WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2015 AT GROVE HOUSE

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m. Meeting concluded: 2.15 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Councillor Cyril King, Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Kareen Williams Bev Tucker, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator)

1. Apologies for Absence:					
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roz Wills, Councillor Clive Darke, Jocelyn Holder (Mayoress), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) and Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk).				
2.	Declarations of Interest:				
	There were no declarations of interest received.				
3.	To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held of the 10 th February 2015				
	The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.				
	RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.				
3a.	a. Items raised from the last meeting held on 10 th February 2015				
	Roger Brown informed the Working Party that the Homebase Project was now completed and he had also been working on the Wave Project in preparation for Spring.				
	Jenny Gosden had a few questions regarding the reports circulated at the last meeting as she had to leave early. Zoe Scott ran through the report.				
	Cynthia Filer explained how one of the volunteers would be planting some vegetables in a bed in Grove Park				
	Action: Cynthia to contact Terry Porter to discuss dates to meet with the volunteers				
	Action: Roger to send pictures of Homebase and the Wave Project to Bev Tucker for portfolio.				
	Action: Zoe to send Pauline Priestman the reports circulated at the last meeting.				
	RESOLVED that: The minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.				
4.	Monthly Finance Report				
	Zoe informed the Working Party that they had £313.09 of the budget remaining for the financial year 2013/14.				

5. Route

Bev and Zoe presented some options to the Working Party for the 2015 route. The route could remain the same, however, but introduce changes in certain areas such as:

- Finish the tour at the cemetery instead of the Quarry.
- Miss out Alexandra parade and walk to Princess Royal Square instead.
- Leave out Jill's Garden and focus on the Bandstand.

Discussion ensued.

RESOLVED that: The route remain the same apart from:

- Finish the tour at the cemetery instead of the Quarry.
- Miss out Alexandra parade and walk to Princess Royal Square instead.
- Leave out Jill's Garden and focus on the Bandstand.

6. Forthcoming Expenditure

Zoe and Bev explained how the Town Council and BID were supporting the Weston Horticultural Society's Flower show this year and moving it to the town centre. The event would take place all day on the 8th August 2015 and have workshops and demonstrations for the public.

This would also be a great opportunity to raise awareness of In Bloom and possibly gain some more volunteers.

Zoe and Bev were asking if In Bloom would give £1000 towards the event.

Discussion ensued and the Working Party agreed it would be beneficial to In Bloom as without the Horticultural Society they would not have the volunteers.

PROPOSED BY: Pauline Priestman SECONDED BY: Kareen Williams

RESOLVED that: In Bloom donate £1000 to the flower show from their own budget 2015/16.

7. Updates for Portfolio

Bev reminded everyone to please keep sending pictures to her for the portfolio. It was coming along nicely.

8. Whitecross Association

The Whitecross association was unable to attend and therefore the agenda item was deferred to the next meeting. They were coming to discuss the possibility of In Bloom helping to supply some planters.

The In Bloom committee expressed their concerns as to who would maintain and water the planters if they supplied them.

Action: The agenda item 'Whitecross Association' be deferred to the next meeting.

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9.	IYNA				
	Zoe reminded everyone that the deadline for entering the It's Your Neighbourho awards was the 14 th March 2015.				
	The Working Party decided they would like to enter:				
	 Worle War Memorial The Donkey Worle The Mayor's Parlour 				
10.	Planting				
	Roger Brown mentioned how the basket on Bideford Road was looking run down and in need of replacing. The Working Party asked for costings to be drawn up and presented.				
	Action: Roger to produce costings for replacement basket.				
11.	Any Other Business				
	Richard explained that the Multicultural Friendly Association would be planting a tree in Grove Park to celebrate the Mayor taking over as patron.				
	Action: Zoe to look into where the tree could be planted.				
	Date of Next Meeting – 16 th April 1.00pm Grove House				

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

Signed:	Dated:	
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