

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.00 am

Meeting concluded: 11.56 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Roger Bailey (Chairman), Councillor Jos Holder, Councillor Roz Willis, Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator) Jim Sellars, Sandra Sellars, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Roger Brown, Kareen Williams.

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong and Pauline Priestman.</p> <p>John Chapman introduced himself as the chairman of Weston Horticultural Society. In previous years Weston in Bloom had donated £500 towards the Flower Show which was greatly received. This year the show will be taking place in the Winter Gardens. It's an event for all the family to attend and will be running in August 2019. John asked if Weston in Bloom would again donate £500 towards the show.</p> <p>John Chapman left the meeting at 11.10am.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest There were none received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22nd January 2018 There was a spelling mistake on Item 10. Know should read known.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Jenny Gosden <b>SECONDED:</b> Cllr Holder</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Review of actions from minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>The sign as you enter Weston from the M5 had been cleaned.</p> <p>The chairman had contacted Perfecta Windows about the overgrown roundabout.</p>
4.	<p>Monthly Finance Report:</p> <p>The remaining balance was £133</p>
4a.	<p>Quote from Roger Brown for sustainable planting of the train:</p> <p>The quote came to £317.95 however there was a query as to whether the bark chips could be supplied free of charge. The train would be planted in the early summer. The tender needs to be planted with summer bedding and the base left clear for sustainable planting.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to source where bark chippings could be purchased or gifted from.</p>

	<p>A vote was taken and carried. It was agreed:</p> <p>A budget of £400 would be allocated to the sustainable planting of The Train.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Spring Seminar Update:</b></p> <p>The chairman attended the spring seminar on the 28<sup>th</sup> February which he said was very professional. The change in rules and requirements was discussed at the seminar as well as groups documenting and carrying out year round activity. Discussion ensued as to how WIB could achieve this, such as social media posts, blogs and other media related activities.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Zoe to produce a list of options for promoting and documenting In Bloom. This will be discussed at the volunteer planting meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.</p> <p>Also discussed at the seminar was the concept of ‘re-wilding’ areas of land. WIB used to look after a Bio Diversity Garden which is a good example of this and an area which could be developed once again.</p> <p>The Lions are looking at establishing a working clock again on Alexandra Parades Floral Clock.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Entry 2019 and Route:</b></p> <p>In previous years Weston-in-Bloom has entered the Large Town category, with an electoral figure falling between 19,000-79,999 to qualify. This year for the first time since Weston-in-Bloom has entered the national competition, they fall in the category of ‘City’ due to the electoral figure sitting 80,000 plus at 84,694.</p> <p>Zoe had spoken to the South West in Bloom secretary who arranges the entries and it appeared this is happening across many towns and cities. Development projects such as new housing and schools are causing an increase in population. South West in Bloom are going to look at potentially re-naming the categories in future years to better reflect the entries received.</p> <p>The time allocation for this year’s route is 4hrs, plus an additional 15mins per It’s Your Neighbourhood Award shown on route. This would make the total route a maximum of 4hrs 30mins long.</p> <p>The judge from last year, Richard Budge, has also suggested that Worle is put on the main route this year in light of this new news of WIB entering the ‘City’ category. This allows WIB to showcase the hard work of the volunteers. A draft route was circulated. It was decided to switch the beginning part of the route around and start at the Queensway, working back into town.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> With the above amendment the route for 2019 was agreed as presented.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p>

	<p>In response to John Chapman asking WIB to donate £500 to the Flowershow taking place in August 2019, a vote was taken and carried.</p> <p><b>RECCOMENDED:</b> WIB donate £500 to the Weston Horticulture Flower Show out of their 2019/2020 budget.</p> <p>Roger Brown is going to look at re planting the Princess Diana Bed outside Grove House.</p> <p>The Chairman has received no response from the owner of the post office at Meadvale regarding possibly planters.</p>
8.	Date of Next Meeting – 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11.00am

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 11.56 pm

Signed:.....

Dated: .....