

Kendal Town Council

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5th April 2022

To Members of the Kendal in Bloom Committee

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

You are invited to a meeting of Kendal Town Council on Wednesday 13 April at 7.00pm, Mintworks, 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

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 18th January 2022, and affirm them as a true record.

5. Presentation by Lana Grindley – Beezon Fields Development

To receive a presentation from Lana Grindley on the work the Environment Agency projects on the SLDC-owned land at Beezon Fields, a part of the Kendla Flood Relief Scheme.

6. Kendal in Bloom & Cumbria in Bloom Initiative

To receive an update on the progress of the initiatives and civic planting programme. (*See attached*)

7. Update on Somervell Garden Initiative

To receive an update on the ownership of Somervell Garden.

8. Funding Request for Crocus Planting from Kendal Rotary

The committee are asked to consider a request to fund the annual crocus planting in Kendal. (*See attached*)

9. Review of Spend against Budget 2021/22

To note the budget to date. (*See attached*)

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Minutes of the non-statutory working group meeting of the Kendal in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

Cllr A Blackman (Chair)	Present	C Stuart-Smith (Horticulture)	Present
Cllr A Edwards	Apologies	M Nicholson	Present
Cllr C Hardy	Withdrawn	L Johnston (Kendal BID)	Resigned
Cllr C Rowley	Present	T Yates (Civic Society)	Apologies
Cllr R Sutton	Present	P Walker	Apologies

A member of the public, Terry Parr was invited to speak to agenda item B27/21/22

In attendance: Council Services Officer (Janine Holt), Townscape Manager (Pierre Labat), Democratic Services Assistant (Ian Gordon).

B25/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues.

B26/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2021.

Resolved: To accept them as a true record.

B27/21/22 Parks and Open Spaces

The chair has attended several meetings with the EA and Terry Parr concerning Chancery Gardens where the EA have plans to improve this area following on from flood defence work. This led to the notion of developing Gooseholme to improve the biodiversity of this predominantly grass only area. The Chair would like to see a statement outlining the Town Council's view of what could be achieved in terms of biodiversity in parks and open spaces. This would provide a helpful tool to influence SLDC (or their successor) in seeking to strengthen requests to improve open spaces and park areas in Kendal. Councillor Rowley reported that Natural Kendal is working in this area initially mapping open spaces in Kendal and as they are meeting next week, Councillor Rowley agreed to raise this with them. The Chair invited Terry Parr to speak on this in relation to Gooseholme. Mr Parr expressed his disappointment that although different groups considering changes to Gooseholme were being active, nevertheless there appears to be very little initiative related to improving biodiversity. The Council Services Officer made members aware that there was a subcommittee of E&H considering anti-social behaviour on Gooseholme and it was felt that liaising with this group would be beneficial.

From feedback received at the meeting, the Chair suggested he draft a text that could form a policy statement.

Draft – Aspirational Statement.

In response to the recommendations of Kendal's Climate Jury and the Vision of Kendal Futures, KTC's Kendal in Bloom Committee aspires to see nature brought back into town

through engagement and discussion with like-minded organisations and relevant landowners, in order to encourage the use of imaginative and innovative planting initiatives including Trees, Shrubs, Perennial Pollinators and Wildflowers in areas of Kendal's Parks and Open Spaces.

Resolved: To note the aspirational statement.

B28/21/22 Ghyllside and Bankfield Residents Bid

The Committee considered the application made by Ghyllside and Bankfield Residents. The Council Services Officer reported that the match funding was below the level required by the Town Council. Councillors felt that the resident's use of time met the match level of funding and the award of a grant could go ahead. Some concern was raised about planting a tree and that it may grow too large especially if not maintained. It was suggested that a dwarf tree was used which can be an improvement on biodiversity.

Resolved: To agree to the funding of £555. The Committee advised that careful consideration should be given to the species of tree and the recommendation that a dwarf tree should be used.

B29/21/22 (29a) Additional Item agreed by the Chair.

Hallgarth have reverted, immediately before the start of this meeting, with updated information on their bid as requested from the last meeting.

Resolved: To approve the match funding of £500 subject to them using peat free compost available from the Townscape Officer.

B29/21/22 Kendal in Bloom Initiative

The Committee approved the proposal of the KIB working group which had been previously circulated.

Members discussed honouring the Platinum Jubilee and the Council Services Officer suggested developing the unused bed on Aynam Road. Members supported this idea and it was agreed that the Council Services Officer will seek permission from the land owners to develop the bed.

Resolved: To approve the proposal to participate in Kendal in Bloom and speak to the Torchlight Carnival to seek their support in using the same theme as Torchlight.

Resolved: To seek permission to develop the unused bed on Aynan Road for the Platinum Jubilee.

B30/21/22 Cumbria in Bloom Initiative 2

The Committee considered whether to participate in Cumbria in Bloom for 2022 and they agreed to participate in the initiative.

Resolved: To participate in the 2022 Cumbria in Bloom initiative.

B31/21/22 Extension of Watering Service

The committee considered a request to extend the watering service to include all the civic planting and not just the hanging baskets. A price of £3,950 was quoted from Continental, representing an additional £3,000 expenditure. There was concern that this additional spend may fall outside of the budget for 2022/23 and may result in other areas being cut. The Council Services Officer believed funds could be found to support this change which would free up some of the Townscape Manager's time which would be important given the ambitious plans to extend the number of allotments in Kendal.

Recommendation: To refer the proposal to use Continental for watering services (subject to confirmation that this additional cost could be identified within the budget for 2022/23) to Management Committee to approve.

B32/21/22 Review of Spend against Budget

The Committee considered the spend against budget. The Chair asked if the remaining budget of £11,392 was likely to be spent. The Council Services Officer needs to clarify all the expenditure with the Finance Officer but reported that it was likely there will be an underspend this financial year.

Resolved: To note the report

B33/21/22 Funding Request for Replacement Planter

The committee considered a request from the Townscape Officer for an additional planter to be placed on Stramongate. Members suggested Right2Work supply the planter.

Resolved: To authorise the purchase and installation of an additional planter at the Herdy Shop in Stramongate. The cost is to be determined by the Townscape Officer and he will contact the Right2Work to see if they can construct a suitable planter.

B34/21/22 Other Discussion Items

The Working Group discussed a number of other issues of concern, with a view to bringing issues to future meetings for decisions, or enabling officers to make delegated decisions.

The Townscape Officer reported on the movement of planters and trees at Jennings Bridge. The Council Services Officer is currently working in partnership with the Environment Agency and Friends of Fletcher Park about the possible relocation in of the trees to Fletcher Park. It was agreed that the 4 tier planters could be moved to the grass verge near Asda as it was acknowledged that there is no planting at that end of town.

It was noted that Somervell Garden would be planted up with wildflower turf this spring, and this would make an interesting addition to the CiB portfolio. There was a discussion about possible fern planting at Somervell, it was suggested that £200 would cover the purchase cost of the ferns. The Council Services Officer requested she check the ownership of Somervell Garden before any further plans for expanding the planting in that area.

The meeting closed at 20.30

Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 13 th April 2022
From: Council Services Officer	Agenda No: 8
Description: Funding Request for Annual Crocus Planting	

Summary: The committee are asked to consider a request for funding Kendal Rotary annual crocus planting initiative. The amount requested is £500.

1 Background

For a number of years Kendal in Bloom has provided funding support for the annual crocus planting initiative. Each year, Kendal Rotary identify a new site for planting.

2 Proposal

The Committee have been asked to further support this initiative by funding the purchase of 10,000 crocus bulbs at a cost of £500. The bulbs will be planted in autumn ready for early spring 2023.

Due to the flood scheme works, the Rotary are not in the position to make any suggestions on planting location until later in the year.

3 Recommendation

That Committee members approve the funding request by Kendal Rotary.