

Kendal Town Council

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3 April 2023

To Members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	J Cottam
Cllr D Brown	M Nicholson
Cllr L Hendry	C Stuart-Smith (Horticulture)
Cllr R Sutton	Toni Yates (Kendal Civic Society)

You are invited to a meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee on Tuesday, 11 April 2023, at 6.00 p.m. (**please note change in time**), in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website. www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk.

(Distributed to other Members of the Council for information only.)

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

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1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, S.85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Minutes from the Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on 13 February 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record (see attached).

5. Minute Action Sheet

To consider a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings (see attached).

6. Review of Spend against Budget 2022/23

To note the Committee's spend against budget (see attached) and to consider a funding request from Rotary Club.

7. Kirkland Crest – Coronation Garden

To receive a verbal update on the Coronation Garden.

8. Beezon Fields Planting Scheme

To receive a report on the Beezon Fields scheme.

9. Kendal, Cumbria and Britain Bloom 2023

To receive an update report on the bloom initiatives 2023.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee held on Monday, 13 February 2023, at 6.00 p.m. in the Romney Room at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Kendal Town Council Members

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	Present	Cllr D Brown	Present
Cllr L Hendry	Present	Cllr R Sutton (Vice-Chair)	Present

Co-optees

J Cottam	Present	M Nicholson	Apologies
C Stuart-Smith (Horticare)	Present	A Yates (Kendal Civic Society)	Present

In attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk), Inge Booth (Democratic Services Assistant), Janine Holt (Council Services Officer) and Pierre Labat (Townscape Officer). Terry Parr (Kendal Conservation Volunteers) was present as a member of the public.

B20/2022 Chair's Announcement

The Chair introduced and welcomed the Committee's new Co-optee, J Cottam.

B21/2022 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from M Nicholson (Co-optee).

B22/2022 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

B23/2022 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

B24/2022 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee held on 17 October 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

B25/2022 Minute Action Sheet

The Committee considered a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings.

B12/2022 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To circulate to Members notes of the two meetings of the Working Group regarding Kendal in Bloom.

Cllr Hendry informed the Committee that the bulb planting at Hallgarth was going ahead without any further cost to the Council.

B18/2022 – Wildflower Planting

Members were informed that a response from Cumbria County Council regarding wildflower planting at Asda Roundabout remained outstanding.

With reference the position at which the Christmas tree was erected each Christmas and the recent proposal to place a hanging basket structure in its place, Members were informed that officers were currently trying to establish who owned the site. The Town Clerk stressed the importance of gaining permission from the owner of the site prior to purchasing the hanging basketry.

Reference was made to B12/2022 of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 October 2022 and to a proposed visit to Heron Hill School in Spring 2023. J Cottam, Co-optee, suggested that this should take place one evening later in the Spring.

Resolved: To make arrangements for Members and those interested in engaging with the agenda to visit Heron Hill School one evening at the end of May 2023.

Resolved: To note the report

B26/2022 Review of Spend against Budget 2022/23

The Council Services Officer presented the report, informing Members that a figure of £5,802 remained available in the Committee's 2022/23 Budget. Reference was made to a figure of £1,468 which had been approved for the hanging basket structure at Kendal Market Place. The Council Services Officer further referred to the proposed planting of wildflowers and to £1,600 having been provisionally spent in this regard, although permission was awaited from the County Council. The situation with regard to the planters on Finkle Street at a cost of £495 was similar, with permission also awaited from the County Council. The Chair suggested, therefore, the potential for £6,000 to remain in the budget, and the Council Services Officer drew attention for funding towards the Kirkland Crest and Coronation Bed project.

The Chair, therefore, proposed a list of possible contingencies, firstly to include two planters to sit behind the railings at Stricklandgate House. The Town Council would only need to supply funding for soil, compost and plants. He suggested that the organisation be sent a grant application form and for the earmarking of £500.

Resolved: To earmark in principle a sum of £500 for the supply of soil, compost and plants for two planters at Stricklandgate House, the final decision to be delegated to the Chair in consultation with officers, with a report to be brought back to a future meeting.

A further suggestion was raised for the refreshing of the planters by Nobles Rest, at an estimated cost of £100.

Resolved: To earmark in principle a sum of £100 for the refreshing of the planters at Nobles Rest, the final decision to be delegated to the Chair in consultation with officers, with a report to be brought back to a future meeting.

The Council Services Officer referred to the need to make available funding for compost for the hanging basketry in Kendal Market Square, at a cost of £390. The Townscape Officer took the opportunity to inform Members of a reduction in the estimated cost of the metal ware of the basketry, due to the blacksmith having suggested converting an existing metal item.

Resolved: To earmark a sum of £390 for compost in relation to the hanging basketry in Kendal Market Square.

The Town Clerk provided clarification, pointing out that the proposals would bring expenditure to a total of £4,500 (from £5,802) and so allowing room for contingencies.

Resolved: To note the review of spend against budget at 5 February 2023.

B27/2022 Kirkland Crest – Coronation Garden

The Council Services Officer presented the report, explaining that the project was being led by the Development and Delivery Manager.

The report indicated that Full Council had agreed funding of £10,000 to mark the Coronation of King Charles. Officers had identified the Kirkland Bed as an area that needed attention ahead of Britain in Bloom and that could be improved as a sustainable legacy to the Coronation. In order to keep improvements within budget, corporate sponsorship had been secured from Lakeland Gardens who would design and plant the space at a reduced rate. Working in partnership with Lakeland Gardens, a Coronation themed garden would be designed and created, complete with the King Charles' favourite flowers, Delphiniums, and a commemorative stone to mark the occasion. Lakeland Gardens' professional design would be approved by the Kendal in Bloom Committee. The bed was owned by Kirkland Parish but managed by South Lakeland District Council who were happy to confirm permission on receipt of professional design. The total cost for this would be £5,000, with an additional £5,000 secured via corporate sponsorship. On Saturday, 6 May 2023, the Mayor would officially open the Coronation Garden, with residents, sponsors and partnership being invited to the opening. The sought funding for the preparatory work to the area at Kirkland Bed, at a cost of £1,506, plus £250 for the removal of garden waste. The cost of repainting of the Kirkland Crest was shown as £800.

The Council Services Officer explained that things had moved on since the report had been written, with the Environment Agency since having indicated that they had a scheme to plant up the area. She pointed out, however, that she was still asking the Committee for the funding, although she was unsure at this stage whether it would still be required. She explained the need for discussion with the Environment Agency as regards the Town Council's requirements for the planting. The painting of the Crest remained, however, in the Town Council's gift, and she informed Members that the Environment and Highways Committee had already approved this work. She stressed, however, the need for the Kendal in Bloom Budget to be spent.

Resolved: If required to provisionally, the funding of the preparatory work to the area at Kirkland Bed from the Kendal in Bloom budget, as outlined within the report, with the Chair, in consultation with the Town Clerk, being delegated authority to authorise the spend, as and when necessary.

B28/2022 Bishops Court Planting Scheme

The Council Services Officer informed the Committee that a small working group with representation from Kendal Town Council and South Lakes Housing had been looking at ways in which to visually improve the planters which were located on Bishops Court. The proposal was to clean up the exterior of the four concrete planters and to install new plants. This was a one-off request to improve the area. The planters would not form part of the civic planting regime and would be maintained by the residents of Bishops Court, with the residents being fully on board with the scheme.

The Council Services Officer undertook to circulate photographs of the area the following day.

Concern was expressed at the potential for this to become high maintenance for the Town Council and suggested, therefore, that the matter be brought to the next meeting of the Committee, following Members having had sight of the photographs. The Chair further encouraged Members to visit the site.

Members welcomed involvement of the community in the scheme and the opportunity for them to become involved.

Resolved: To circulate photographs of the area to Members of the Committee and to bring the matter back for a decision at the next meeting.

B29/2022 Kendal in Bloom 2023

Reference was made to the working group meetings which had taken place in relation to Kendal in Bloom 2023. The Chair proposed the need to include consideration of the Kendal Futures' project in relation to smartening Kendal's Yards.

The Council Services Officer reported that two meetings had been held to date and that whilst the group had struggled for ideas, a desire had been expressed for a link to Kendal wool, as well as including an element of horticulture, with a proposal having been suggested for a Crown and Throne themed competition. The aim was to open the competition up to business, schools and the community, to create a throne with a crown, using wool and flowers. To this end, she said that she would be contacting relevant organisations and the Wool Festival organisers, also engaging assistance from contacts at Kendal BID. The aim was to thus mark the Coronation, with King Charles being patron of the British Wool Society and taking into consideration his other interests in relation to organic gardening and biodiversity. Those taking part would be encouraged reflect King Charles' interests within their designs. Terry Parr (Kendal Conservation Volunteers) stressed the need to also emphasise links to Kendal Green Cloth which had been made in the Town and attention was further drawn to the motto on the Town's Crest – Wool is my Bread. The Council Services Officer reported that it was hoped to launch the project on 1 March 2023. Businesses would be invited to display the finished pieces in their windows.

The Council Services Officer undertook to speak to Cool Crafting with regard to the provision of wool. She informed the Committee that the Projects Officer would design and produce a flyer for circulation to the community, clubs and societies, and allotment holders. It was pointed out that the judging date could not be made to tie in with the Coronation and it was, therefore, suggested that this should wait for either Cumbria or Britain in Bloom. It was further suggested that King Charles might be invited, on behalf of the Committee, to view the chairs.

Resolved: To invite King Charles, on behalf of the Committee and the Mayor of Kendal, to view the chairs at some point during the summer.

Terry Parr next informed the Committee about the work of the Kendal Futures' Place Making Group in greening up Kendal. As a part of this, it was planned to do something about the state of the yards within the Town, with the yards forming an important part of the history of Kendal. The idea was for a pilot project for three yards using art, with the involvement of Rag Tag Arts, and the idea of including planting was of additional interest. It was felt to be too difficult to achieve during 2023 and Mr Parr pointed out the importance of encouraging local participation during a 15 to 20 month lead in time. Mr Parr felt that the project could be opened up as part of Kendal in Bloom. He referred to work already successfully being carried out in Yard 23. He undertook to report back should the Committee be interested in exploring options, stressing that engagement with local people was an important first step. The Chair welcomed the initiative and suggested to Mr Parr that any application for funding next year would need to be submitted by Christmas 2023. Mr Parr felt that the initiative, if it worked well, could also contribute to both Cumbria and Britain in Bloom.

Resolved: To note the verbal update in relation to Kendal in Bloom.

B30/2022 Cumbria in Bloom

The Council Services Officer reported that although nothing was currently happening in relation to Cumbria in Bloom, Kendal Town Council would certainly be entering the event. She pointed out, however, that the Town Council would again be hosting one of the three award ceremonies on 17 October 2023. She undertook to report further at the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: To note the verbal update in relation to Cumbria in Bloom.

B31/2022 Britain in Bloom

It was reported that it had now been officially confirmed that Kendal would represent Cumbria in the large town category of Britain in Bloom 2023.

The Council Services Officer informed the Committee that it would be necessary now to start looking at a route and portfolio, and she pointed out that the next meeting of the Committee was not until 11 April 2023. Reference was made to the excellent portfolio which had been put together by the Projects Officer for Cumbria in Bloom in 2022 and the Council Services Officer explained that there were strict criteria to be followed; what was not included on the route would need to be included within the portfolio. She further pointed out the need for strictness in relation to timings.

It was suggested that a Working Group be set up to meet prior to the Committee meeting scheduled to be held on 11 April. The Working Group could carefully examine the criteria and discuss plans for a route and portfolio. Terry Parr (Kendal Conservation Volunteers) asked if he might attend meetings of the Working Group in the capacity of observer.

Resolved: To note the verbal update in relation to Britain in Bloom and to make arrangements for the first meeting of a Britain in Bloom Working Group to be held on Tuesday, 14 February 2023, at 10.00 a.m., with Terry Parr (Kendal Conservation Volunteers) to be invited in the capacity of observer.

B32/2022 Planters on Finkle Street

An update had been made at Minute No.B26/2022 above where Members had been informed that the necessary permissions were awaited. The Townscape Officer further drew attention to the fact that the Town Council was going to maintain the benches in the same location, as well as improving some of the paving.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

B33/2022 Wildflower Planting

An update with regard to wildflower planting at the Asda Roundabout had been made at Minute No.B25/2022 above where Members had been informed that a response from Cumbria County Council remained outstanding. It was hoped that a decision would have been received before the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

B34/2022 Chair's Announcement

The Chair allowed J Cottam, Co-optee, an opportunity to inform the Committee of the hope to develop a community garden within Kendal.

Ms Cottam referred to the current project at Heron Hill School which was extremely successful and, she felt, too good not to share, with other schools having regularly visited over the last six years to learn about bees, pollinators and biodiversity. As a result of these visits, a large number of school children came back regularly to help out and, in addition, the project was also used in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and for disadvantaged children, and as a safe space and enabling ownership rather than "teachery". One of the project's straplines was, "If you can look through a hive of 60,000 bees then you can do anything."

Ms Cottam explained, however, that project was a victim of its own success and of the constraints with its situation within a primary school. She informed the Committee, therefore, of the desire to obtain a piece of garden for development within Kendal for similar use by other community groups.

C Stuart-Smith, the Co-optee representing Horticare, drew attention to a green space alongside that organisation's site which, she felt, was a promising space and, in addition, accessible. She explained that her supervisor at Cumbria County Council, Shelley Stokes, had indicated support and, in addition, engagement by the Horticare Team. Ms Cottam very much welcomed this offer and future discussion with Horticare. She also referred to a piece of land at the People Referral Unit at Canal Head and, in addition, to grants which might be available moving forward. Ms Cottam, in closing, stressed the need to be able to future-proof any future project which would come to be relied on by the people involved.

The meeting closed at 7.12 p.m.

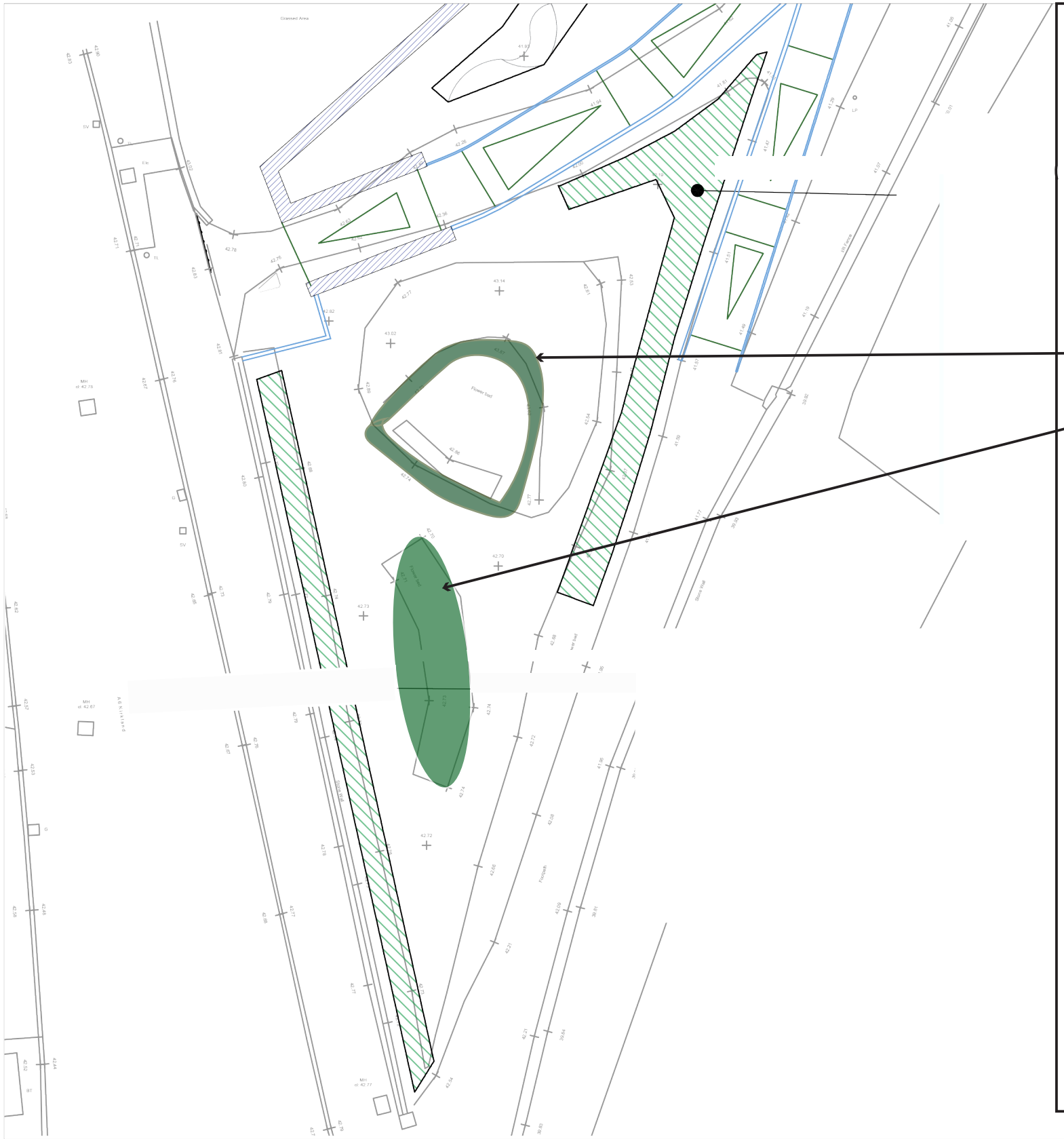
Kendal-in-Bloom Committee - Minute Action Sheet - as at 03-04-23							
Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any	Date Actioned	Comments
17/10/2022	B12/2022	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Council Services Officer to make arrangements for a Working Group meeting regarding Kendal-in-Bloom to take place in November or December and to prepare a draft paper for consideration by the Group	JH		Completed	The group have had regular meeting to discuss the initiative. The last meeting on 28.3.23.
17/10/2022	B18/2022	Wildflower Planting	Discussion with Highways re project at Asda Roundabout and surrounding areas	JH		25.1.23	Awaiting response from CCC
13/02/2022	B12/2022	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	To circulate to Members notes of the two meetings of the Working Group regarding Kendal in Bloom.	JH		29.3.23	Notes to be circulated with the minutes.
13/02/2022	B18/2022	Wildflower Planting	To make arrangements for Members and those interested in engaging with the agenda to visit Heron Hill School one evening at the end of May 2023.	JH		29.3.23	To check next Committee meeting whether this is still appropriate.
13/02/2022	B26/2022	Review of Spend against Budget 2022/23	To earmark in principle a sum of £500 for the supply of soil, compost and plants for two planters at Stricklandgate House, the final decision to be delegated to the Chair in consultation with officers, with a report to be brought back to a future meeting.	JH		Completed	Grant funding approved by Chair and payment information passed to the Finance Officer.
13/02/2022	B26/2022		To earmark in principle a sum of £100 for the refreshing of the planters at Nobles Rest, the final decision to be delegated to the Chair in consultation with officers, with a report to be brought back to a future meeting.	JH		28.3.23	Awaiting order details

Meeting Date	Minute No.	Title	Action (Resolution)	Officer Responsible	Deadline, if any	Date Actioned	Comments
13/02/2022	B26/2022		To earmark a sum of £390 for compost in relation to the hanging basketry in Kendal Market Square.	JH		Completed	Compost purchased
13/02/2022	B27/2022	Kirkland Crest – Coronation Garden	If required to provisionally, the funding of the preparatory work to the area at Kirkland Bed from the Kendal in Bloom budget, as outlined within the report, with the Chair, in consultation with the Town Clerk, being delegated authority to authorise the spend, as and when necessary	JH		Completed	Purchase of plants for the Coronation bed at Kirkland.
13/02/2022	B28/2022	Bishops Court Planting Scheme	To circulate photographs of the area to Members of the Committee and to bring the matter back for a decision at the next meeting.	JH		Completed	Due to the availability of the funds, the Chair made the decision to approve the funding to redevelop the area.
13/02/2022	B29/2022	Kendal in Bloom 2023	To invite King Charles, on behalf of the Committee and the Mayor of Kendal, to view the chairs at some point during the summer.	CB			
13/02/2022	B31/2022	Britain in Bloom	To note the verbal update in relation to Britain in Bloom and to make arrangements for the first meeting of a Britain in Bloom Working Group to be held on Tuesday, 14 February 2023, at 10.00 a.m., with Terry Parr (Kendal Conservation Volunteers) to be invited in the capacity of observer	JH		Completed	

Kendal Town Council
Annual Budget - By Centre (Actual YTD Month 12)
Note: Full Budget Statement

		<u>Last Year</u>		<u>Current Year</u>				<u>Next Year</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
440	<u>Kendal In Bloom</u>									
4900	KIB Floral Displays	0	0	21,500	21,445	21,460	0	26,500	0	0
4905	KIB Projects & Grants	0	0	8,700	4,845	7,929	2,584	8,500	0	0
4910	Other Expenses	0	0	0	322	322	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	0	0	30,200	26,612	29,711	2,584	35,000	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	(30,200)	(26,612)	(29,711)		(35,000)		
	Total Budget Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	0	0	30,200	26,612	29,711	2,584	35,000	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	(30,200)	(26,612)	(29,711)		(35,000)		

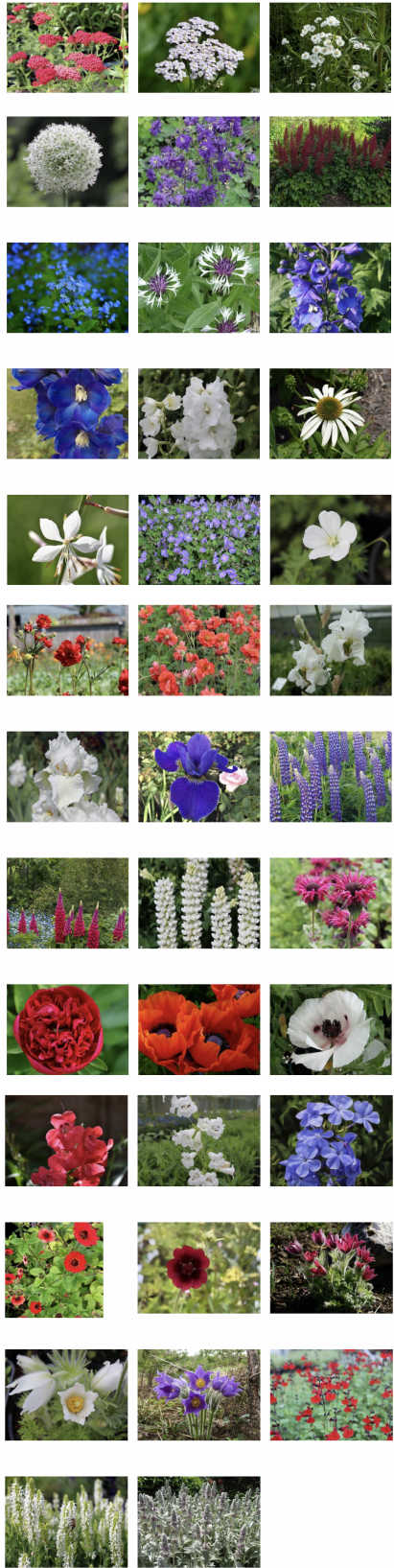
Kirkland King Charles Coronation Garden Planting



Initial planting scheme

Planting to be placed in accordance with height of each plant, smaller in front and taller plants to the middle of the border and back. Well mixed to create a natural effect.

- Achillea Red Velvet
- Achillea White Beauty
- Achillea ptarmica The Pearl
- Allium Mont Blanc
- Aquilegia Blue Barlow
- Astilbe x aren. Fanal
- Brunnera macrophylla
- Centaurea montana Amethyst on Ice
- Delphinium Bluebird
- Delphinium King Arthur
- Delphinium Galahad
- Echinacea purpurea alba
- Gaura lind. Karalee White
- Geranium Rozanne
- Geranium sanguineum album
- Geum Mrs J Bradshaw
- Geum Scarlet Tempest
- Iris germanica White City
- Iris germanica Winter Olympics
- Iris sibirica Silver Edge
- Lupinus Gallery Blue
- Lupinus Gallery Red
- Lupinus Gallery White
- Monarda Fireball
- Paeonia off. Rubra Plena
- Papaver ori. Beauty of Livermere
- Papaver ori. Royal Wedding
- Penstemon Firebird
- Penstemon White Bedder
- Phlox paniculata Blue Boy
- Potentilla Gibson's Scarlet
- Potentilla thurb. Monarch's Velvet
- Pulsatilla vulgaris Rubra
- Pulsatilla vulgaris Alba
- Pulsatilla vulgaris
- Salvia Royal Bumble
- Salvia x sylvestris Schneehugel
- Stachys byzantina (Lanata)



Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 11 th April 2023
From: Janine Holt	Agenda No.: 8
Description: Beezon Field Planting Scheme	

Summary: *The committee are asked to note the planting scheme and consider a request for support funding to purchase the plants*

Background

Beezon Fields form a large part of the environment agency flood scheme. We have been asked to provide a planting scheme around the proposed bee sculpture on site.

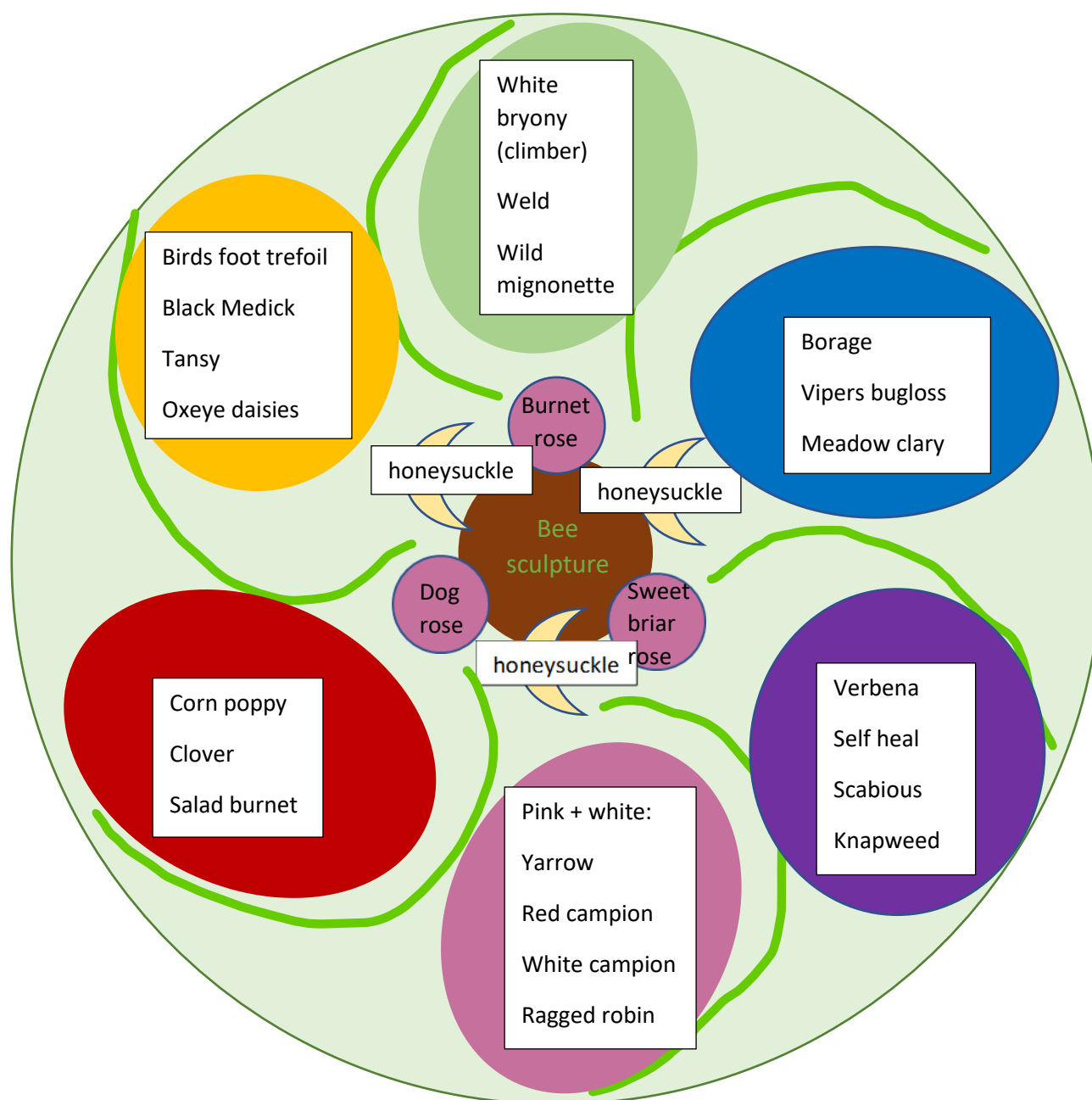
Proposal

Anne- Marie Sanderson (Project Officer) has worked with partner agencies to develop a planting scheme for around the base of the bee sculpture. The scheme includes native varieties, plants to attract pollinators and some varieties to discourage climbing on to the structure.

Recommendation

That Committee members are asked to consider funding support for the purchase of plants.

KTC Beeson fields planting scheme



- 5m diameter bed
- 6 sectors planted in block colours, based on a spiral (echoing permaculture design ideas)
- Native species selected, many already present in the scheme at Beeson fields or suggested by Andy King
- 22 plug plants in each sector
- Wild roses selected for centre to deter climbing
- Honeysuckle to complement roses and climb through sculpture

Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 11 th April 2023
From: Janine Holt, Council Services Officer	Agenda No.: 9
Description: To receive an update on the 'Bloom' initiatives	

Summary: *The committee are asked to note the contents of the report and discuss the judging route.*

Background

The Kendal in Bloom committee have participated in the Cumbria in Bloom awards for a number of years and have been invited to represent Cumbria in the National awards this year. Alongside the regional and national initiatives, Kendal also develop and promote a local initiative.

Kendal in Bloom

A working group was established in December 2023, this group has met on a regular basis. The theme for this year is Coronation throne.

The challenge is:-

To find an upright chair of any description and transform it into a Throne celebrating King Charles' interests during his many years as Prince of Wales. Using horticultural arrangements and wool as essential elements of the 'throne'.

- The thrones are to be displayed by late spring/early summer and throughout the season (if possible).
- We encourage businesses to display their creations in a prominent position.
- The Chair of the Committee and Mayor of Kendal will visit participating schools to view their displays shortly before the summer term finishes.
- Members of the Committee will view community and businesses displays during summer.
- The initiative will be promoted via social media, leaflet drop to businesses, direct mailing to previous participant and Town Council website.
- Best entries will be invited to afternoon tea with Mayor in the parlour.

There are 3 category entries:-

- Schools
- Community Group-clubs, societies, neighbourhood groups, sports and social clubs etc.
- Businesses

Closing date 5th May 2023.

Cumbria in Bloom

We have entered into the competition and will use the judging day as a trial run for the Britain in Bloom judging. We do not know when the judging day will take place but it is usually the last 2 weeks in July.

Cumbria in Bloom judging panel are using Kendal for a training day on 20th April. Cllr Hendry will attend this event and provide feedback for the Committee.

Britain in Bloom

The judging day has been confirmed as 4th August 2023. Judging times are currently planned for 09.00 – 12.30 and this includes 30 minutes for any press and presentations. The route can only be a mile radius of the Town Centre.

The working group met on 28.3.2023 and established a short list of suitable areas. Janine was asked to develop a draft route from that list, ensuring that the criteria is cross referenced and included on the route and in the portfolio. Any gaps in the criteria are to be discussed with Committee members.

Once a draft route has been developed it is proposed that members visit the proposed locations to assess their suitability and members will also be invited to participate in a trial route tour.

Recommendations

- To consider the draft route and discuss amendments
- To identify a date/s to undertake a trial tour

Kendal in Bloom Working Group – 28th March 2023

Cllr Blackman reflected on the previous meeting, and 'connectivity' seems to be the theme that is emerging, connectivity of:-

- River corridor
- Land beyond Beezon – continual connection
- Heritage – connecting with the past – fern garden, flood history
- Bridges – connecting east to west
- Footpaths
- Biodiversity – connecting nature
- Community connectivity – Bishops Court, allotments, Queen Road
- Intergenerational – connecting the generations

The Coronation will also form part of the theme, Terry Parr provided a quote by Charles III which the group resonated with the work of Kendal in Bloom.

The gardens have been designed, as The King says, to "please the eye and sit in harmony with nature". From the classic order of the Cottage Garden to the pastoral beauty of the Wildflower Meadow, there are highlights in every season. A landscape which was once simply lawn has been transformed into a magnificent, ever-changing canvas.

The importance of reinforcing our natural heritage was highlighted and should be incorporated into our work.

Jacqui Cottam suggested we create a dynamic presentation for the judges by using a drone to capture footage, the group agreed this was an excellent idea.

A general discussion took place about how Kirkbie Kendal School can be involved.

The group were very supportive of the idea of the shop on a short term basis. It was also agreed that the funding for the illustration on the window of the shop front was within budget.

BIB Judging Route

The group discussed all the areas in Kendal that would be worthy of a visit and a shortlist was drawn up:-

- Nobles Rest park
- Beezon Fields
- Jubilee Garden and wildflower bed
- Coronation Garden
- Brewery Arts Centre
- Subscription Bowling Club
- Queens Road Triangle Garden
- Unitarian Chapel
- Fletcher Park
- Canal Head Wetland Area

- Kendal Green
- Ford Park
- Rinkfield Allotment (example of a thriving allotment site and a community plot)
- Summerhill Nursing Home
- Fern Project
- Civic Planting
- Shop space (if applicable)
- Old Police Yard

BIB Portfolio

Other areas discussed, could be included in the portfolio:-

- Information boards
- Yards and the improvement project
- Work of Kendal Conservation Volunteers and Dog Kennel Wood
- Somervell Garden
- Sandes Hospital Yard
- Dark skies
- Canal Head allotment development and wetland area (if not visited)
- Serpentine Wood Nature Trail
- Bishops Court
- Appleby Road Community Garden
- Clean River Kent
- Fair Oak Housing Garden
- Manna House
- Ghyllside Community Planters
- Kendal Swifts
- Manna House
- SLOGG Orchard
- Underley Hill Allotment – School Initiative
- Waste into Wellbeing
- Rotary annual crocus/daffodil planting
- Committee membership & dates of meetings
- Schedule of litter picks
- Partner support (KCV, Civic Society, Westmorland & Furness, Continental etc)

It was agreed that Janine would develop a draft route. All the criteria will be included either in the route or the portfolio. Gaps in the criteria can then be easily identified and worked on resolving.

It was agreed that members will undertake visits to each location in order to fine tune the route and to identify any preparatory work.

Actions Points:-

1. It was agreed that Janine would develop a draft route which would be available for the next Committee meeting on 11th April.
2. Once the draft route is available, members will undertake site visits, this will be discussed at the next KIB meeting.
3. Pierre suggested we use the SLDC electric vehicle to transport the judges, Pierre will contact the Council.
4. Anne-Marie is to create the poster that will promote the KIB initiative to schools, businesses etc.
5. Jacqui will liaise with her contact about developing a dynamic presentation
6. Jacqui, Emma and Finn will discuss how Kirkbie Kendal School can be part of the initiative.
7. Helen will feedback on the availability of the shop on Highgate