

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY  
HELD ON TUESDAY 08<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

**Meeting commenced:** 1.00 p.m.

**Meeting concluded:** 2.15 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Roz Willis, Councillor Richard Tucker, Councillor Clive Webb, Councillor Clive Darke, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk) Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer, Kareen Williams, Jenny Gosden, Jocelyn Holder, Pauline Priestman, Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b>  No Apologies for Absence
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b>  No Declarations of Interest
3.	<b><u>Notes of the previous Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on 03.12.13.</u></b>  The notes were approved with the following amendments:  Section 3 Paragraph 5, “form” is incorrect and should be “from”  Section 8 and 9, both explanations are the same, one needs to be changed.  Bert Filer thanked the lions for their hard work at the Train Station. Pauline Priestman thought it may be a nice idea to send a letter of thanks to them.  <b><u>Action: ZS to produce letter.</u></b>  Cynthia asked if North Somerset had been made aware of the weeding and tidy up which needs to take place behind the new tubs in Grove Park. Bev explained it was on the list.
4.	<b><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></b>  Pauline Priestman rose that we need to be mindful of the financial support we give Uphill Society.  Zoe explained that the budget she has given the Working Party includes all costs up to now and expected costs. This allows the Working Party to have a complete up to date figure of their expenditure.  Zoe explained how the Working Party needs to consider the amount of money spent on flowers bought from Southbank Nurseries and to take more advantage of the free plants which can be ordered from North Somerset.  The report was circulated and accepted.
5.	<b><u>Judging Day IYNA:</u></b>  The Working Party was informed of the final arrangements for the day.

	<p>Tony Moor will leave the lunch at 2.15pm when Rob will take him to view Milton Road Cemetery. Tony will then return to Grove House where he will meet Richard Knowles and Judge The Mayors Parlour.</p> <p>Lesley Jelleyman will leave the lunch at 2.15pm and travel with Zoe to the Bournville. Here they will judge Bournville Primary School, Bournville Chocolate Garden and The Community Allotments.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Transport for Judging Day:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe informed everyone that she had approached 3 companies.</p> <p>Woodspring Taxis: This is the company WIB used last year, however there charge was £23 per hour which totalled £161 for 7 Hours.</p> <p>Cadbury Cars: £18 per hour which totalled £126</p> <p>Travelbilty: £100 for the day</p> <p>Zoe has booked transport with Travelbilty.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Route Update:</u></b></p> <p>Bev explained how Zoe had sent copies of the Route to everyone along with the information of who is in the car and when.</p> <p>Bev explained that The Rockery is not on the Route however Chris will mention that it is an ongoing project and show the judges where in the park it is.</p> <p>Jocelyn mentioned that at the end of Albert Avenue there has been some rubbish left on the corner. Bev explained that if it is on private land the council cannot remove it but will take a look and see what they can do.</p> <p>Pauline explained that Jill's Garden could do with some attention. Bev explained it is on the To Do list.</p> <p>Zoe has produced the signs for the new tubs and Bert would like to attach some gold ribbon.</p> <p>Cynthia has produced a sign for the Bio Diversity Garden explaining which flowers are there and how it is maintained.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Display Boards:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe showed the Working Party what the boards looked like.</p> <p>A discussion ensued about pictures they would like to add or how to move pictures around.</p> <p>Zoe explained that the boards have been something she has been mentioning throughout the entire process of planning for this year's Weston in Bloom. Zoe highlighted that they should be an ongoing project throughout the year, showing a timeline of events, not a last minute job at the end. Next year they need to be addressed by the Working Party earlier with pictures and press clippings being added frequently.</p>

9.	<p><b><u>Planting:</u></b></p> <p>Bert explained that there has been a lot of vandalism currently, especially at the Train Station, Worle High-street and the new Tubs.</p> <p>Bert will be working on the Train station this Sunday, the Train on Monday and Grove House on Tuesday.</p> <p>Pauline thanked all the volunteers for their hard work.</p> <p>Rob explained how the Flower Beds are all planted with the help of the Grounds team and Somerset Wood Recycling. There have been some areas of trampling and a few gaps; however this will all be resolved by Judging Day.</p> <p>Bev mentioned how the flowerbed which is looked after by Westhaven School needs to be tidied up. Rob will email Wendy.</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Rob to email Wendy regarding Flowerbed.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u></b></p> <p>No Major spends are planned.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b></p> <p>Zoe asked that she needs final names of who would like to go to the awards ceremony in Trowbridge. The final names are:</p> <p>Richard Bert Cynthia Jocelyn Roz Joan Malcolm Rob Zoe</p> <p>The trip is £18 per person. Cllr Willis explained that there are too many people going to use the Mayor transport and that a minibus will have to be looked into.</p> <p>Zoe will enquire about transport.</p> <p>Sponsorship forms were given to the Working Party. Zoe explained that we really need to push forward with sponsorship this year, meeting if not exceeding our target of £200. Rob mentioned that sponsorship can be in both forms of Financial and Donating time.</p>
.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> August 1.00pm Grove House</b></p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.15 pm

Signed: .....

Dated: .....