

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Lynne Oldham (Chair), Phil Walker (Vice Chair), Andy Blackman, Clare Feeney-Johnson and Richard Sutton
Co-opted: Chris Rowley (SLACC)
- APOLOGIES** None
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and Rose Tideswell (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 1047/16/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
- 1048/16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 1049/16/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2017**
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January, which had been approved by full Council on 6th February.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th January be accepted as a correct record.
- 1050/16/17 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**
Feedback from Britain in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom judging
(Ref minute 768/16/17)
Janine Holt reported that she had chased Liz Duncan for a response on the possible input from the gardener at the Castle Green Hotel. Janine Holt will follow up next meeting.
- 1051/16/17 West Street Railing Baskets** (Ref minute 772/16/17)
Janine Holt reported that the new brackets had been purchased and installed on the West Street planters.
- 1052/16/17 KENDAL IN BLOOM 2017 UPDATE**
Janine Holt reported to the Committee that the Kendal in Bloom Competition was launched on the 1st March 2017 via the KTC website and in the newsletter. So far, the response has been poor with three commercial entries, one school and 17 allotment holders, further promotion of the event is required. A discussion took place about various ways to raise the profile of the event and the committee were asked to think about ideas and to email these to Janine.
- RESOLVED** That Committee Members think about ideas to promote the KiB Competition and email these to Janine.

1053/16/17**CUMBRIA IN BLOOM & BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2017**

Janine Holt asked the Committee to consider whether they would like to take part in the Cumbria n Bloom Competition. The unreserved answer was yes. Janine will complete the entry form on behalf of Kendal Town Council.

Janine reported that the dates for judging the BIB competition are between 31st July and 11th August and that a confirmed date had not been received. A discussion took place as to the appropriate route in order for the judges to view the many attractive locations throughout Kendal. It was decided that the route should start from the Castle Green Hotel. Janine will draft a route in collaboration with the Chairman and Deb Clarke and will circulate to the group. Janine requested that any Committee Members emailed her with any pictures that will be used to visualise bullet points to enhance the portfolio. Janine highlighted the need to explore for some fund raising ideas. A coffee morning in the Town Hall was discussed but Members were not too keen to undertake this. The Members agreed to think about other initiatives and email Janine all their ideas. A date of Friday 16th June is in Members diaries as a possible day.

Councillors Oldham and Walker advised the Committee that they both learnt a lot at the Nottingham Britain in Bloom meeting.

RESOLVED

1. That Janine will pull together a draft route and circulate to Members.
2. That Members will consider fund raising ideas and forward them to Janine.
3. That Members put in the 16th June as a provisional date for a fund raising event.

1054/16/17**ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS AND KENDAL IN BLOOM JOINT PROJECTS****Birdcage**

The Environment and Highways did not like the wood cladding on the proposed planter and suggested walling stone with coping stones on top. Councillor Clare had previously circulated a picture of how he envisaged the bird cage to appear. The Committee endorsed the design and agreed that the walling stone and definitely no railings was the option they favoured. Janine informed the Committee that the trees in the planter were fine and she is to ask Deborah Clarke from SLDC as to what would be suitable plants for the beds. Councillor Walker asked if SLDC could clean up the birdcage prior to the Kendal in Bloom project, Janine informed the Committee that she had this in hand.

Wattsfield Roundabout

Cumbria County Council have agreed in principle to clear the shrubs that are presently there. The Committee Members are happy for the proposed improvements to take place. The suggestion was put forward to ask Horticare to plant the new space up but they may not wish to be responsible for the ongoing up keep of the space. Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested that the two ward Councillors

canvas local residents to gauge interest as to whether they would like to be involved in the ongoing maintenance of the area.

Dowker Lane planting

Environment and Highways seem to be fine with the design as did the Kendal in Bloom Committee. It was acknowledged that engagement from Deborah Clarke and SLDC is vital to the success of this project. Previously Deb Clarke had supported that SDLC would be able to provide the labouring side of this project as their contribution. Janine is to progress this with Deborah and copy David Sykes into the email. KTC would purchase the plants and possibly prepare the soil bed if required.

Janine informed the Committee that the BT building is not a current priority. Councillor Blackman stated that Stramongate School were planning to tree plant in the area next to the BT building.

The Kendal crest in Kirkland is to be redesigned by Horticare and planted up. Janine will meet with Deborah Clarke to confirm and follow up on SLDC's commitment and timetable for these joint projects.

RESOLVED

Janine to meet with Deborah Clarke, SLDC, to progress these projects.

1055/16/17

LONGPOOL PLANTER

Councillor Oldham stated that at full Council it was asked why the Longpool planter was removed. Janine informed the Committee that historically this planter was in the front of the Town Hall but due to ongoing work it was re-positioned at Longpool. However, the plants did not thrive and a decision was taken to re-position the planter, this time on Aynam Road to balance out the one already in place. Members discussed the possibility of re-positioning one of the 4 tier planters from Shap Road in that area. The Town Handyperson will progress and provide feedback at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

The Town Handyperson to explore planter options for the Longpool area.

1056/16/17

PLANTERS

Shap Road

Janine Holt informed the Committee that the last planter in the row of three on Shap Road has been vandalised but unusually all the plants have been removed and taken, not thrown around. Kendal Town Council cannot afford to keep replanting them and Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested that the planter be re-located to Longpool, Chris Rowley (SLACC) commented that he thought a more natural planting of greener colours would be appropriate in those planters. It was decided to remove the planter and Janine is to liaise with the Town Handyman as to where.

Maude Street

The two edible planters at Maude Street are to be planted up with different coloured runner beans for this year as we are struggling to secure volunteers for the ongoing maintenance of the planter.

Councillor Sutton volunteered to assist with the planting up if required. Janine suggested Age UK as a possible group who may be able to help secure volunteers.

A general discussion was held on the plants to be used for the summer planting. The Members had previously agreed to start incorporating pollinator plants into key planters, especially the ones out of the Town Centre. Janine reported that this had formed part of her initial discussions with Horton's and that she would ask the Town Handyperson to follow this up.

RESOLVED

1. The Town Handyperson to facilitate moving the vandalised planter from Shap Road to Longpool or another suitable place.
2. Janine to contact Age UK with regard to the Maude Street planters.
3. The Town Handyperson to contact Hortons to discuss the requirements for summer planting.

1057/16/17**POLLINATOR PROJECT UPDATE**

Chris Rowley (SLACC) advised the Committee that the recruitment phase of the project is nearing completion. Currently 4 schools have confirmed involvement and 2 community groups. A decision from Kirkby Kendal School is awaited. The signage for the pollinators will go up next week along with an article in the Westmorland Gazette. SLACC have met with SLDC and it has been agreed that there will only be an annual cut of the grass. It is important that people are aware that this is a science project. Wildflower plugs will be put in next year. Councillor Blackman commented that the Britain in Bloom judges do like schools to become involved. Chris stated that LIP funding had been applied for and scientists from Lancaster University are involved.

RESOLVED

Chris Rowley to update the committee on the progress made at the next meeting.

1058/16/17**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Janine Holt informed the committee that the Project Manager is compiling the newsletter. Janine had two items for the newsletter, the Dowker Lane and Bee Projects.

There will be a press release on the Pollinator Project and a source survey when/with children on site. Chris is to forward Janine these two dates

RESOLVED

Janine to liaise with the Project Manager about these articles for the next newsletter.

1059/16/17**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2016/17**

Janine Holt presented the budgetary control statement for the outturn at 31st March 2017. Janine reported that there had been an over spend on winter planting because of the vandalism, however the

overall underspend was £4,022 and this is to go into the development fund as previously agreed at Council.

RESOLVED

That the £4,022.00 underspend is to go into the development fund to support the Pollinator project over the next 3 years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS**1060/16/17**

Councillor Blackman advised the committee that he had received the Keep Kendal Mint Clean stickers for litter bins, car windows and Shop windows.

1061/16/17

Janine Holt informed the Committee she had been approached about possibly taking part in a 15 part documentary on BBC 2 called "Blooming in England" in which three or four different bloom groups will be followed over five to six days. The group agreed to be put forward for this as they felt it was an unmissable opportunity to showcase Kendal. The Committee advised Janine to put forward an official request to be considered for the programme.

RESOLVED

1. Councillor Blackman has a supply of Kendal Mint Clean stickers.
2. Janine will confirm to the production company Kendal interest in taking part in the BBC 2 programme.

1062/16/17**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

That the next meeting will be held on 10th July at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
1052/16/17	Kendal in Bloom 2017 Update	RES	That committee members think about ideas to promote the KiB Competition and email these to Janine.
1053/16/17	Cumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom 2017	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Janine will pull together a draft route and circulate to Members. 2. That Members will consider fund raising ideas and forward them to Janine. 3. That Members put in the 16th June as a provisional date for a fund raising event.
1054/16/17	Environment & Highways and Kendal in Bloom Committee Joint Projects	RES	Janine to meet with Deborah Clarke, SLDC, to progress these projects.
1055/16/17	Longpool Planter	RES	The Town Handyperson to explore planter options for the Longpool area.
1056/16/17	Planters	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Town Handyperson to facilitate moving the vandalised planter from Shap Road to Longpool or another suitable place. 2. Janine to contact Age UK with regard to the Maude Street planters. 3. The Town Handyperson to contact Hortons to discuss the requirements for summer planting.
1057/16/17	Pollinator Project Update	RES	Chris Rowley to update the committee on the progress made at the next meeting.
1058/16/17	Items for the Newsletter	RES	Janine to liaise with the Project Manager about these articles for the next newsletter.
1059/16/17	Review of spend against budget 2016/17	RES	That the £4,022.00 underspend is to go into the development fund to support the Pollinator project over the next 3 years.
1061/16/17	AOB – Kendal Mint Clean and BBC2 Documentary	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Blackman has a supply of Kendal Mint Clean stickers. 2. Janine will confirm to the production company Kendal interest in taking part in the BBC 2 programme.