

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 03rd APRIL 2018
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.00 pm

Meeting concluded: 11.55 pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Roger Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Alan Peak (Vice Chairman) Councillor Ray Armstrong, The Town Mayor Cllr Jos Holder, Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator) Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker (Town Centre Partnership) Roger Brown, Jim Sellars, and Pauline Priestman.

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Richard Knowles, Cllr Roz Willis and Rob Thurston.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the Weston in Bloom Working Party Meeting held on the 20th February 2018</p> <p>PROPOSED: Bev Tucker SECONDED: Cllr Ray Armstrong</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Review of actions from minutes of the last meeting (Update from Community and Grounds Administrator):</p> <p>The Chairman enquired if we had received a response yet from the YMCA regarding volunteering. The Community and Grounds Administrator (CGA) said all the information had been given to them however had not heard from them yet.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman asked if any volunteers had been allocated to the Bug Hotel. The Chairman requested this be discussed under Any Other Business.</p> <p>Roger Brown explained how once the Princess Diana Flower Bed had been restored he would plant it up again in time for the judging.</p> <p>Jenny Gosden asked if any money was left over which had been allocated to Roger for the Worle War Memorial planters? The CGA said they were now in a new financial year so any purchases will come out of the 18/19 budget. Roger could purchase two planters for £80 which would be suitable.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: Roger Brown to purchase 2 planters for the Worle War Memorial for £80.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Bev Tucker SECONDED: Pauline Priestman</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried.</p>

4.	<p>Monthly Finance Report:</p> <p>The budget for year 18/19 was £19,000. However after deductions of committed spend £3,799.60 was the available balance.</p> <p>Pauline Priestman asked if a print out of the budget could be supplied at each meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Maintenance of Features:</p> <p>Roger Brown had been painting Boat 1. Bev mentioned how this year sponsorship boards need to be placed on the features. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Action: it was agreed that for the next meeting the CGA will bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of features which can be sponsored • A list of the cost to sponsor each feature • Quote for a sponsor board to be produced <p>Sponsorship will be included on the next agenda.</p>
6.	<p>Planters for Paddock Park:</p> <p>Roger had completed the switch over of planters at Paddock Park and Sandra said brilliant feedback had been received.</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Zoe had been contacted by Marina Turner from Sedgemoor District Council.</p> <p>Denise James from RHS South West in Bloom had suggested she contact Weston In Bloom with regards to their 2018 Schools Painting competition with its theme 'It's a Bugs Life'. It states that those children entering should be the 'winners' of a 'local' competition. Denise had suggested that Marina see if Weston In Bloom was going to run a children's competition. The closing date for the South West in Bloom entries to be received is 20th July 2018.</p> <p>The CGA thought it was a good idea and asked if any member of the Working Party would be willing to organise it. Sandra Sellars offered to take a look and see what Weston In Bloom could do.</p> <p>The Chairman had been approached by Friends of Grove Park as they would like to carryout out some work on the Bug Hotel and nearby flower bed. The request was of two parts:</p> <p>Bug Hotel: They would like to request that they 'upgrade' slightly the bug hotel, with a group of home school parents and their children. They look to establish wild flower planting in the bug hotel enclosed area. Should WIB be in agreement then these upgrades will be completed within the month of April, though likely within a week, weather permitting. As Friends of Grove Park they will ensure maintenance of these areas for the foreseeable future.</p>

	<p>Flowerbed: David Jennings would like to turn the flowerbed adjacent to the bug hotel into a remembrance garden for their Eldest Dog "Blaze" who sadly passed away 1 year ago. They would also like to add a plaque.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval for the project work on the bug hotel is granted for the length of 1 year when it will then be reviewed.• Approval for David Jennings to maintain the flowerbed adjacent to the bug hotel however no plaque could be instated and it was not to be turned into a memorial garden as it sets precedence.• An agreement should be drawn up and signed accordingly. <p>Roger Brown wondered what was happening to the untouched piece of land next to the Italian Gardens. Bev explained it was being incorporated in Phase 3 of the development.</p> <p>Bev announced that the BID team were entering into a specific BID category for South West In Bloom.</p> <p>More information and pictures were needed for the portfolio.</p>
8.	Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 th May 2018 at 11.00am

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 11.55 am

Signed:

Dated: