

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Monday 8th June 2020 at 7.00 pm
(Via Teleconferencing)**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Richard Sutton (Vice Chair), Adam Edwards and Chris Rowley
Co-opted: Mandy Nicholson and Brian Harrison
- APOLOGIES** Lynne Oldham and Carol Hardy
- OFFICERS** Janine Holt (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Pierre Labat (Townscape Manager) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)
- 036/20/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.
- 037/20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.
- 038/20/21 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**
The Chair noted that this matter had been omitted from the Agenda and asked Members to consider the Terms of Reference for the Committee which had been circulated prior to the meeting by Janine.
The Terms of Reference were accepted by all Members without change.
- RESOLVED** That the Terms of Reference be accepted without change.
- 039/20/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2020**
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2020, which had been approved by full Council on 1st June 2020.
Members agreed these were a correct record of the meeting.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th April 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**
- 040/20/21** Ghyllside Residents (Minute 999/19/20)
Janine advised that she had emailed Ghyllside residents today to check on progress.
- 041/20/21** Tree Planter Cladding (Minute 1000/19/20)
This project is still on hold due to the pandemic.

- 042/20/21** Natural Heritage Project (Minute 1001/19/20)
Janine advised that Continental Landscapes have put annual plants into the fern planters. She will email Terry Parr and advise that the annual plants need to be removed.
- The planter containing stones/boulders which was to be moved to a less prominent position on Dowker Lane will be repositioned in the next few days.
- 043/20/21** Planting at Briarigg (Minute 1004/19/20)
Janine had received confirmation from the Treasurer that funding of £300 had been paid out of last year's budget.
- 044/20/21** Hanging Baskets (Minute 1007/19/20)
The hanging baskets have now been put up in town.
- 045/20/21** Boundary Signs and Rings (Minute 1007/19/20)
Pierre updated Members on progress. The work will hopefully be complete by Thursday of this week.
- 046/20/21** Westmorland Horticultural Society (Minute 1008/19/20)
The grant of £75 to the Westmorland Horticultural Society has been authorised. The Society may use this for their autumn show, if the summer show does not proceed due to the pandemic.
- 047/20/21** Town Badge Outside the Rugby Club (Minute 1011/19/20)
It was agreed that Mandy Nicholson and Pierre Labatt will meet on site in order to progress improvement works to the Town Badge.
- RESOLVED** Mandy Nicholson and Pierre Labatt to meet on site in order to progress improvement works to the Town Badge
- 048/20/21** **KENDAL IN BLOOM AND CUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS 2020**
- Janine had been approached by Mike Ormerod asking whether Committee wished to put up the Kendal in Bloom banners. Following a general discussion Councillor Blackman suggested that, although there would be no competition this year, the banners would brighten up the town and proposed they be installed. This was agreed unanimously.
- RESOLVED** That the Kendal-in-Bloom banners be installed.
- 049/20/21** **PROJECT UPDATE REPORT**
- Social Media
- Janine advised that the Management Committee had discussed the matter of a KTC Facebook page at their last meeting. A paper will be presented to the Management Committee at their next meeting on 15th June for further discussion. If approved, the page will incorporate a section for the Kendal in Bloom Committee.

Civic Planting

This work is more or less complete. Pierre commented that overall the planting has gone well, although the amount of plants was not quite as hoped due to supply issues caused by the pandemic. He mentioned planters by the Duke of Cumberland and Anchorite which contain the desired planting, however this will now be delayed until September.

Councillor Blackman suggested that photographs of the civic planting be obtained and published to the Facebook page if this is approved.

Banner on Aynam Road

Councillor Blackman requested Pierre remove the Northern Place banner situated on railings along Aynam Road which has been in place since 2019.

Edible Planter Outside the Leisure Centre

Councillor Rowley commented that the planter is a good example of what can be achieved with vegetable planters and encouraged Members to take a look at this planter when passing.

050/20/21**FUNDING APPROVAL FOR ROTARY ANNUAL CROCUS PLANTING SCHEME**

Members considered a request from Kendal Rotary for funding of the annual crocus planting scheme. It was noted that planting on various sites had unfortunately suffered damage by contractors working in the vicinity. Mandy Nicholson advised that bulbs at Eskdale House had also been dug up by contractors and would have to be redone again. There is money remaining in budget so this can be redone in August/September but is very disappointing.

Kendal Rotary have advised that the price of gold crocuses has gone up and provided a choice of:

10,000 Ruby Giant for £585.00 or
5,000 Ruby Giant and 5,000 Goldilocks for £742.50

It was noted that £400 is normally funded. Councillor Blackman proposed that the offer be increased to £500 this year. This was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried with one abstention.

Janine pointed out that the sum of £500 would not cover the cost of the crocuses and it may be that the work would not proceed. Councillor Blackman put forward an amended proposal for funding of £585. This was seconded by Councillor Edwards and carried. This level of funding is possible due to Committee having available funds this year due to the pandemic, but may not be possible in future years.

RESOLVED

That funding of £585 be awarded to Kendal Rotary for the annual crocus planting scheme.

051/20/21**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**Summer Edition:

- Facebook page information/link
- Sunflower competition (Councillor Rowley)
- Edible planter
- Daffodil planting along Shap Road (Mandy Nicholson)
- Civic Planting

Autumn Edition

- Kendal Rotary annual crocus planting scheme

052/20/21**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2020/21**

Members considered the Financial Statement as at the end of May 2020.

Janine highlighted an amendment under 'Action Plan Projects' of £2k for the renovation of boundary signs and rings.

053/20/21**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Cumbria County Council Weed Spraying

Councillor Rowley advised that he had been contacted by two residents expressing concern that Cumbria County Council were spraying glyphosate on weeds which is a carcinogen. The concern related to operators not wearing protective equipment and spray drifting onto passers-by. He asked whether it would be within the remit of the Committee to write to Cumbria County Council expressing the concern.

Members agreed the matter does not fit well with the Committee's desire to encourage biodiversity. Councillor Blackman requested details be sent to Janine and a letter be drafted to Cumbria County Council. The letter will be copied to the chair of the Environment & Highways Committee.

Pierre referred to a course he attended on spraying weeds and advised that once diluted it may be safe for the operator and users. Councillor Rowley commented that there is a scientific dispute in this respect and will research further.

Kendal-in-Bloom Awards Ceremony

Councillor Blackman referred to the date booked in November for the Awards Ceremony and asked Members whether they felt it appropriate to hold an event in some form, although there would be no awards to present. Following a general discussion Members felt it was difficult to make arrangements for such an event, not knowing when social gatherings will be permitted. Councillor Sutton suggested using the new Facebook page for this purpose if it is approved. Councillor Rowley suggested there might be an opportunity to have some input into plans for Torchlight.

Brian Harrison asked whether the gift cards previously discussed would still be needed since there will be no competitions. It was confirmed they would not be required.

Brian Harrison mentioned that the organisers of the Torchlight procession were discussing the idea of a route which people could drive, as happens with Blackpool illuminations.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th October 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council

Min	Subject	Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council	
038	Review of Terms of Reference	RES	That the Terms of Reference be accepted without change.
047	Town Badge outside the Rugby Club	RES	Mandy Nicholson and Pierre Labatt to meet on site in order to progress improvement works to the Town Badge
048	KIB and CIB Competitions	RES	That the Kendal-in-Bloom banners be installed.
050	Funding Approval for Rotary Annual Crocus Planting Scheme	RES	That funding of £585 be awarded to Kendal Rotary for the annual crocus planting scheme.