

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 1.35 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 3.15 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk) Councillor Cyril King, Councillor Roger Bailey, Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer, Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager), Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator) Lew Hartley

1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>The Mayor Jocelyn Holder Cllr Webb Kareen Williams</p>
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>No Declarations of Interest</p>
3.	<p><u>Notes of the previous Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on 03.12.13.</u></p> <p>The Working Party had been to visit a memorial in Milton with The Mayor before the start of this meeting to scatter Poppy Seeds.</p> <p>Councillor Bailey asked what a Pennant Award was. The Working Party explained it was a smaller judging day for individual areas or towns with a smaller population.</p> <p>It was agreed by the entire committee that due to entering Nationals this year, which has its own judging day, they will not enter Worle as a separate Pennant Award.</p> <p>Jenny asked for an update on the Homebase Project. Roger explained that he has approached the Manager of Homebase and he has agreed later on in the process to either supply us with or give discount of items such as plants and bark chippings ect. Next Monday the delivery of plastic boards is arriving for the edging.</p> <p>It was raised that we needed confirmation in writing that the Lions will still be looking after the Floral Clock again this year.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Zoe to contact Chris Nelson from the Lions.</p> <p>Pauline thought it would be a good idea to split item 3 on the agenda into a sub section called “3A: Items Raised from Minutes of the last meeting” This would make it clearer if the minutes have been approved and then if there was any outcome from them.</p> <p>The Minutes were accepted.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Monthly Finance Report:</u></p> <p>The Finance Report was circulated and accepted.</p> <p>Questions arose about the amount Keith Southey would charge us for watering if we had a particularly bad summer. It was explained how the contract was based on an average summer however figures would change depending on the weather, for instance if we had more rain one year and less watering was needed, our figures would reflect this.</p> <p>Councillor Bailey thought that the figure of £225 per watering session was a little expensive. The committee explained the area Keith waters and that he also feeds the plants and helps maintain them.</p> <p>Pauline mentioned that the committee should be mindful of the amount of money we are spending at Southbank and to look towards using more of the free plants from North Somerset. The Grounds Manager said they are good quality plants and it may be worth looking at combining our orders for Flowers to keep costs down.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Flowers for Next Year:</u></p> <p>The colour scheme suggested by Burt and The Grounds Manager for next year is “Pink into Red with Blue, White and Silver. This was agreed by the entire committee.</p> <p>The committee began discussing Sponsorship. Some members felt it was difficult to obtain and were unsure where the money goes. The Grounds Manager explained how he and Zoe had been looking into the possibility of asking businesses to sponsor hanging baskets around the town. Jenny felt it would be a good idea to get the Mercury on board and really try to publicise Weston-in-Bloom.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Zoe to obtain sponsors</p> <p>Zoe informed everyone the date for judging next year are:</p> <p>Regional: Between the 1st and 15th of July National: Between the 27th of July and the 7th August.</p> <p>It was explained to the committee that Zoe is away the last 2 weeks in July however Zoe has made Terry Porter aware and requested that the National Judging Day be in the 1st week of August. He will do his best to accommodate this.</p> <p>Zoe asked if the committee were happy to enter for the national competition next year. It was a unanimous decision.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Planting:</u></p> <p>Burt explained how the planting was all finished. He had also located a boat for the Long Fox Unit at the Hospital and Zoe had organised for it to be collected and delivered.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Updates:</u></p> <p>Zoe told the committee on the table were business cards. Bev wanted everyone to keep sending her pictures and press releases for the portfolio.</p>

8.	<u>Forthcoming Expenditure:</u> Zoe had the works for the Homebase Project to come in which would be a maximum of £515. An invoice from the Horticultural Society for £186.80 Millage Claims from Burt and Cynthia £20 Expenses Claims from Richard £20
9.	<u>Any Other Business:</u> Richard has organised for the planters to be put outside Big Worle premises and on the 4 th December he will be visiting them to give them a talk about how to plant them. Big Worle will be buying troughs, compost and plants to add to the front of the building. Lew Hartley from the Uphill Village Society explained to the committee how the donkey field in Uphill was overgrown due to the Woodland Trust not letting it be grazed this year. It will cost around £1000 to clear the field and restore it. Uphill Society has around £500 to put towards it and were wondering if Weston in Bloom would contribute the other funds needed. The committee expressed the money was not available in the budget this year. The Town Clerk mentioned they should look at applying for a grant from the Town Council as there may still be some funds left. Burt has heard from the Lions Club that they will help plant Worle next year.
Date of Next Meeting – 13th January 1.00pm Grove House	

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 3.15 pm

Signed:

Dated: