

WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 09th JUNE 2015
AT GROVE HOUSE

Meeting commenced: 1.00 p.m.

Meeting concluded: 2.10 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Cllr Jocelyn Holder, Cllr Richard Tucker, Cllr Robert Payne, Bert Filer, Cynthia Filer, Kareen Williams, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Bev Tucker, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roz Willis (Town Mayor) 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 on the 12th May 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.	Items raised from the last meeting held on 12th May 2015 Item 5 Zoe explained Somerset Wood Recycling had met Bert at the boat, located outside the train station. They will prepare a mast for us next year at their workshop. Zoe had still to ask about the Wigwam structures. Item 7 Zoe, Rob and Bert have not met yet. Action: The item to be carried forward. Item 10 Zoe informed everyone that the winter planting was to come out of this year's budget. Pauline Priestman welcomed Cllr Payne to Weston in Bloom.
4.	Monthly Finance Report: The finance report was distributed and accepted. Zoe ran through the costs for Judging Day which had all come within or under the budget given. Zoe informed the Working Party that they were not to spend without authorisation from her in the first instance in order for her to monitor the budget. Bert had obtained £50 sponsorship form the garage next to the Donkey. Action: Zoe to invoice garage.

<p>5.</p>	<p>Forth Coming Expenditure:</p> <p>Cynthia wanted to know if Weston in Bloom would donate £100 to the Weston Horticultural Society's Garden Competition.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Pauline Priestman SECONDED BY: Jenny Gosden</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Weston in Bloom donates £100 to the Garden Competition.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Judging Dates:</p> <p>The two judging dates were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional, Tuesday 7th July • National, Monday 3rd August <p>Members of Weston in Bloom need to be at Grove House for 8.30am.</p> <p>Everything was going well. There was, however, one small issue with the National route. Westhaven school could not open on the 3rd August. The judges would visit St Pauls Church instead and look at their community garden. The Grounds Manager said he would talk about Westhaven School on route.</p> <p>Action: Rob to talk to the judges at the resident's garden on our National Route.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Flowershow Stands, Boards, and Meeting?:</p> <p>The Flower show is taking place on the 8th August. Zoe explained how this was a great opportunity for Weston in Bloom to attract more volunteers. Zoe asked if any of the members would be interested in helping her on the day with the stand. A few people said they may be able to.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to email the Working Party asking for help at the Flower Show.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Planting:</p> <p>Bert explained how the planting was nearly completed and that they have gained more volunteers who were working on the train. The Biodiversity Garden was looking really good and Pauline thanked Roger for all his hard work in painting the train.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager told the Working Party how their planting would be finished by the end of the week and the flowerbeds have added height to them this year.</p> <p>Richard thanked Cynthia and Bert for all there hard work.</p>

9.	Any Other Business: Richard said that Big Worle had finished their planting and that they have had some planters produced for them by Somerset Wood Recycling. The stand at the Poppy Picnic went well despite the weather conditions making it hard to stand display boards up. Beckett School Fete was happening this weekend and Richard was attending. There was discussion surrounding the Bucket and Spade display. Zoe explained that Chris Webber was tidying it up. The Grounds Manager explained how he had visited Leyhill prison to view the work they carried out. He said it may be an option for Weston in Bloom to consider in the future if there were any projects they needed help with. The residents there are trained in many skills such as Horticulture.
10.	Date of Next Meeting – 14th July 2015, 1.00pm Grove House

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.10 pm

Signed:

Dated: