

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 12.00 noon

Meeting concluded: 12.45 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Knowles (Chairman), Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Pauline Priestman, Kevin Carlton (NSC), Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) and Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Debbie Matthews (Love Weston)

1.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Martin Williams, Cllr Roz Willis, Cllr Jocelyn Holder and Karen Williams</p>
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Jenny Gosden <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Pauline Priestman</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p><b>Items raised from the last meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b></p> <p>The Grounds Manager said Tony Moore had visited the Town Council Offices and was no longer working for Yate Town Council. He was surprised we had not received our feedback and would get it to us.</p> <p>Jenny and Richard were still enquiring about sponsorship from Skidmores and this was on-going. Jenny and Richard would enquire about sponsorship.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager informed the Working Party that the Wave project had now been made safe and the metal sheets removed.</p>
4.	<p><b>Monthly Finance Report</b></p> <p>The budget for 2015/2016 was fully spent.</p>
5.	<p><b>Bucket and Spade/Greening the Grey</b></p> <p>Roger Brown proposed a small project for the area which costs no more than £100. It involved tidying up the area, adding a central feature and laying down some slate. This would be a project which involved little on-going maintenance and the slate would just be topped up as and when needed.</p>

	<p>When it got to the stage of adding the slate Debbie Matthews would put Weston in Bloom in contact with a school who may be able to help. It was thought instead of just buying the 10 bags of slate recommended, to buy 1 extra to use for topping up around judging time.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> Roger to go ahead with the project beginning with tidying up the area and any spends must come out of the 2016/2017 budget in April.</p> <p>Debbie mentioned the project “Go Potty” which Love Weston was hosting in conjunction with the Sand Sculpture Festival. It was to be held at Weston Rugby Club and children would be planting up and decorating pots to brighten up the Sand Sculpture Festival. A date was still to be decided but Debbie wanted to know if this was something WIB wanted to be involved with. Discussion ensued.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> Weston in Bloom support the event none financially by attending on the day and helping with planting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Debbie to liaise with Zoe when a date is set so she can let all the volunteers know.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>It’s Your Neighbourhood Awards:</b></p> <p>Zoe reminded everyone of the deadline of the 12<sup>th</sup> March to have entries for 2016 in.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> WIB Members to enter anyone who already has not and would like to.  <b>Action:</b> Zoe to enter Worle Village</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk asked how Weston in Bloom was involved with the Flower Show. Zoe explained not only had they donated £1000 towards the event but they had a stand on the day showing the public what they do and recruiting new volunteers. Zoe attends all the meetings to help organise the event along with BID, North Somerset and the Horticultural Society.</p> <p>Richard would be putting up the WIB Boards on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Big Worle event.</p> <p>In April Zoe would order more In Bloom logo stickers for the tubs.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said the council had just renewed the lease for the Hut at Rectors Way Allotment site for another 5 years.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 1.00 pm Grove House</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 12.45 pm

Signed: .....

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