	Monthly Finance Report The remaining balance after committed expenditure was £1,595.09 Some maintenance was needed on the hanging basket brackets and boats. The Brunel Train had been planted up and just needed time to become established. The judges this year had commented on the desire for more sustainable planting. The Grounds Manager mentioned an idea she had seen in Bath. Planters had been produced on casters so they could be wheeled around into various locations. This was potentially a project which Somerset Wood Recycling could be involved with. The next agenda should include Ebdon Road and the Railway Station Boat.

4.1	Volunteer Travel Expenses – Budget Considerations The Community and Grounds Officer explained how the budget this year could not be changed however the structure of the budget in future years could be looked at. Cllr Bute spoke on behalf of Cllr Thornton who had sent her apologies. Cllr Thornton wanted consideration to the allocation of budget towards volunteer expenses. RESOLVED: The Grounds Manager speak to Finance regarding volunteer travel expenses through the budget setting process for 2020/2021
5.	Planting The plants had been delivered and were ready to be planted.
6.	Resources and Locations for Re – Wilding Areas: The Town Council had recently declared a climate issue. In response to this the Chairman wondered if Weston in Bloom could “re-wild” some areas of the town. He had produced two blue hearts, a newly adopted symbol to show areas of “re-wilding”
7.	Ideas for New Volunteers and New Volunteer Training The chairman had received interest from two potential new volunteers. It was thought perhaps a media push and councillors mentioning it at their surgeries may be a good way to spread the word of volunteering opportunities. It was discussed how in future years the wheelbarrow competition entries could be displayed at Grove House or potentially the cemetery.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 12.10 pm

Signed:..... Dated: