

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Richard Sutton (Vice Chair), Adam Edwards, Carol Hardy and Chris Rowley
- Co-opted: Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society), Caroline Stuart (Horticare), Deborah Clarke (SLDC), Mandy Nicholson and Brian Harrison
- APOLOGIES** None.
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Pierre Labat (Townscape Manager) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- 194/18/19 INTRODUCTION**
- The Chair welcomed those present. General introductions then took place, this being the first meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee following recent KTC elections.
- 195/18/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- Councillor Eamonn Hennessy was in attendance for item 7 on the Agenda (Fletcher Park Community Support Funding Request).
- 196/18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- There were no declarations of interest made at this point.
- 197/18/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2018**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2018, which had been approved by full Council on 14th May 2018.
- Councillor Sutton proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Brian Harrison and carried unanimously.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th April 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)
- 198/18/19 Update on Planters (Ref Minute 1132/17/18)**
- Janine Holt advised that matters had progressed. The Town Clerk had taken the decision to replace the trees immediately and this work had been carried out. Unfortunately it appears the trees are failing. It is not known whether this is due to the unusually hot weather or timing of the works. Advice received from Graham Nicholson was to

keep watering the trees and monitor over the coming months. It was agreed to follow this advice and report back at the next meeting in October.

RESOLVED To continue watering the replacement trees and monitor progress. Report to be given at next Committee meeting.

199/18/19 BID Application (1135/17/18)

The Chair requested an update on the completion of an application form for submission to BID for the funding of various projects. Brian Harrison advised there would be a re-ballot in November and suggested waiting until then. It was agreed to put on hold for the time being.

RESOLVED That the application to BID for funding of various projects be put on hold until after the re-ballot in November.

200/18/19 **REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members considered the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

The Chair asked Members for their thoughts on holding Committee meetings on an alternative day of the week. After a general discussion it was agreed to continue with quarterly meetings on a Monday evening.

Councillor Edwards proposed that the Terms of Reference be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Sutton and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Terms of Reference be accepted.

201/18/19 **APPOINTMENT OF EX CLLRS OLDHAM AND WALKER AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Committee discussed the appointment of ex Councillors Oldham and Walker as co-opted Members. It was the Chair's understanding that a maximum of 5 co-opted Members were permitted. As Committee currently have 5 co-opted Members it was agreed clarification should be sought on the rules. The Chair and Janine Holt will make enquiries.

RESOLVED That the Chair and Janine Holt seek clarification as to the rules on co-opted Members.

202/18/19 **FLETCHER PARK COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING REQUEST**

At the last meeting Committee had considered a request for a contribution of £300 towards the cost of 10-15 replacement trees at Fletcher Park. The request had been made by members of the community who were unhappy about recent felling of trees in the Park, along with several other issues of concern. Committee had requested further information.

Councillor Eamonn Hennessy attended the Committee meeting as a member of the public and also as Ward Councillor. He informed Members that the Park had originally been owned by residents of Parr Street and Sunnyside. In early 2018 a number of trees had been felled by SLDC without notice. The trees were at the end of their natural life cycle. This action prompted a meeting of a number of residents who felt they had not been kept informed. Eamonn Hennessy had met with around 25 residents and it was suggested that the group formally constitute themselves. This has been actioned and the group are now reconstituted as The Friends of Fletcher Park. He advised that the group has received funding offers from SLDC and Councillor Rachael Hogg towards replacement trees. The group were requesting a contribution of £300 from KTC and would match any funds granted by the Committee. The estimated cost is £1,200-£1,500.

Deborah Clarke commented that if the work was actioned it may be relevant to the judging of future Bloom routes.

The Chair queried timescale. Eamonn Hennessy advised that planting would likely be October/November this year. Species etc need to be discussed and agreed.

Tony Rothwell asked whether SLDC would be looking at land drainage issues. Deborah Clarke confirmed they would.

Chris Rowley referred to the policy to replace any lost trees. Deborah Clarke confirmed this policy was in place, however trees would not necessarily be replaced in the same location as they were lost. She advised that a record of lost trees and replacement trees was kept. Any possible locations for the planting of new trees was also noted.

Brian Harrison referred to previous discussions in connection with a memorial arboretum which would stretch along Gooseholme. He suggested that if a plan could be put together for when the tree planting budget was next available (it is issued in tranches) it could be presented to the BID. The replacement trees are part of a larger plan and could be linked into BID proposals. He added that the Environment Agency are also keen.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards that Committee grant £300 to The Friends of Fletcher Park. This was seconded by Councillor Hardy and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

That Committee grant £300 to The Friends of Fletcher Park towards the cost of replacement trees.

203/18/19

CUMBRIA IN BLOOM JUDGING

The Chair advised that two judges had been escorted around the Cumbria in Bloom route (one of which was a mentor to KTC). Feedback received was very positive and the Chair was confident that a good report would be received. The Awards ceremony is in September when the results will be announced.

Councillor Rowley mentioned that residents of Wainwright Court had congratulated KTC on this year's blooms.

Tony Rothwell referred to the hanging of baskets and mentioned that he thought these were traditionally hung lower on the chains. The Townscape Manager was not aware of this (having not received a handover period). It would be taken into consideration next year, although it was noted that baskets are now hung by the contractor due to health and safety reasons.

Brian Harrison mentioned the Air Cadets and a watering scheme for businesses hanging baskets. He said that if such a scheme could be implemented it would encourage more businesses to participate.

The Chair noted that as Mayor last year he had written a generic letter to businesses thanking them for their participation. Janine Holt commented that there had been a high level of business participation and it was important this be acknowledged. It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter.

RESOLVED

That the Chair write a letter to businesses thanking them for their participation.

204/18/19

UPDATE ON KENDAL IN BLOOM INITIATIVE

The Kendal in Bloom competition runs alongside Cumbria in Bloom. The theme this year is celebrating the centenary of the end of WW1, using the colours red, white and blue. Janine Holt advised that 3 allotment holders, 3 businesses, 2 community projects and 5 schools would like to take part.

Volunteers were requested to visit sites, take photographs etc. The volunteers will say a few words and present the certificates at the KIB Awards Ceremony which will take place on 20th September 2018. The following was agreed:

- Allotments – Mandy Nicholson and Tony Rothwell. To be arranged during the next two weeks.
- Businesses – Lynne Oldham and Mandy Nicholson.
- Community Projects – Councillors Rowley and Sutton.

The Chair announced that he had arranged for a guest speaker at the presentation evening. Jacqui Cottam, a governor at Heron Hill School, initiated a project at the school and was recently involved in the Tatton Park Flower Show. The Chair expressed his wish to develop the KIB Awards Ceremony and said he would like a guest speaker each year.

205/18/19

KENDAL IN BLOOM ACTION PLAN

The Chair presented an Action Plan which consisted of feedback received from Britain in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom competitions

last year, along with action points. The Plan was broken down into three sections, (a) Horticultural Achievement, (b) Environmental Responsibility and (c) Community Participation. Members were requested to consider the Action Plan and email any ideas on how the action points could be moved forward to the Chair. It was agreed to discuss the Action Plan further at the next meeting.

The Chair noted a previous aspiration for the KIB Committee to work on year round activity. He put forward an idea to create wheelbarrow gardens which would take part in the Torchlight parade. The Torchlight theme is storybooks and authors and the wheelbarrows would be decorated accordingly.

Members discussed the idea and agreed it was worth pursuing. Brian Harrison suggested involving the cadet forces and mentioned a Red Arrow wheelbarrow display. It was agreed that he would research this further.

Tony Rothwell suggested using a trailer on the back of the KTC vehicle with the wheelbarrows on the trailer. Members agreed unanimously with this idea and agreed the story theme would be Peter Rabbit.

It was further agreed that a working group comprising of the Townscape Manager, Janine Holt, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Blackman, Caroline Stuart and Tony Rothwell would progress the idea.

It was suggested by the Chair that themes for school gardens be included in the Action Plan and on the agenda for the next meeting in October. Members agreed that schools should be informed early in the year (January).

It was also suggested by the Chair that Keep Kendal Mint Clean be involved in the last part of the parade, picking up any litter.

Janine Holt had been approached by the British Legion regarding the option to purchase military silhouettes for Remembrance Sunday. The silhouettes cost £250 each and are made from sheet metal. Proceeds go to the Poppy Fund. There was a general discussion and various suggestions were made for possible locations for placing the silhouettes. The Chair queried whether the matter would be best considered by the Mayoralty & Arts Committee and this was agreed. Town Clerk to be asked how best to progress.

RESOLVED

1. That the Action Plan be discussed further at the next meeting.
2. That the nominated working group progress the idea of wheelbarrow gardens to participate in the Torchlight parade.
3. That themes for school gardens be considered at the next meeting and included in the Action Plan.
4. That the Mayoralty & Arts Committee be asked to consider the possible purchase of military silhouettes. The Town Clerk to be asked how best to progress.

206/18/19**CUTTING OF GRASS VERGES ON SHAP ROAD**

Mandy Nicholson reported that the grass verges on Shap Road had looked better this year. However the area underneath the railway bridge is a grot spot, as is the area near the Porsche garage and Harry's Pantry. She also mentioned a tree near the cricket club which was growing over the path and was almost impossible to walk under. The problem of litter outside the laundry was also highlighted. It was agreed that a letter would be written from the Committee in respect of the litter.

Mandy Nicholson also reported that brambles were forcing down the wall directly opposite the new Sainsbury's. Deborah Clarke said this may be the responsibility of Queen Katherine School but would check.

On a positive note, Mandy Nicholson noted that the flowers on the rise looked very good. Deborah Clarke advised that she would follow up as many issues as possible.

RESOLVED

1. That a letter be written on behalf of the Committee regarding the litter problem outside the laundry on Shap Road.
2. Deborah Clarke to follow up as many issues highlighted as possible.

207/18/19**CROCUSES 2018/2019 – KENDAL ROTARY**

Janine Holt advised that KTC had been involved with the Kendal Rotary initiative to plant crocuses around the town for the past 5-6 years. KTC normally fund 10,000 crocuses. Kendal Rotary were seeking funding for this year's planting.

Councillor Rowley suggested appropriate locations for planting needed to be considered, along with a policy on colour choice.

Following a general discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Hardy to fund 10,000 crocuses, subject to approval of planting locations. This was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried with 1 Member against.

RESOLVED

That Committee continue to work with Kendal Rotary and fund the purchase of 10,000 crocuses for this year's planting.

208/18/19**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**Autumn/Winter 2018 Edition:

- CIB results
- Torchlight – photograph of trailer.

Spring 2019 Edition:

- KIB initiative
- Possibly a litter pick.

209/18/19**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2018/19**

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end of June 2018. The following was highlighted:

- Community Projects budget - expenditure agreed during the meeting for crocus planting and grant of £300 to the Friends of Fletcher Park.
- Installation & Maintenance – overspent by £197.
- Pollinator Project – £1,300 budget remaining. The Chair requested a report be presented on progress of the Pollinator Project at the next meeting by Councillor Rowley.

Councillor Edwards referred to Sponsors and suggest that, with the issues at Shap Road and Appleby Road in mind, Sainsbury's be approached for sponsorship, along with industrial businesses and other shopping outlets in that area of town. It was agreed that Janine Holt would pursue.

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Rowley present a report on the Pollinator Project at the next Committee meeting.
2. That Janine Holt pursue the idea of approaching Sainsbury's, along with industrial businesses and other shopping outlets in that area of town, for sponsorship.

210/18/19**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

As Chair of the Sandylands Residents Association, Councillor Edwards informed Committee of the desire for planters at the top of Sandylands Road. It was suggested by the Townscape Manager that the planters which had been moved from Blackhall Road to make way for the new bus shelter could potentially be relocated. There was a general discussion regarding responsibility of planting/maintenance etc. Councillor Rowley pointed out that the Action Plan referred to a lack of colour at Blackhall Road and queried whether these planters should be replaced.

It was agreed that the Chair would give the request for planters further consideration and explore the suggestion with the Environment & Highways Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Chair give the request for planters at the top of Sandylands Road further consideration and explore the suggestion with the Environment & Highways Committee.

211/18/19**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

That the next meeting will be held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
198	Update on Planters	RES	To continue watering the replacement trees and monitor progress. Report to be given at next Committee meeting.
199	BID Application	RES	That the application to BID for funding of various projects be put on hold until after the re-ballot in November.
200	Terms of Reference	RES	That the Terms of Reference be accepted.
201	Appointment of Ex Cllrs Oldham and Walker as Co-opted Members	RES	That the Chair and Janine Holt seek clarification as to the rules on co-opted Members.
202	Fletcher Park Community Support Funding Request	RES	That Committee grant £300 to The Friends of Fletcher Park towards the cost of replacement trees.
203	Cumbria in Bloom Judgin	RES	That the Chair write a letter to businesses thanking them for their participation.
205	Kendal in Bloom Action Plan	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Action Plan be discussed further at the next meeting. 2. That the nominated working group progress the idea of wheelbarrow gardens to participate in the Torchlight parade. 3. That themes for school gardens be considered at the next meeting and included in the Action Plan. 4. That the Mayoralty & Arts Committee be asked to consider the possible purchase of military silhouettes. The Town Clerk to be asked how best to progress.
206	Cutting of Grass Verges on Shap Road	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a letter be written on behalf of the Committee regarding the litter problem outside the laundry on Appleby Road. 2. Deborah Clarke to follow up as many issues highlighted as possible.
207	Crocuses 2018/2019 – Kendal Rotary	RES	That Committee continue to work with Kendal Rotary and fund the purchase of 10,000 crocuses for this year's planting.
209	Review of Spend Against Budget 2018/19	RES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Councillor Rowley present a report on the Pollinator Project at the next Committee meeting. 2. That Janine Holt pursue the idea of approaching Sainsbury's, along with

			industrial businesses and other shopping outlets in that area of town, for sponsorship.
210	AOB – Planters at the top of Sandylands Road	RES	That the Chair give the request for planters at the top of Sandylands Road further consideration and explore the suggestion with the Environment & Highways Committee.