

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7.00 pm
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Richard Sutton (Vice Chair), Adam Edwards and Chris Rowley
- Co-opted: Tom (Horticare) and Brian Harrison.
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Carol Hardy, Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society) Mandy Nicholson and Lynne Oldham
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and Pierre Labat (Townscape Manager).
- 498/19/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
- 499/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 500/19/20 PRESENTATION BY GHYLLSIDE RESIDENTS**
Two residents from the Ghyllside area presented a paper to the Committee requesting community support funding. The paper was very thorough and well planned. The paper presented 2 options for consideration.
- A general discussion followed, members were very supportive of the project but felt that the amount requested was too much for this Committee alone. Councillor Chris Rowley said a project of this size would attract funding from elsewhere and that an application to the Hadfield Trust or other organisations should be considered also. The Committee felt that with the proposed location and number of planters requested, the Highways department of the County Council should be consulted in the first instance. The Committee agreed to refrain from making a funding decision until a clear indication from Highways had been received.
- RESOLVED** Janine Holt will contact the residents advising them to seek approval from the Highways Department.
- 501/19/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th JUNE 2019**
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2019, which had been approved by full Council on 1st July 2019.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th June 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
- 502/19/20 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**
There was no matters arising.

503/19/20**KENDAL IN BLOOM AND CUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS 2019**

Janine Holt provided an overview of this year's Kendal in Bloom initiative. The competition was well received this year and in all categories the number of entrants increased.

Brian Harrison queried the use of the Kendal gift card. It was agreed that Janine Holt and Brian Harrison would meet early in the New Year to discuss further.

The Chairman reported that the awards evening was a success and the feedback had been positive. He also mentioned that Terry Parr, from the Natural Heritage project was the guest speaker and that his presentation was extremely informative and enjoyable.

The discussion moved onto the theme for next year's schools competition. A suggestion was put forward to follow the torchlight theme or a generic carnival theme. It was noted that next year is the 50th anniversary of Torchlight. Another suggestion was to encourage children to think about trees and planting and to incorporate that into a theme.

The Committee agreed to a working group meeting in December/January. Janine Holt will secure a date and circulate to members.

The Chairman provided feedback from the Cumbria in Bloom awards ceremony where Kendal received a gold award. The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved during the year and helped us achieve a gold.

The Chairman also reported that Kendal has been asked to represent Cumbria in the Britain in Bloom awards next year. It is an honour to be asked and this request was considered at the Management Committee where it was agreed to support the nomination. The Chairman asked when the judging for the BIB takes place and Janine Holt reported that it is always the first two weeks in August. The Chairman asked members to consider these dates and if possible to keep them clear.

The Chairman suggested that the date for the Kendal in Bloom awards ceremony is postponed until after the Britain in Bloom awards evening. This will provide the opportunity for Kendal to report back on the outcome of their entry. It was also noted that the Town Hall is scheduled for a programme of refurbishment between June-September which would mean we would have to secure an alternative venue. The members agreed to put back the Kendal in Bloom awards ceremony to the end of October/early November.

Brian Harrison informed the group of funding available through LEP. Councillor Chris Rowley had attended a meeting about this and agreed to act as the KIB link.

Councillor Chris Rowley informed the Committee about a Community Group which is promoting fruit and nut tree planting. Encouraging people to plant in communal spaces and people's own back gardens.

RESOLVED

1. That a working group meeting will be arranged for either December/ early January.
2. That Kendal will represent Cumbria in the Britain in Bloom competition next year.
3. The Kendal in Bloom awards ceremony is to be put back until after the Britain in Bloom results are announced.

504/19/20**REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STATION AREA**

The Committee considered a request by Councillor Helen Ladhams to enhance the bus station with floral displays. A general discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- There is already a significant number of bloom planting in that locality
- It was felt that the Townscape Manager didn't have the capacity to take on any more watering
- Health & Safety – issues relating to a busy public area
- Lack of local residents to support the project.

Councillor Chris Rowley explained that the Environment & Highways Committee were looking for a site for experimental ivy planting and queried whether this is a possible location? Janine Holt agreed to liaise with the Project Manager.

Brian Harrison informed the members that Kendal Futures have plans for planting trees etc. in that general location and to refer Councillor Ladhams to them and the Ward Councillor for that area.

RESOLVED

1. Janine Holt will liaise with the Project Manager about the experimental ivy location.
2. Janine Holt will refer Councillor Ladhams to Kendal Futures Board and the Ward Councillor.

505/19/20**VAN FUEL PURCHASE**

Janine Holt informed the members that this request had been received from Full Council. The request had already been considered at the Allotments Committee and they agreed to continue using the local garage. The members of the Committee agreed to uphold the decision of the Allotments Committee.

RESOLVED

Van fuel will be purchased from the local supplier

506/19/20**TREE PLANTER CLADDING**

Janine Holt informed members that there was nothing to report at present.

507/19/20**PLANTING AT BRIARIGG**

The Committee have been approached by a member of the public who has previously worked with SLDC in bulb planting the Briarigg area. He is requesting funding support from this Committee to continue with this project. It was agreed that Councillor Rowley would approach this individual to discuss the project and to gain further background information. Councillor Rowley will report back to the Committee before a decision on funding support is made.

RESOLVED

Councillor Rowley will meet with the resident from Briarigg

508/19/20**CIVIC PLANTING**

Janine Holt had prepared a paper on some proposed minor changes to the Civic Planting. The change in date of the meeting meant that there was a clash with timescales for approval. With this in mind, the Townscape Manager agreed with the contractor to trial the new style planting in 5 planters and to move 2 promenade planters to Anchorite Place. The Committee approved these changes retrospectively but members requested that any future changes to the civic planting are discussed and approved by the Committee prior to them being initiated.

RESOLVED

All proposed changes to the civic planting are to be approved by the Committee before they are implemented.

509/19/20**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Launch of the KIB Initiative and a Britain in Bloom (BIB) article for the Spring newsletter.
A reminder about BIB in the Summer newsletter.

RESOLVED**Spring newsletter:**

Launch of KIB initiative
Britain in Bloom article

Summer newsletter:

Britain in Bloom article

510/19/20**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2019/20**

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end of 30th September 2019.

Members agreed to fund the purchase of compost up to the amount of £250.00 out of the installation and maintenance budget line.

RESOLVED

To fund the purchase of compost up to the amount of £250.00.

511/19/20**2020/21 BUDGET _ REVIEW OF BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND PROPOSALS FOR ONE-OFF DEVELOPMENT FUND BIDS**

Members considered the budget requirements for next year. The floral displays budget line should be increased to reflect the price increase from Horticare. Janine Holt agreed to confirm this figure with the Chair before formal submission to the Treasurer. (increase of £1000.00)

Committee members put forward a request of 6k to help towards preparation for BIB and also for the installation of sustainable planting in the four boundary beds and rings at Shap Road and Milnthorpe Road.

RECOMMENDED The Committee would like to request that the planting budget line is increased to £18000.00

RESOLVED The Committee would like to request a one off development BID of £6000 to support the BIB entry and to install sustainable plants in the locations they plant up for the Town Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

512/19/20

Natural Heritage Project

Pierre Labat provided a verbal update and a visual of the project. The members are very supportive and the feedback was generally positive. Some concerns were raised with the visual impact of the limestone planter situated on Kirkland. Although members appreciated the concept, it was thought it could be a little too radical especially in the prominent position and with the BIB judging next year. Janine Holt agreed to meet with the project lead to discuss possible solutions.

RESOLVED

Janine Holt to meet with Terry Parr to discuss the Kirkland planter.

513/19/20

Pollinator Project

Councillor Chris Rowley informed the members that the final report was due by the end of November and that he would circulate this when it was available.

RESOLVED

Councillor Chris Rowley will circulate the final report from the Pollinator Project when it is available.

514/19/20

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
500	Ghyllside residents' community funding request	RES	Janine Holt will contact the residents advising them to seek approval from the Highways Department.
503	Britain in Bloom	.RES	That Kendal will represent Cumbria in the Britain in Bloom competition next year
503	Kendal in Bloom awards ceremony 2020	RES	The Kendal in Bloom awards ceremony is to be put back until after the Britain in Bloom results are announced.
503	Kendal in Bloom initiative 2020	RES	That a working group meeting will be arranged for either December/ early January
504	Bus station	RES	Janine Holt will liaise with the Project Manager about the experimental ivy location
504	Bus station	RES	Janine Holt will refer Councillor Ladhams to Kendal Futures board and the Ward Councillor
505	Van fuel	RES	Van fuel will be purchased from the local supplier
507	Briarrigg resident community funding request	RES	Councillor Rowley will meet with the resident from Briarrigg
508	Civic planting	RES	All proposed changes to the civic planting are to be approved by the Committee before they are implemented.
509	Spring newsletter	RES	Launch of KIB initiative Britain in Bloom article
509	Summer newsletter	RES	Britain in Bloom article
510	Budget statement	RES	To fund the purchase of compost up to the amount of £250.00.
511	Budget requirements 2020/21	REC	The Committee would like to request that the planting budget line is increased to £18000
511	Development fund bid 2020/21	REC	The Committee would like to request a one off development BID of £6000 to support the BIB entry and to install sustainable plants in the locations they plant up for the Town Council.
512	Natural Heritage Project	RES	Janine Holt to meet with Terry Parr to discuss the Kirkland planter
513	Pollinator project	RES	Councillor Chris Rowley will circulate the final report from the Pollinator Project when it is available.