

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 11.00 am
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Richard Sutton (Vice Chair), Adam Edwards and Chris Rowley
- Co-opted: Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society) and Caroline Stuart (Horticare)
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Carol Hardy and Co-opted Members Mandy Nicholson and Brian Harrison
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Pierre Labat (Townscape Manager) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- 080/19/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- None.
- 081/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- None.
- 082/19/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2019**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2019, which had been approved by full Council on 7th May 2019.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th April 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)
- 083/19/20** Minute 1035/18/19 – ex Councillors Oldham and Walker
Secretary to add ex Councillors Oldham and Walker to the distribution list for future agendas.
- Minute 1035/18/19 – Remaining Budget from Last Financial Year
Janine Holt reported that she had spoken to the Treasurer regarding budget left over from the last financial year being directed towards the Oxenholme Residents Association project. It had not been possible to finalise this prior to the year end, therefore approximately £200 remained in the community budget at the end of the last financial year.
- Minute 1036/18/19 – Community Entries
The Chair had previously highlighted a project which appeared to be underway in the Dunmail Rise area. He advised that it was a potential LIP project and he would keep an eye on it.

Minute 1036/18/19 – Sponsorship

Janine Holt had written to previous sponsors. She reported three offers of sponsorship from Boyes, Lake District Estates and Gilkes totalling £870.

Minute 1036/18/19 – Civic Planting

It was noted that civic planting is underway.

Minute 1039/18/19 – Keeping Kendal Mint Clean

Chair to forward details of forthcoming litter picks to Janine Holt for inclusion on KTC website.

Minute 1040/18/19 – Pots of Joy

Janine Holt now has the contact details for the organisers of the 'pots of joy' project and will follow this up.

Minute 1040/18/19 – Edible Planters

Councillor Rowley reported that he had been having difficulty contacting the lady responsible for the edible planter at Nobles Rest. He will continue to follow this up.

Minute 1043/18/19 – Pollinator Project

It was noted that final surveys have commenced. Councillor Rowley reported that the education project is going well.

Minute 1044/18/19 – Compost Enrichment

Pierre reported that it had been too late to purchase the natural additive to enrich compost in planters, therefore further compost had been purchased. The additive will be considered again next year.

Minute 1047/18/19 – Hanging Baskets

Brian Harrison had reported prior to the meeting that details of hanging baskets and window boxes had been sent to BID members with details of prices and ordering instructions. Instructions were for businesses to order direct with Horticare. Caroline was not aware of any businesses taking up the offer to date.

Minute 1048/18/19 – Green Wall

It was noted that the Green Wall project has been temporarily suspended. Councillor Rowley advised that monies for this project have been held back as there might be opportunity for a more effective green wall during the forthcoming flood defence works.

RESOLVED

1. Secretary to add ex Councillors Oldham and Walker to the distribution list for future agendas.
2. Chair to forward details of forthcoming litter picks to Janine Holt for inclusion on KTC website.

084/19/20**REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members considered the Terms of the Reference for the Committee. Councillor Edwards proposed acceptance. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the Terms of Reference be accepted.

085/19/20**TREE PLANTER CLADDING UPDATE**

This is a joint project with the Environment & Highways Committee, being led by the Project Manager. There has been a meeting with Kendal College who are working on a prototype and this should be available sometime in June. There is a potential problem with timescales and it was agreed that the item should be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting. Members discussed the need for a link with the Environment & Highways Committee in order to feedback progress.

RESOLVED

That the cladding of tree planters be added to the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

086/19/20**KENDAL IN BLOOM AND CUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS 2019****Kendal in Bloom**The School's Challenge

Janine confirmed that entries have been received from 6 schools.

Community Entries

Janine reported that 7 entries have been received, including some residential gardens. Members discussed gardens which might be worthy of nomination. Councillor Sutton mentioned a cottage on Captain French Lane, the owners of which are maintaining the verge side opposite their cottage. It was agreed that this was a nice contribution to the community. The Chair agreed to send an email to all Councillors requesting nominations. Members agreed they are looking for the 'wow' factor.

Kendal Gift Card

At the last meeting Members had discussed prizes and Brian Harrison raised the idea of giving Kendal Gift Cards. He had suggested that BID be approached to provide the cards. Following the meeting he had advised that BID would require a grant application. Janine considered it might be difficult to meet the criteria for a grant. The Chair agreed to look at the grant application form and make an assessment.

Civic Planting

Pierre reported that, thanks to a good working relationship with Horticare, there had been no waste. Any plants that cannot be reused had gone into compost. It was estimated that approximately a quarter of plants taken out are recycled. Perennials are planted on. Janine suggested that data should be collected on what is recycled, where it goes and how it is managed.

Banner

Janine advised that there is a Kendal in Bloom banner which could be erected at a cost of £300.

Cumbria in Bloom

Janine reported that the judging date had been confirmed as Monday 15th July.

RESOLVED

1. Chair to email all Councillors requesting nominations for residential gardens worthy of entry as a Community Entry.
2. Chair to assess the BID grant application form in respect of Kendal Gift Cards for prizes.

087/19/20**DRAFT CUMBRIA IN BLOOM ROUTE**

Members considered the draft Judging Tour Itinerary which was similar to last year. There was a general discussion on whether to visit a residential garden. As this was an area that had been marked down by judges in the past, it was considered important to do so and possibilities were discussed including gardens at Helsington Laithes, Peppercorn Lane and Pembroke Court. Members agreed judges should meet the owners of whichever garden it was decided to visit.

The following points were raised:

- Janine to speak to the new CEO of the Brewery Arts Centre to discuss involvement.
- Judges to meet John Bateson, the new Town Crier.
- Janine will check the hanging baskets are up in Blackhall Yard.
- Meet with Terry Parr to look at fern planters. Janine advised that signage would be in place.
- Consider viewing Rosemary Community Garden project. Also a fern garden in the area.
- Omit full circuit of Kendal Green from the itinerary.
- Consider including visit to community garden at Castle Haggs. Janine to contact Nigel Slater.
- Councillor Rowley/Ian Rodham to speak to judges about the pollinator project. Consider possibility of a child involved in the project attending.
- Chair to speak to the head of Heron Hill School regarding the possibility of the route starting at the school.

Pierre referred to new planters at Oxenholme and queried whether there would be time to include these on the route. Janine advised that time would not allow, but this should be included in the presentation.

Councillor Sutton suggested that a visit to Fletcher Park be considered. An active community group is being led by Councillor Hennessy.

RESOLVED

Janine Holt and the Chair to follow up the various points highlighted.

088/19/20**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER****Summer Edition**

- Litter pick dates (Chair to provide to Janine)
- Flower bombs (Mandy Nicholson)

- Blue heart project – areas left to grow wild (Councillor Hennessy).

089/19/20**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2019/20**

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end of May 2019.

Janine noted that vehicle running costs had all been assigned to the Kendal in Bloom Committee. This should be split with the Allotments Committee and she will speak to the Treasurer.

Members discussed whether to erect the Kendal in Bloom banner for the competition at a cost of £300. A general discussion ensued and it was agreed that, bearing in mind lamppost banners would be in place, this money would be better spent on additional planting for areas not looking their best. The Chair proposed that Janine be authorised to spend up to £300 on planting for areas in need. This was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

1. Janine to speak to the Treasurer regarding the split of vehicle running costs.
2. That Janine spend up to £300 on additional planting for areas in need.

090/19/20**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Rowley referred to the KTC van and commented that capital should be built up for its long term replacement. He added that this should be electric. The Chair noted that this was a matter for the Management Committee and said it should be added to a future agenda for that Committee.

Janine Holt had met with Terry Parr and reported that the Community Fern Project trial was going well. There would be a presentation of the initial findings and proposals for the future on 24th July 2019 at 1pm in the Town Hall. Janine encouraged Members to attend.

Pierre commented that the placing of banners on railings was getting out of hand. It was noted that the Project Manager is dealing with this issue. Janine advised that any banners on railings on competition routes would be taken down before judging. Councillor Rowley talked about his vision to plant ivy on railings as a green wall alternative. Members agreed it would be worth looking for a suitable area for a trial and considered that Windermere Road, Aynam Road and Blackhall Road could be massively improved. It was suggested that Councillor Rowley raise this with the Environment & Highways Committee as a long term ambition.

091/19/20**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Fern Project presentation – Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 1pm
Awards ceremony – Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7pm
Committee meeting - Monday 14th October 2019 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

| Min | Subject | Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council | |
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| 083 | Matters Arising | RES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary to add ex Councillors Oldham and Walker to the distribution list for future agendas. 2. Chair to forward details of forthcoming litter picks to Janine Holt for inclusion on KTC website. |
| 084 | Terms of Reference | RES | That the Terms of Reference be accepted. |
| 085 | Tree Planter Cladding Update | RES | That the cladding of tree planters be added to the agenda of the next Committee meeting. |
| 086 | KIB and CIB Competitions 2019 | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair to email all Councillors requesting nominations for residential gardens worthy of entry as a Community Entry. 2. Chair to assess the BID grant application form in respect of Kendal Gift Cards for prizes. |
| 087 | Draft Cumbria in Bloom Update | RES | Janine Holt and the Chair to follow up the various points highlighted. |
| 089 | Review of Spend Against Budget 2019/20 | RES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Janine to speak to the Treasurer regarding the split of vehicle running costs. 2. That Janine spend up to £300 on additional planting for areas in need. |