

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2016
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 12.00 pm

Meeting concluded: 1.00 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Cllr Jocelyn Holder, Cllr Roz Willis, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Karen Williams, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) and Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Sue and Rod Thomas from the Horticultural Society and Cllr Martin Williams.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 12th January 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Item 1, the word “people” should be “councillors”</p> <p>Item 3a, There was a spelling mistake. “Moor” should be spelt “Moore”</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jocelyn Holder SECONDED BY: Pauline Priestman</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Items raised from the last meeting held on 12th January 2016</p> <p>Pauline requested that the Town Clerk mention at Group Leaders that there was a lack of Councillors attending the meeting and if more could attend it would be appreciated.</p> <p>Pauline asked whether we had received our regional feedback yet from judging. Zoe had contacted Tony Moore and was told the information would be on its way. Zoe will chase this up.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to chase up Regional Feedback.</p> <p>Jenny and Richard have not yet been able to contact Skidmores about sponsorship. This was an on-going task.</p> <p>Action: Jenny and Richard to contact Skidmores about sponsorship.</p>
4.	<p>Monthly Finance Report</p>

	<p>For the year 2016/2017 the Weston in Bloom budget was £21,000 and after allocating committed and expected costs, WIB have just under £2000 to put towards a project or tidying up existing projects.</p> <p>Cllr Willis mentioned that for our judging day this year we might be able to source our transport and lunch for free. Howard Goodman and Sons as well as Pitman’s Funeral Directors were keen to carry out work in the community. Cllr Willis felt that they might be able to help provide transport. Weston College were always looking for projects to showcase their students and gain further skills. The College might wish to help by organising the judging day lunch.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to investigate possible opportunities for lunch and travel this year.</p> <p>Zoe asked whether the WIB Working Party were happy to support the Flowershow again this year and donate £1000 to the event from the 2016/2017 budget. All the WIB volunteers were from the Horticultural Society and it was a fantastic opportunity to promote In Bloom to the public.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That £1000 is donated to the Flower Show from the 2016/2017 budget.</p>
5.	<p>Flowershow donation 2016</p> <p>This item had been discussed under Monthly Finance Report.</p>
6.	<p>Bucket and Spade/Greening the Grey</p> <p>The Bucket and Spade had been removed and discussion ensued on what could be planted or allocated to the space. The Grounds Manager expressed how it would make an ideal Greening the Grey project. It was agreed that firstly, it needed to be confirmed what was happening in that area once building work started at the Winter Gardens due to the college expanding.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to speak to the planning officer involved in the development and confirm whether the area in question will be affected.</p> <p>It was thought permanent planting would work well in the area.</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>The Grounds Manager explained how we could make better use of the North Somerset Free Plant Scheme in future years if we allowed the colour scheme not to be as strict in Worle. Worle was not on the judging route and, therefore, we had more room to decide what colours and plants to use. We could hold back on placing an order for plants in the Worle area from our usual suppliers and use the free plants from North Somerset which were of the same quality. This would be a good cost saving exercise and cut down on wastage.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: To hold back on ordering plants for Worle in future years in order to make use of the free plants North Somerset provide.</p>

	<p>Cllr Holder mentioned that the Wave Project was still in a dangerous condition and the metal sheets needed removing. Zoe explained that she had submitted a works request for this to happen and would speak to the Grounds Team again.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to speak to the Grounds Team about removing the metal at the Wave Project.</p> <p>Zoe had received a call from Wendy at Westhaven School. Wendy would be bringing some children to help tidy up and plant in one of the flower beds in Grove Park. She had given permission for some photos to be taken for the WIB portfolio.</p> <p>Bev mentioned that the information needed updating on the Love Weston website.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to speak to Debbie regarding the Love Weston Website.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th March 2016, 1.00 pm Grove House</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 1.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: