

Kendal Town Council

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10 January 2022

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	

You are invited to a non-statutory Working Group meeting of Kendal Town Council Kendal in Bloom Committee on Tuesday 18 January at 7.00pm via Zoom. Kendal. Details of the meeting can be found on the Town Council's website.
[.www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk).

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2455117789>

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Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

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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 11 October, and affirm them as a true record.

5. Parks and Open Spaces

Item requested by the Chair

6. Ghyllside and Bankfield Residents Bid.

The residents of Ghyllside and Bankfield are requesting financial support for their enhanced planting scheme. (*See attached*).

7. Kendal in Bloom Initiative

The committee are asked to note and comment on the proposal. (*See attached*)

8. Cumbria in Bloom

The committee are asked to make a decision on whether to participate in the 2022 Cumbria in Bloom competition. (*See attached*)

9. Extension of Watering Service

The committee are asked to consider a request to extend the watering service to include all of the civic planting and not just the hanging baskets. (*See attached*)

10. Review of Spend against Budget 2020/21

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

11. Funding Request for Replacement Planter

To consider a request from the Townscape Officer for a replacement planter (*see attached*).

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kendal in Bloom non-statutory Working Group held on Monday, 11 October 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

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

In attendance: Council Services Officer (Janine Holt), Townscape Manager (Pierre Labat), Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw), Democratic Services Assistant (Ian Gordon)

B11/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Edwards and Hardy

B12/21/22 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

B13/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues.

B14/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June.

Pictures were shared of the new planters at Nobles Rest. The committee noted how successful this had been. A member reminded the committee of ongoing commercial signage being located at Longpool and their frustration at the apparent lack of any action. The Clerk explained some of the background to enforcement and agreed to investigate the matter further. The Chair asked for clarification if future grants must have matching funding. The Council Services Officer confirmed that this was the case, according to the current terms of funding from the Committee.

Resolved: To accept them as a true record.

B15/21/22 Committee Membership

The committee noted Councillor P Walker's change of status from co-opted member of the public to serving councillor on the committee.

B16/21/22 Somervell Garden

The Townscape Manager provided an update and explained the problem with delays in delivery of plants to create a wild flower garden. A decision was taken to delay planting until 2022.

B17/21/22 Civic Planting

The Council Services Officer provided an update on the annual civic planting programme. The badge bed adjoining the Parish Church will be affected by flood defence work scheduled by the EA.

The Townscape Manager reported on the removal of plants and their composting with Horticare. The Manager would like to experiment with the Town Council carrying out its own composting using a compost accelerator tablet. This would save the Council purchasing as much compost from commercial providers.

The Council Services Officer reported on the end of contract with Continental Landscapes and the option to extend for a further two years. This extension could involve them taking on responsibility to water planters throughout Kendal.

Resolved: To note the report and approved an extension of the current maintenance contract. To ask CSO to identify the costs involved with the additional contract element of planter watering.

Resolved: To investigate the costs and feasibility to purchase organic compost accelerator for the Townscape Manager to compost material from the planters around Kendal with a view to reducing the purchase of commercial compost.

B18/21/22 Kendal in Bloom and Cumbria in Bloom Initiative 2021 and 2022

The Council Service Officer updated the committee on Cumbria in Bloom. There were five individual applications from Kendal. Cumbria in Bloom hope to return to normal operations in 2022. The Kendal in Bloom initiative for the current year has been poor. It is evident that a more ambitious plan is needed. The committee thought there was some benefit in aligning Kendal in Bloom with the 2022 theme of the Kendal Torchlight which will be upcycling and scrap. Councillors also felt there was a need to have a section on front gardens and community gardens.

Resolved: To note the report and instruct the Council Services Officer to meet with the Chair and working group made up of the Chair, Council Services Officer, Cllr Sutton and Mandy Nicholson and produce a report exploring the opportunities and themes for Kendal in Bloom for 2022.

B19/21/22 Rotary Club Crocus Planting

The Council Service Officer updated the committee on the proposed planting of crocus blubs on Burton Road and at Oxenholme.

Resolved: To approve the additional planting at Burton Road and Oxenholme and thank the Rotary Club for their efforts.

B20/21/22 Hallgarth Residents Association

The Committee considered a community planting grant application from Hallgarth Residents Association. A councillor, who supports the application, felt more detail should be requested on what the funds are needed for.

Resolved: To request HRA produce an expenditure plan and resubmit.

B21/21/22 Items for Newsletter

The committee considered what items they would like to see added in the next edition of the Newsletter. Councillors thought Kendal in Bloom should be promoted. The railing planters on Windermere Road and Nobles Rest could be featured to show the success. In addition, the Ivy planters going into Longpool.

B22/21/22 Review of Spend Against Budget

The committee considered the budget spend to date

Resolved: To accept the report

The Chair requested future meetings are held on Tuesday's

The meeting closed at 20.15

Bid to Kendal Town Council Street Planter Scheme / Kendal in Bloom

Agenda Item 6

Location: Ghyll Side Kendal LA9

Date: October 2021

Proposers: Residents of Ghyllside and Bankfield Rd

Proposal: To extend the provision of planters, building upon the successful bid of 2020.

Britain in Bloom Inspection

Our 2020 bid was partially funded enabling an excellent start.

The provision was appraised by Britain in Bloom judges who awarded it a silver-gilt (thriving- very good). They were impressed by the “very healthy diverse mixture of plants” and the community social cohesion around this project. They commended our assiduous planning, “which augers well for the introduction of more planters in the next few years”, recommending to residents further submissions to the Town Council as a phased development. They encouraged innovation such as the growing of vegetables, with careful use of signage and cited an example of their own efforts in Penrith with vegetable planters.

Our bid this year therefore follows the template of the 2020 bid but is reduced in scale to form the second stage of a three year development plan.

Background: Our 2020 bid. We offered two options in 2020:

1. Five flower/vegetable planters @425 per unit (Planters being identical to those outside the Town Hall)
2. Four flower/ vegetable planters and two trees (as above, and trees / planters being identical to those on New Road)

Both included a balustrade planter fixed to the existing barrier

The council was able to support an element of our bid.

Description of provision 2020

One flower planter. Planter provided and installed by Kendal Town Council. Plants provided by residents, planting and maintenance by residents.



Residents have demonstrated the commitment offered in our 2020 bid



As the planter has developed through the season, we believe we have one of the finest shows in Kendal at present.

Planting list

Berberis thunbergii 'Pink Queen'

Nandina domestica (Heavenly Bamboo)

Potentilla fruticosa

Iberis 'Pink Ice' (Candytuft) x2

Brachyscome Blue x2

Glechoma hederacea (Green/White) x2

Sanvitalia speciosa (Cuzco trailing yellow) x2

Calibrachoa Hybrid Orange (Mini Petunia trailing)

Sutera cabana Jumbo White

Sutera scopia Gulliver Dynamic White

Donated plants:

Erinus alpinus (Fairy Foxglove)

Erigeron karvinskianus (Mexican fleabane)

The plants were chosen so as to provide a varied, colourful and attractive display. The flowers attract bees, butterflies and others pollinators. The first three are perennials. The annuals will need replacing in the autumn, when we could also plant some bulbs ready for spring.

2021 bid



GHYLLSIDE PLANTERS: Phase 2 bid– October 2021

Photograph as existing (September 2021), showing the phase 1 planter



GHYLLSIDE PLANTERS: Phase 2 bid– October 2021

Photo-montage as proposed, showing the existing pavement planter supplemented with an additional pavement planter, a tree planter, and a trough planter on the barrier.

Proposal 2021: Enhancement of planter provision

Ghyll Side has proven a perfect location for a flower planter and will be greatly enhanced by the addition of a small tree, an additional planter and a balustrade planter trough.

Ghyll Side / Bankfield Road is within the conservation area and on the approach to one of Kendal's historic greens. The site is a cul-de-sac. The road is closed at its eastern end with paving and barrier fencing, behind which provides a perfect location which does not impede pedestrians using any footpath, and enhances the appearance of the area. We will also ensure that road traffic signage on the barrier is not obscured by growth, but note that the proposed enhancement creates an additional permanent barrier which increases pedestrian and road traffic safety.

This proposal will support Kendal's application to the next Britain in Bloom competition, just as last year's provision supported this year's Britain in Bloom application.

Specifics of 2021 proposal

As can be seen in the photo-montage above we propose:

- 1 One additional flower / vegetable planter (being identical to those outside the Town Hall)
- 2 One tree with tree-planter (tree and tree-planter being identical to those on New Road) with the addition of bulbs.
- 3 One balustrade planter to be attached to existing fencing.

The deciduous tree and flower planters will provide some barrier and some absorption of exhaust emissions from the busy road where Gillingate turns into Bankfield Road, at a location near the top of the hill where emissions are at their highest.

We will use only peat free compost from the town council's supplier.

We will extend our financial commitment to water, maintain and replace plants in the existing planter to the additional planters in this proposal. We will commit to replacing plants as necessary and provide plants which will over-winter to replace the summer growth.

Vegetable option

Although we did not plant vegetables this year we wish to retain the option to do either as part of this bid or in future replantings. This idea is supported by this year's Britain in Bloom judges. This will enhance Kendal's green spaces by following the growing trend to grow vegetables alongside flowers and shrubs in council planters. We may in future include attractive ornamental vegetables amongst flowers and provide explanatory signage which encourages the public to pick vegetables for their own use at the appropriate times. If vegetables are not picked by the public when they are ready, we will harvest them as our contribution to the Kendal Waste into Well-being project.

Resident's contribution

Residents are asking the town council to fund the installation of the project and the purchase of the tree, and are committing to provide all plants and all labour. Residents are allotment holders and experienced gardeners. As well as offering our expertise, we can offer our allotments, greenhouse and poly tunnel as backup resources, bring on plants, and transplant in accordance with the natural plant cycle. Residents can also offer contributions to the planting from our own gardens.

Residents will design and provide any signage required to inform the public about vegetable picking to a professional standard.

The residents of Ghyllside and Bankside who over-look onto the planters have given their agreement to this plan in principle, however we have calculated the running costs on what we consider affordable should only two households make financial contributions. In this way we have ensured the project is financially sustainable.

Note on Phase 3 (to be submitted for financial year 2022-23)

Britain in Bloom Judges recommended that future phases might look at the wider area, by the green towards the Rifleman's Arms and the Summerhill care home. They considered that the engagement of the pub and more local residents "could have a significant impact on how the area at the top of Beast Banks looks and feels" Our intention is to explore these ideas with the Fellside Forum, the landlord of the Rifleman's Arms and the managers of Summerhill Care home in formulating the third phase of our development, which we intend to submit for consideration for the financial years 2022-23.

2021-2022 Proposal

Proposed Town Council contribution	Cost
One additional flower / vegetable planter identical to the one in place and compost	425
One tree	50
One tree planter identical to those on New Road	80
Total	555

Proposed residents contribution

1 balustrade planter	30
Plants, vegetable seeds, and bulbs	50
Signage	20
Commitment to maintain and replant as necessary.	
Total	100



Agenda Report

Committee: <i>Kendal in Bloom</i>	Meeting Date:
From: <i>Council Services Officer</i>	Agenda No.: 7
Description: <i>A project outline - Kendal in Bloom 2022</i>	

Summary: *The committee are asked to note and comment on the proposal.*

1 Background

For a number of years, the Kendal in Bloom (KIB) initiative has been promoted annually each year. We encourage schools, community and businesses to be involved and to display their horticultural efforts in line with the criteria of the initiative.

2 Proposal

The KIB working group met on 2.11.2021 and agreed the KIB initiative 2022 would follow the same theme as the Torchlight carnival which is 'Scrap heroes and Repurpose Monsters'. They felt this would provide some focus and continuity for the participants.

Schools, businesses, community groups and allotment holders will be encouraged to recycle and repurpose materials/items and use these as part of their horticultural displays or on their allotments. We will encourage imaginative ways to recycle and repurpose. The initiative will not be too prescriptive as we want to promote creative ideas and individuality.

In addition to the above initiative we would like to encourage residents to participate in the initiative by entering their front gardens, there will be 2 categories, biodiversity and more traditional planting style. A criteria will be developed and circulated to all entrants.

It is anticipated the initiative will be launched early March 2022 and run throughout spring with visits planned by the Committee members throughout July.

An evening of celebration will be scheduled in autumn. There will be certificates for all participants and gardening vouchers to encourage their ongoing horticultural endeavours.

3 Recommendation

The Committee approve the above proposal.



Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 18 th January 2022
From: Council Services Officer	Agenda No.: 8
Description: Decision to participate in the Cumbria in Bloom Initiative in 2022	

Summary: *The committee are asked to make a decision on whether to participate in the 2022 Cumbria in Bloom competition.*

1 Background

- a. Cumbria in Bloom is an annual, county wide competition which focusses on horticultural achievements, community involvement and environmental initiatives. Kendal Town Council has participated for a number of years. Further information on the competition can be found at <https://cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk>

2 Proposal

- a. To consider entry into Cumbria in Bloom this year.

3 Recommendation

- a. That Committee members decide if they are going to participate in the CIB competition this year.



Agenda Report

Committee: Kendal in Bloom	Meeting Date: 18 th January 2022
From: Council Services Officer	Agenda No.: 9
Description: Funding Request for Watering Services	

Summary: The committee are asked to consider a request to extend the watering service to include all of the civic planting and not just the hanging baskets. The annual cost of this increased service is £3950.

1 Background

- a. During the 2021 planting season, an external contractor has been used to water the hanging baskets in Kendal. The suggestion was put forward in the October Committee meeting to extend this service to include all the civic planting and to identify the cost.

2 Proposal

- a. To extend the services of the existing contractor to include the watering of all the civic plants during the busy summer season. All plants will be watered at least twice a week for a period of 15 weeks from May – September. The annual cost of this service is £3950.00 plus vat.

3 Recommendation

- a. That Committee members approve the funding to extend the watering service.

Kendal Town Council 2021-22 Budget**Kendal in Bloom**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Additional Funding</u>	<u>Actual Exp April - Dec</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>	<u>Projected Yr. Exp</u>
KENDAL in BLOOM					
Floral Displays	£21,500		£17,104	£3,202	21500
Installation & Maint			£1,194		
Vouchers					
Projects & Grants	£8,700		£510	£8,190	8700
Expenses: Green Waste			£12		
Total	£30,200	£0	£18,820	£11,392	£30,200