

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Phil Walker (Chair), Lynne Oldham (Vice Chair), Andy Blackman, Stephen Coleman and Richard Sutton
- Co-opted: Martin Oldham (Horticare) and Brian Harrison (BID)
- APOLOGIES** Deborah Clarke, Mandy Nicholson and Chris Rowley
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Pierre Labat (Townscape Manager) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- 1127/17/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- None.
- 1128/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- There were no declarations of interest made at this point.
- 1129/17/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, which had been approved by full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Councillor Oldham proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
- 1130/17/18 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**
- Janine Holt referred to Minute 975/17/18 regarding the planting tender. She advised that she had drafted the tender document and it had been sent to the Town Clerk and the Treasurer for comment. The document would be available at the next Committee meeting for further consideration.
- 1131/17/18 KENDAL IN BLOOM AND CUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS 2018**
- Kendal In Bloom
- Janine Holt advised that paperwork was being prepared and matters were progressing.
- There had been a good response from schools. Committee were informed that Selside School had asked whether they could take part in the competition, although they were outside the Kendal boundary. Members discussed the possibility but felt that as it was Kendal

residents paying towards the cost of entering the competition (as tax payers) it would be unfair. Also, they could not accept entry from one Parish and turn down another. It was agreed that the Assistant to the Town Clerk would write to Selside School explaining that unfortunately they could not participate and explain the reasons why. The Chair suggested that they could enter the Cumbria in Bloom schools category. It was also pointed out that they could encourage their own Parish Council to take part in the competition.

Janine Holt advised that the paperwork had been sent out to schools. The reply slip which is usually sent out with the KTC newsletter had been omitted, therefore a brochure was being prepared for distribution. The Westmorland Gazette would also be approached. Members discussed other ways in which the competition could be publicised to the community.

Committee had previously discussed ways to engage with local businesses and the idea of a Business Challenge. Following agreement with the Christmas Lights and Festival Committee to undertake work on testing the existing flag poles on the businesses along Highgate, it had been suggested that businesses be invited to take part in an initiative that enables them to purchase a flag from countries around the world and display throughout the summer. Janine Holt advised that the flag poles had been load tested and were fit for purpose.

Members were asked whether they wanted to design a KIB flag. After a general discussion it was agreed that this would be a good project for schools. The timeline would be to have the flags in place prior to the Unity Festival on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There would be 58 flags in total. Members discussed ideas for design, type of material etc. It was agreed that Janine Holt would approach schools and obtain costings.

The Chair queried liability should a flag fall down. Janine Holt replied that she would check with the Treasurer.

Brian Harrison offered to speak to Mike Ormrod and find out if he could print onto the desired size flag. He would also ask BID whether it would be possible to write to all businesses. He referred to a flag pole which had been purchased by BID and said he would investigate

#### Cumbria in Bloom

Janine Holt had met with a mentor who had made suggestions for planting etc. The competition organisers are aware that there is no planting contractor in place and will take this into account.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Janine Holt approach schools regarding designing a CIB flag and also obtain costings.
2. Brian Harrison to speak to Mike Ormrod regarding printing the flag and ask BID whether it would be possible to write to all businesses. He would also investigate the cost of a flag pole purchased by BID.

**1132/17/18****UPDATE ON PLANTERS**

Janine Holt presented a paper regarding waterlogged planters which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It had been agreed at the last meeting that the Townscape Manager would undertake some investigative work on the planters. It had been noted by staff and the public that a number of planters had been constantly waterlogged. The problem is severe at the Aynam Road site and along Highgate.

The investigation had found that no gravel had been used when the planters were first installed, this resulted in the drain holes becoming blocked over time. It also highlighted that the membrane matting in the planters only has a life span of 4 years before it needs to be replaced. Trees are pot bound which is also affecting the drainage in the tree tubs.

It was noted that all trees in plaster containers would need replacing. Two trees would need replacing this year (outside Fish Express and McDonalds), otherwise they would perish. The replacement of the other trees could be deferred over a programme running up to May 2019. Members discussed the need for road closures if the work took place in the daytime. It was suggested that Janine Holt investigate the possibility of night time work or other alternative timings and obtain costings for the various options.

The Chair asked what the impact would be if the trees were not replaced. Janine Holt advised that complaints were likely from the public and it would not be in line with the clean air quality initiative. Brian Harrison added that one of Kendal BID's objectives was for a cleaner environment and they would be keen to protect the trees. He commented that BID may be keen to fund the cost of the new trees and encouraged the Committee to approach them for funding.

Councillor Oldham proposed that Committee approach BID for funding to replace the trees (the 2 trees requiring replacement this year initially and then the remainder). Also that Janine Holt investigate options for the timing of the works and obtain costings. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

It was pointed out that there are no funds in the current budget (2017/18). Contingency budget funds would be required if funding from BID was not forthcoming.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Committee approach BID for funding to replace the trees.
2. That Janine Holt investigate options for the timing of the works and obtain costings

**1133/17/18****COMMUNITY SUPPORT TREE PLANTING – FLETCHER PARK**

Janine Holt reported that she had been approached by members of the community who were unhappy about the recent felling of trees in Fletcher Park. A group had been formed to raise funds to plant new trees and Committee had been asked whether they would be willing to contribute. SLDC had advised that they had no funds available for replacement of the trees but would fund the planting. They group

were looking for a contribution of £300 towards the cost of 10-15 new trees. They would match any funds granted by the Committee.

Following a general discussion Members agreed that further information was required from the community group regarding the size of the trees proposed etc. Brian Harrison advised that BID had a consultation document for a comprehensive tree planting scheme and would be eager to work with them. This would see New Road as the hub with spokes stretching out to Fletcher Park and the Castle.

Councillor Oldham proposed that Janine Holt request further information from the community group. Also put them in touch with BID and advise them of their interest. This was seconded by Councillor Coleman and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That Janine Holt request further information from the community group. Also put them in touch with Kendal BID and advise them of their interest.

**1134/17/18**

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to include the following items in the July publication:

- Community projects.
- Kendal in Bloom competition (autumn edition for the results).
- Article on the tree situation (autumn edition).
- Article regarding work to waterlogged planters.

**1135/17/18**

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

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end of March 2018.

Councillor Coleman commented that it would be useful to have sight of the budget for the next financial year (2018/19). Janine Holt said she would speak to the Treasurer.

Brian Harrison was asked whether he considered BID would support funding the flags discussed earlier in the meeting. He replied that BID were trying to standardise the brackets for the flag poles and would be contacting businesses to ask whether they wanted a new bracket. He said there was no reason why Committee could not approach BID for funding as the project fitted with BID's objectives.

Brian Harrison went on to suggest that Committee produce a list of projects where assistance with funding was required and present this to BID for consideration. Members agreed this could include the new trees (2 initially then further trees), the flags for the CIB competition, improvement works to planters and trees at Fletcher Park. Brian Harrison offered to obtain an application form and a copy of the BID objectives. He would also assist Janine Holt in completing the application form.

**RESOLVED**

That Brian Harrison assist Janine Holt in completing an application to be submitted to BID for the funding of various projects

**1136/17/18****ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Martin Oldham thanked the Committee for providing work placements for two Horticare members of staff. Councillor Coleman commented that this was a positive story of KTC helping the community and suggested it be publicised.

The Chair thanked all Members of the Committee for their input over the past four years and especially during his time as Chair. He also thanked Continental Landscapes for their assistance and KTC Officers, especially during the KIB and CIB competitions last year.

Councillor Blackman advised that 67 people had been involved in the recent litter pick. The next event would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May in conjunction with Costa Coffee at K-village. He had noticed that there was a National 'Pick up Plastic' campaign on 13<sup>th</sup> May and was considering an litter pick event to coincide with that.

Janine Holt advised that there was a 4 tier planter at the bird cage which was beyond its life. There were 4 promenade planters available which had been outside the Town Hall and Committee were asked whether they wished to swap the 4 tier planter with 2 promenade planters. New locations for the other 2 promenade planters would be found. There were no objections to the suggestion. Councillor Blackman advised that Chestnut Developments were looking for planters.

**1137/17/18****DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

That the next meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 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>1131</b>	Kendal in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom Competitions 2018	<b>RES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Janine Holt approach schools regarding designing a CIB flag and also obtain costings.</li> <li>2. Brian Harrison to speak to Mike Ormrod regarding printing the flag and ask BID whether it would be possible to write to all businesses. He would also investigate the cost of a flag pole purchased by BID.</li> </ol>
<b>1132</b>	Update on Planters	<b>RES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Committee approach BID for funding to replace the trees.</li> <li>2. That Janine Holt investigate options for the timing of the works and obtain costings</li> </ol>
<b>1133</b>	Community Support Tree Planting – Fletcher Park	<b>RES</b>	That Janine Holt request further information from the community group. Also put them in touch with Kendal BID and advise them of their interest.
<b>1135</b>	Review of Spend Against Budget 2017/18	<b>RES</b>	That Brian Harrison assist Janine Holt in completing an application to be submitted to BID for the funding of various projects