

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Thursday 1st September 2016 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

PRESENT

Councillors Lynne Oldham (Chair), Andy Blackman, Clare Feeney-Johnson and Richard Sutton

Co-opted: Diane Winder (Horticare), Chris Rowley (SLACC), Deborah Clarke (SLDC) and Mandy Nicholson.

Also in attendance for item 5 on the agenda (Presentation on the Proposed Pollinator Project) was Stuart Lockton.

APOLOGIES

Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society)

OFFICERS

Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk), John Belshaw (Town Handyperson) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair proposed that the order of business of the agenda be amended to bring forward item 5 (Presentation on the Proposed Pollinator Project by Stuart Lockton) and this was agreed by all.

308/16/17

PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED POLLINATOR PROJECT BY STUART LOCKTON

Stuart Lockton explained that he had originally been asked to work on a national pollinator project. As no projects were approved in Cumbria or North Lancashire this did not progress. However, Janine Holt had requested he put together a proposal for Kendal. The idea being that local schools and community groups could get involved and link in with the national project through science projects. The overall budget for the proposal was £20k over 3 years. A funding bid for £10k is currently with The Ernest Cook Trust, with a decision expected by the end of September. Stuart Lockton commented that the project could run with funding of £15k.

The timeframe is for a start in January 2017, to be completed by July 2019. If the project went ahead, South Lakes Action on Climate Change would recruit a Project Adviser who would work with schools etc. Stuart Lockton was likely to be recruited for this role.

Members of the Committee discussed the matter of funding. Chris Rowley explained that The Ernest Cook Trust would only fund the schools element of the project, not the involvement of community groups. He therefore suggested that any additional funding given may be better targeted to the community side of things.

Janine Holt asked whether there were clear learning outcomes and how these would link in with the pollinator strategy. Stuart Lockton referred to the Outline Project Proposal which had been circulated, this document has since been updated. The revised document outlined the Project Objectives and how these would be met. Janine Holt commented that KTC would be budget setting shortly and, if the Committee were going to request funding, they needed to be clear about the benefits the pollinator project would have to the people of Kendal.

Councillor Feeney-Johnson proposed that the Committee agreed to top up the funding required for the first year. It was agreed that any monies left in the community element of the budget should be allocated to the Pollinator project. A decision on the funding bid with The Ernest Cook Trust be granted at the end of September. Committee to then request further monies for years 2 and 3 at Budget Council in November. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously. Chris Rowley said that this would enable him to inform The Ernest Cook Trust that additional funding had been secured for the community projects side of the proposal for the first year, which may help in a successful outcome of the current funding bid. It was also agreed that any funding left in the KIB budget at the end of the year could be allocated to the pollinator project.

Deborah Clarke suggested that LIPs funds (Locally Important Projects) could provide a further potential source of funding for the project and agreed to look into this further.

Chris Rowley advised that SLACC had arranged for a local bee keeper to speak on pollinators and bees on 16th November 2016 at 7pm in the Unitarian Chapel School Room. Everybody invited.

Chris Rowley also referred to some interesting Web links which had been passed to him. These included the Bumble Bee Conservation Trust which had a list of suggested species for pollination, the Sussex University and RHS. The Chair suggested that an article introducing the pollinator project should be included in the KTC newsletter. Janine Holt suggested the Spring edition. Members discussed ways of explaining to the public why planters etc around town may appear different to normal due to the pollinator project. Suggestions included placing a sign on relevant planters and the idea of placing a large picture of a bee, along with an explanation in the KTC newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposal to support the pollinator project should be considered at Council. This is to include an allocation of approx. £1800 from the community project budget line and that any underspend be allocated to the project.

RESOLVED

That the Committee will request further monies for years 2 and 3 at Budget Council in November.

309/16/17**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MAY 2016**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2016, which had been approved by full Council on 6th June 2016.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**310/16/17****Kendal in Bloom Competition 2016 – Allotments** (Ref Minute 1187/15/16)

Janine Holt advised that she had spoken to allotment holders at Wattsfield regarding interest in the allotments strand of the Kendal in Bloom competition and reported that there had been a misunderstanding about the competition.

311/16/17**Britain in Bloom – Shap Road** (Ref Minute 1189/15/16)

Councillor Feeney-Johnson had spoken to Queen Katherine School regarding pupils' involvement in the design of a suitable plaque for the area identified on Shap Road which would be planted up to represent each household affected by the December 2015 flooding. The School had not yet undertaken this project but would do so during the forthcoming school year.

312/16/17**Community Projects – Sandylands Allotments** (Ref Minute 1190/15/16).

Janine Holt advised that only 1 person at Sandylands Allotments had taken up the offer of seeds to plant fenced areas in an attempt to 'make grey spaces green'.

313/16/17**Wildlife Wetland Area – Underley Hill** (Ref Minute 1191/15/16)

The Chair advised that she had visited the site and reported that the project was coming along well.

314/16/17**Westmorland Horticultural Society** (Ref Minute 1201/15/16)

Janine Holt advised that she had contacted Westmorland Horticultural Society regarding the Committee sponsoring a category in their show. They were delighted at the news. She advised that the sponsorship money would be split across categories this year, however next year there would be a dedicated category. Members discussed the amount of sponsorship and agreed the sum of £75.

RESOLVED	That the sum of £75 be given to Westmorland Horticultural Society to sponsor a category in their show.
315/16/17	Costa 2 Costa Walk (Ref Minute 1206/15/16)
	The Chair thanked Councillor Blackman for organising the Costa 2 Costa litter picking walk on Sunday 22 nd May 2016. This had been a very successful event.
316/16/17	ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
	Janine Holt presented the current Terms of Reference for consideration. Members agreed that there were no revisions needed and proposed that the Terms of Reference be accepted as written.
RESOLVED	That the Terms of Reference be accepted as written.
317/16/17	CUMBRIA IN BLOOM AND BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2016 FEEDBACK
	Janine Holt reported that judging for the Cumbria in Bloom competition had taken place at the beginning of July. Critical feedback had been requested and as a result changes were made to the Britain in Bloom route.
	Britain in Bloom took place on 10 th August and everything had gone to plan. Results to be announced on 14 th October.
	The Chair thanked everybody involved in both projects.
318/16/17	KENDAL IN BLOOM 2016 UPDATE
	Janine Holt extended her thanks to all involved in Kendal in Bloom 2016. She said that there had been a great response to the Love Where you Live strand of the competition.
	The Awards Ceremony was now being organised for 15 th September which would follow the same format as previously. Janine Holt advised that she needed a photographer. Mandy Nicholson volunteered to act as photographer in order that Janine Holt could concentrate on the slide show. Janine Holt advised that the Deputy Mayor would be attending the Awards Ceremony in place of The Mayor.
	The Allotments strand would have Gold, Silver and Bronze winners along with 9 runners up.
	The Chair raised the matter of an award for the ladies at Low Orchard in recognition of their contribution. After a general discussion Members agreed to present flowers as a thank you.
RESOLVED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Mandy Nicholson act as photographer for the Kendal in Bloom 2016 Awards Ceremony.

2. That flowers be presented to the ladies at low Orchard as a thank you.

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KENDAL IN BLOOM AWARDS CEREMONY

This item was discussed above.

320/16/17

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUPPORT – POTS OF PLEASURE

Janine Holt advised that a request had been received for funding for a project entitled 'Pots of Joy'. The project would see 500 pots, one for every resident affected by the flooding on Sandylands. The amount requested was £500. Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested that the Committee supported the project on the proviso that further details of the total cost of the project be provided. Janine Holt to request this information.

RESOLVED

That Janine Holt request details of the total cost of the Pots of Joy project.

321/16/17

FLOOD MONIES

Janine Holt informed Members that the Town Clerk was looking for suggestions for suitable projects to be funded from the flood monies set aside by Council for flood related projects. She advised that there was £6,800 remaining in the pot.

Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested that £500 be assigned to the Pots of Joy project discussed above (Minute 320/16/17). This was agreed unanimously.

Janine Holt reported that at their last meeting on 18th July 2016 the Management Committee had suggested tiered planters be considered on the area of widened pavement from the bottom of Gillinggate to the top of Highgate. It had been commented that the area looked sparse due to the loss of window boxes on the Mint Works. Members discussed the suggestion but felt that it was not a suitable project to put forward for funding from the flood monies. Councillor Feeney-Johnson expressed her opinion that the existing planting in that area looked good and additional planters were not required. The Chair said the suggestion had also been made as a preventative measure to stop people parking on the widened pavement.

Deborah Clarke suggested that consideration be given to Horticare planting up seeds for wildflower plugs to be planted on verges. Deborah Clarke and Diane Winder to work on costings.

Members also discussed the build-up of silt/weeds around gutters and the contribution this could have on future flooding. It was felt that a cost was need to pull weeds etc along the main corridor through town. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Environment & Highways Committee for further consideration.

Janine Holt advised that costings etc for the suggestions put forward would be needed by 23rd September in order to present to Council at the October meeting.

RECOMMENDATION That Council consider £500 be assigned from the Floods Reserve to the Pots of Joy project.

RESOLVED

1. Deborah Clarke and Diane Winder to work on costings for Horticare to plant up seeds for wildflower plugs to be planted on verges.
2. That the idea of pulling weeds along the main corridor through town be referred to the Environment & Highways Committee for further consideration/costing.

322/16/17

2017/18 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Members discussed the 2017/18 Budget Proposals report prepared by the Town Treasurer. It was agreed to keep the budgets as they were with one additional item, being a bid for the proposed Pollinator Project to be financed by the Development Fund.

Diane Winder advised that she required costs for planters by the College. Janine Holt to obtain.

Diane Winder also advised that Horticare would be looking to increase their costs next year. Janine Holt requested details by October.

RESOLVED That a bid be made for the proposed Pollinator Project to be financed by the Development Fund.

323/16/17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end July 2016. This was accepted unanimously.

324/16/17

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that Janine Holt would request a full page in the Spring edition of the KTC newsletter. Items to be included were the pollinator project and announcement of the Kendal in Bloom competition.

The deadline for the Autumn edition was noted as 23rd September.

RESOLVED

That Janine Holt request a full page in the Spring edition of the KTC newsletter.

325/16/17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Diane Winder advised that planters at Anchorite Place were not getting maintained by residents as previously agreed. Horticare had tidied them up free of charge for the Britain in Bloom competition this year. She informed Members that she had

discussed the idea of removing the plants from the planters with Janine Holt. Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested writing to South Lakes Housing informing them that it was intended to remove the planting as residents were not working with KTC to maintain them.

RESOLVED

That Janine Holt write to South Lakes Housing informing them that it was intended to remove the planting from planters at Anchorite Place as residents were not working with KTC to maintain them.

326/16/17**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Awards Ceremony – Thursday 15th September 2016
Committee Meeting – Monday 16th January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
308	Proposed Pollinator Project	REC	That the proposal support the pollinator project should be considered at Council. This is to include an allocation of approx. £1800 from the community project budget line and that any underspend by allocated to the project.
		RES	That the Committee will request further monies for years 2 and 3 at Budget Council in November.
314	Westmorland Horticultural Society	RES	That the sum of £75 be given to Westmorland Horticultural Society to sponsor a category in their show.
316	Annual Review of Terms of Reference	RES	That the Terms of Reference be accepted as written.
318	Kendal in Bloom 2016 Update	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Mandy Nicholson act as photographer for the Kendal in Bloom 2016 Awards Ceremony. 2. That flowers be presented to the ladies at Low Orchard as a thank you.
320	Community Project Support – Pots of Pleasure	RES	That Janine Holt request details of the total cost of the Pots of Joy project.
321	Flood Monies	REC	That Council consider £500 be assigned from the flood monies to the Pots of Joy project.
		RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deborah Clarke and Diane Winder to work on costings for Horticare to plant up seeds for wildflower plugs to be planted on verges. 2. That the idea of pulling weeds along the main corridor through town be referred to the Environment & Highways Committee for further consideration/costing.
322	2017/18 Budget Proposals	RES	That a bid be made for the proposed Pollinator Project to be financed by the Development Fund.
324	Items for the Newsletter	RES	That Janine Holt request a full page in the Spring edition of the KTC newsletter.
325	AOB – Anchorite Place	RES	That Janine Holt write to South Lakes Housing informing them that it was intended to remove the planting from planters at Anchorite Place as residents were not working with KTC to maintain them.
326	Date of Next Meeting	INFO	The next meetings will be held on: Thurs 15 th Sept 2016 – Awards Ceremony Mon 16 th Jan 2017 – Committee Meeting