

Kendal Town Council

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4 October 2021

To Members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	C Stuart (Horticare)
Cllr A Edwards	M Nicholson
Cllr C Hardy	L Johnston (BID)
Cllr C Rowley	Toni Yates (Kendal Civic Society)
Cllr R Sutton (Vice Chair)	
Cllr P Walker	

ZOOM Meeting

You are invited to a non-statutory Working Group meeting of Kendal Town Council's Kendal in Bloom Committee on **Monday 11 October 2021 at 7pm**, via Zoom. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk.

Distributed to other members of the Council for information only.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

Public Participation

Any member of the public who wishes to ask a question, make representations or present a deputation or petition at this meeting should apply to do so before the commencement of the meeting. Information on how to make the application is available on the Council's Website - <http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/kendal-town-council/statutory-information/guidance-on-public-participation-at-kendal-town-council-meetings/> or by contacting the Town Clerk on 01539 793490.

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 local government act 1972, s85.

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. Notes from the Last Meeting

To receive the notes of the meeting on 28 June 2021, and affirm them as a true record.

5. Committee Membership

To note Cllr Walker's change of status from co-opted member of the public to serving councillor on the Committee.

6. Somervell Gardens Update

To provide an update for members on progress

7. Civic Planting

To provide an update for members on the annual civic planting programme and to discuss extending the contract with the current supplier.

8. Kendal in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom Initiative 2021 & 2022

To update members on the Kendal in Bloom initiative, Cumbria in Bloom 2021 and to discuss Kendal in Bloom 2022.

9. Rotary Club Crocus Planting

To approve Burton Road and Oxenholme as sites for the planting of the crocus bulbs.

10. Hallgarth Residents Association

To consider a community planting grant application (*attached*)

11. Items for the Newsletter

12. Review of Spend Against Budget 2020/21 (*attached*)

To note the budget to date

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kendal in Bloom non-statutory Working Group held on Monday, 28 Ju 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	Present	C Stuart (Horticare)	Not present
Cllr A Edwards	Absent	M Nicholson	Not present
Cllr C Hardy	Apologies	L Johnston (Kendal BID)	Apologies
Cllr C Rowley	Present	T Yates (Civic Society)	Present
Cllr R Sutton	Present*	P Walker	Not present

* arrived late

In attendance: Council Services Officer, Townscape Manager, Town Clerk

Also present: Cllrs E Hennessy (VC, Environment and Highways Committee), J Cornthwaite
J Rushworth (Local Democracy Reporter)
G Harrison
C Russell (Torchlight)

B1/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from L Johnston (Kendal BID)

B2/21/22 Declarations of Interest

No additional declarations were made.

B3/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues.

B4/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021. The Chair noted that he had inspected the planter on Sandgate, the tower planter and the display on Shap Road, and felt these issues were now resolved.

Resolved: To accept them as a true record.

B5/21/22 Kendal Torchlight

Craig Russell gave an update on the Kendal Torchlight Festival for 2021, and its role in promoting a 'Green Gathering' in Kendal the same week. The Chair welcomed the development and hoped that Kendal in Bloom could be involved at any level appropriate.

Members asked how they could volunteer to assist in the programme, and how Kendal in Bloom could support it. It was noted that the next KiB meeting was scheduled for after the event, so there was no obvious opportunity to discuss it further, after this meeting. Craig shared various links for individuals to follow.

Resolved: That Kendal in Bloom offer whatever support it could to Green Week and Torchlight, and hoped to be more involved in subsequent years.

B6/21/22 Somervell Garden

The Council Services Officer explained how the Council's Environment and Highways Committee (E&H) had earmarked a grant for the planting of wild flowers in the grass lawns at Somervell Gardens. The Vice Chair of Environment and Highways confirmed that this was aimed at improving the biodiversity of the riverside area, and was the result of the Committee exploring grant-funding options to promote biodiversity. The Council Services Officer further explained that the Townscape Manager had agreed that the scheme could be supported within his workload, but that it was felt the continued management of the site should be through Kendal in Bloom Committee, rather than E&H. It was noted that the land was the subject of a licence from Cumbria County Council, which had now been renewed from a previous initiative dating back to 2008. The main threat to the planting of wildflowers was the mowing regime from Continental Landscapes.

Resolved: That Kendal in Bloom assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the site, once the capital work of planting was complete.

Resolved: That the Townscape Manager liaises with Continental Landscapes to ensure that the wildflower crop is cut at the right times and in the right way to enhance and promote the site's biodiversity.

B7/21/22 Kendal in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom 2021

The Council Service Officer confirmed that Kendal in Bloom would continue to be low key this year due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic. A Blooming Businesses scheme was launching on Facebook, and some of the civic planting was being augmented by lavender this year, to improve its bee-friendly credentials, and reduce the loss through annuals. Councillors asked if the Blooming Business scheme could also be promoted by handouts which they would distribute.

The Townscape Manager explained the current Horticare planting colour scheme, which was softer than in previous years, with pastels to the fore.

The Council Services Officer proposed that several projects be submitted for In Your Neighbourhood judging, including schemes at Castle Hags and Rinkfield allotments, Legendary Landscapes and Briary Meadows. It was thought that the Somervell Garden scheme would not qualify because it was a direct council initiative. It was suggested Nobles Rest planters might also be a good entrant. The Chair observed that the Subscription Bowling Club on East Banks might wish to be involved in future years.

The public were encouraged to submit samples of quirky planters.

Resolved: To note the report.

B8/21/22 Funding Criteria

The Committee considered a report from the Council Services Officer on the criteria for future grant funding. It was suggested that categories d) (the requirement for match funding) and b) (the requirement for measurable outcomes) be switched, so as to emphasise the importance of matching the council's support with funding from other sources.

Resolved: That the Criteria be adopted with these amendments.

B9/21/22 Newsletter

The Committee suggested longer term projects should be highlighted in the newsletter - the legendary landscapes, Rinkfield community allotment and the dedication of the Sandgate planters to the NHS.

B10/21/22 Review of Expenditure and Funding Requests

The Committee reviewed the expenditure against the budget so far and considered a number of requests for funding. The Rotary Club was seeking £450 plus additional delivery costs for 10,000 crocuses. It was suggested that the Townscape Manager liaise more directly with Continental Landscapes over the planting of the crocuses and daffodils which did not complement each other. There should also be an article in the Newsletter, or at least some publicity around the cause of the purple crocuses.

Resolved: To approve the request for £450 plus delivery cost.

There was a request from Sandgate School for two signs to accompany their planters, at £50 each

Resolved: To approve £100 for signs.

The Council Services Officer requested an allocation of £950 from the planting budget to allow her to assist the Townscape Manager in watering through the summer. Continental Landscapes had offered to supply this service.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

Manna House had requested £543 towards a variety of costs associated with their sensory garden, including £250 for a greenhouse. It was noted that the application did not include any mention of matched or additional funding from elsewhere.

Resolved: To offer up to £500 to support this project.

The meeting closed at 20.14.

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL**Kendal in Bloom Grant Application Form 2020/21**

Please check before sending:

Is your initiative based in Kendal?

Have you read the grants criteria?

If you have any queries then please contact us on: 01539 793495 or e-mail: [janine @kendatowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:janine@kendatowncouncil.gov.uk).

Please note: Information which you provide in this application will be considered in an open meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee and is therefore in the public domain.

Name of your organisation: Hallgarth Residents Association	
Correspondent (and position): Tom Priestley Chair	
Address: 1 High Sparrowmire, Kendal, LA9 5PD	
Daytime Telephone: 07854309159	E-mail: chair@hallgarthra.com

1. Please tell us about your organisation:

We are the residents association for the Hallgarth Estate.

Our Objects are:

"To improve the quality of life in the Hallgarth Estate, Kendal; including providing and improving community facilities and representing the views of local people."

Our full constitution and latest minutes are available on our website hallgarthra.com

2. Briefly describe the initiative you want funding for:

We would like funding to re-plant and refresh the planters and small garden around the Hallgarth Community Centre in the Hallgarth Estate Kendal. We would also like to install some simple hanging baskets on the Community Centre entrance if possible

Kendal In Bloom - 11 October 2021 Total cost of initiative	£ 1000	Amount requested	£ 500
Funds received to date	£ 0	Funds pledged to date	£ 0

3. Why do you need this grant and how will the local community benefit?

The area around the Community Centre is an ideal place for some community gardening as it forms a hub for the whole estate and for the main activities of the Residents Association. Around the Community Centre building there are some green spaces which used to be planted up with flowers and other decorative plants but this area is now unused and has been for some time. The result is that it is now overgrown with large amounts of weeds and other unwanted and unmaintained plants.

To improve the quality of life on the estate we believe that we must start by showing the estate some love. If we can get funding to pay for plants, materials, some basic tools and for a garden plan we will be able to host one or more gardening day events. We hope that from this a low maintenance but decorative garden can be designed and created. Events will be organised by the Residents Association for the local community and will be a social and inclusive way to foster community spirit in the area with residents coming together for a day to help out tidying up our estate.

We hope that this initiative will enable the Community Centre and surrounding area to be at it's best for the 2022 Jubilee street party we hope to host there during the summer.

We do not currently have funding to support this, but hope that Cumbria County Council and Kendal in Bloom can match each other to provide the necessary grant.

4. Please provide any other information in support of your application.

To ensure this renovation is not a one off we will add a annual garden clean up event to the Residents Association calendar every spring. This will enable us to keep on top of weeding and trim back any rouge plants and should keep the garden in good condition.

If this initiative proves successful and popular with residents we will look to expand further into the estate and renovate some of the other smaller green spaces. We already have the backing in principal for this from South Lakes Housing and Cumbria County Council who are the landowners for many of these communal areas.

Photographs of the proposed location for new planting.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/eDZPkYBZMBPHdstE9>

5. What other sources of funding have already been raised or promised?

Source	Total
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
Total Funds Raised	£

6. How do you propose to evaluate that the initiative has been a success?

We will consider it successful if the area is cut back, cleaned and re-planted with fresh new flowers.

Signed:**Date:**

Grants are paid, net of VAT, directly to organisations' bank accounts, so we will need the following details from you:

Organisation's Account Name.....HALLGARTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Sort Code:...01-03-46..... Account Number: ...29574315.....

Completed applications should be sent to:

janine@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Janine Holt, Council Services Officer
Kendal Town Council
Town Hall
KENDAL
Cumbria LA9 4DL
Tel: 01539 793495

Kendal Town Council 2021-21 Budget**Kendal in Bloom**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Additional Funding</u>	<u>Actual Exp April - Aug</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>	<u>Projected Yr Exp</u>
KENDAL in BLOOM					
Floral Displays	£21,500		£11,333	£9,922	£21,500
Installation & Maint			£245		
Vouchers					
Projects & Grants	£8,700		£510	£8,190	£8,700
Total	£30,200	£0	£12,088	£18,112	£30,200