

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Phil Walker (Chair), Lynne Oldham (Vice Chair) and Andy Blackman
- Co-opted: Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society) and Mandy Nicholson.
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Sutton, Horticare Representative and Deborah Clarke (SLDC)
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and Hazel Belshaw (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 443/17/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None
- 444/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- 445/17/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, which had been approved by full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July be accepted as a correct record.
- 446/17/18 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**  
**KIB, CIB and BIB 2017 Update** (ref minute 178/17/18)  
Janine Holt advised that a letter received from CCC confirmed that an agreement in principle had been reached between CCC and SLDC to share the cost of weed spraying in the town. Councillor Blackman asked if it is worth a follow up letter to establish if this had been formally agreed. Janine advised that she would follow up with Deb Clarke at SLDC.
- 447/17/18 2018 Calendar** (ref minute 183/17/18)  
Janine advised that she had invited David Jackson, the photographer, to attend this evening, although he had been unable to. The calendar proof was an agenda item.
- 448/17/18 2018/19 BUDGET PROPOSALS REPORT**  
Members discussed the 2018/19 Budget Proposals Report that had been previously circulated.
- Mandy Nicholson highlighted the number of empty hanging basket brackets there are in the town and wondered if businesses would be keen to look after them if baskets were installed. Councillor Blackman noted that the report from Cumbria in Bloom did mention

the lack of input from businesses. Councillor Walker advised that in previous years businesses had been asked but there was not much uptake. Members discussed the idea of an 'adopt a basket scheme' or 'business encouragement scheme'. If 100 businesses got involved and the cost of each basket is £25 then an additional £2,500 would be sought.

It was proposed by Councillor Blackman that the Committee recommend a Development fund proposal of £2,500 for 100 hanging baskets. This was seconded by Councillor Walker and carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION** The Committee recommend a Development fund bid of £2,500 for 100 hanging baskets for the town.

**449/17/18**

**KENDAL IN BLOOM 2017 UPDATE**

Janine updated Members on the KiB awards ceremony, which took place at the Town Hall. The event went extremely well. The cakes from Ginger Bakers were a big hit. She advised that the Allotments competition winners from last year were in the top 3 again and wondered whether it would be an idea to invite them to judge next year instead of entering. It was decided that a working group be formed to meet on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9am to discuss the 2018 competitions. Janine will circulate an invite.

**450/17/18**

**CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2017 UPDATE**

Members discussed the scoring sheet from CiB that had been previously circulated. Kendal had received 154 out of 200 giving them a Silver Gilt.

Councillor Walker thanked Janine and John Belshaw, the Town Handyperson at the time, for all their extra work. Going forward the areas for improvement need to be looked at and asked if Councillor Blackman could again work on an action plan as he had done last year. Councillor Blackman advised he will wait until the BiB report is received.

Janine advised that we need to be mindful that we currently have no Town Handyperson although an advert for the position had gone out and the potential challenges with the civic planting.

**451/17/18**

**PLANTING CONTRACTOR UPDATE**

Janine updated Members on the planting contractor, Hortons, following a meeting which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> August to run through the problems. She advised that it was a really useful meeting and Hortons would like to continue working with KTC. Deb Clarke has since had a follow up meeting with Hortons and have agreed:

- Weekly/monthly timeline of activities
- Break down of the basket locations to ensure no-local people can understand their position
- Confirmation of bedding requirements by mid-October
- Order summer bedding plants by the end of October

- When baskets are removed they will be inspected for damage before storing
- New plant supplier and nursery space has been obtained
- Compost will be ordered early
- Each basket, planter or trough will have a plant list and order of planting
- Michael from Hortons will personally oversee planting and installation

Members then discussed a colour scheme for 2018. It was felt that the use of red, white and blue would be appropriate to mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

It was proposed by Councillor Blackman to use red, white and blue as the colour scheme for the civic planting in 2018. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That a red, white and blue colour scheme be used for the civic planting in 2018.

**452/17/18**

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**Lakes Line User Group**

Members discussed the request for funding from the Lakes Line User Group that had been previously circulated. Janine advised that since this paper had been circulated she had spoken with Lakes Line who would like to amend the request to £200 since they have had an updated costing for the planting. Councillor Blackman asked if Oxenholme would be interested in something similar. Janine had spoken to them in the past and was advised they had no budget although she would get back in touch.

It was proposed by Councillor Walker to approve the grant of £200 to the Lakes Line User Group to improve the planting at Kendal station. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee approve a grant for £200 to the Lakes line User Group to improve the planting at Kendal station.

**453/17/18**

**Rinkfield Planters**

Janine advised that a member of the local community, Gary Tomlinson, from Rinkfield had advised that he may wish to ask for some funding to improve the planters at Rinkfield. He has since managed to get support from Homebase and they have now been re-planted. He may come back at some point for future support.

**454/17/18**

**SLDC PROPOSED PLANTER**

Janine advised that she has been approached by Jackie Robinson from SLDC. They would like to plant another tree in one of the big tubs near Pandora in Kendal. They will cover all initial expenses but have asked if KTC can maintain and take responsibility for the annual cost of planting. Janine advised that there is currently some flexibility in the budget to cover the ongoing planting costs.

It was proposed by Councillor Blackman to approve the maintenance of the new tub planter in town. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Committee approve the maintenance of the new tub planter in town.

**456/17/18**

**CALENDAR PROOF**

Janine presented the calendar proof from David Jackson to Members. She advised that the initial outlay to have the calendar produced would be £300 and they would sell for £5 each.

It was felt that the front cover should be changed to feature the war memorial image as this would fit with the Centenary of the end of the First World War theme. They also felt the title should be changed to Kendal Townscapes.

It was proposed by Councillor Walker to go ahead with the 2018 calendar with the changes mentioned. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That the Committee approve the 2018 calendar with the amendments mentioned.

**457/17/18**

**ROYAL AIR FORCE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

Members discussed an email from Jeremy Lawton at the RAF which had been previously circulated.

It was agreed by members that the flower bed in Kirkland be planted up using the RAF colours. This would also fit with the colour scheme of the civic planting for 2018.

It was proposed by Councillor Oldham that the flower bed in Kirkland be used to display the RAF colour in 2018. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That the flower bed in Kirkland be used to display the RAF colour in 2018.

**458/17/18**

**KENDAL IN BLOOM AND ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS JOINT PROJECTS**

Janine advised Members that the joint projects undertaken with the Environment and Highways Committee had now been completed which were the bed at Dowkers Lane and the Birdcage. Both groups will continue to work on joint projects going forward.

**459/17/18**

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

The Autumn edition has now gone to print.

Suggestions for the Spring edition:

- Planting scheme
- RAF planted bed
- Brief outline of the business competition

**460/17/18****REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18**

Members considered the Review of Spend Against Budget as at the end of September 2017.

Janine highlighted the following points:

- There is some money left from the summer planting. Due to a reduction from Hortons following the issues with the planting
- Sponsorship has gone down by £500 so will need to look at fundraising

Councillor Walker suggested contacting Kendal Nuticare on Shap Road.

**RESOLVED**

That the review of spend against budget be noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS****461/17/18**

Councillor Blackman pointed out a line in the action plan to 'reduce planter clutter'. He was unsure what this meant and would seek clarification from Environment and Highways Committee.

**462/17/18**

Janine advised that a letter to all the businesses from the Mayor has been sent to the Westmorland Gazette for publication. Councillor Blackman would also like to hand deliver copies to the businesses. Janine to amend the letter once the results of BiB are known and Councillors Blackman and Oldham to hand deliver.

**463/17/18**

Tony Rothwell advised that there is a planter missing from Longpool.

**464/17/18****DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

That the next meeting will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

**Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council**

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>448/17/18</b>	2018/19 Budget Proposals Report	<b>REC</b>	The Committee recommend a Development fund bid of £2,500 for 100 hanging baskets for the town.
<b>451/17/18</b>	Planting Contractor Update	<b>RES</b>	That a red, white and blue colour scheme be used for the civic planting in 2018.
<b>452/17/18</b>	Lakes Line User Group	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee approve a grant for £200 to the Lakes line User Group to improve the planting at Kendal station.
<b>454/17/18</b>	SLDC Proposed Planter	<b>REC</b>	That the Committee approve the maintenance of the new tub planter in town.
<b>456/17/18</b>	Calendar Proof	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee approve the 2018 calendar with the amendments mentioned.
<b>457/17/18</b>	Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations	<b>RES</b>	That the flower bed in Kirkland be used to display the RAF colour in 2018.