

**Beverley Town Council**  
**Annual General Meeting of the**  
**Beverley in Bloom Working Group**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

**Present:** Jim Whitfield, Dick Steel, Wendy Usher Bacon, Margaret Martin, Linda Freeman, Clive Waddington, Matt Snowden, Tony Ashby, David Ryley, Sally Knapp, Luke Goulding, Sue Dack, Peter Dack, Liz Jones, Peter Tomkys, Mary Hutchinson, Penny Lynch and Cllr P Astell.

In attendance – Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk) and Cllr T Astell

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Upton, John and Margaret Dunn, Pam Atkins, Jill York, Chrissie Blades and Mark Lynch.

Jim Whitfield welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked all members who have made life interesting and rewarding over his chairmanship of the working group. He continued that he would like to see the working group working in conjunction with the Town Council.

**2. To elect a Chair**

Nominations for the role of Chair were asked for. Peter Tomkys nominated Peter Dack. Peter Dack did not wish to be considered for the position of Chair. Wendy Usher Bacon nominated Cllr P Astell and this was seconded by Margaret Martin. A vote took place and Cllr P Astell was elected as the Chair.

**Resolved** – Cllr P Astell was elected as the Chair.

Cllr P Astell asked Jim Whitfield to chair the meeting.

**3. To elect a Vice Chair**

Nominations for the role of Vice Chair were asked for. Tony Ashby nominated David Ryley. No other nominations were received. David Ryley was elected as the Vice Chair.

**Resolved** – David Ryley was elected as the Vice Chair.

**4. To elect a Coordinator**

Nominations for the role of Coordinator were asked for. Tony Ashby nominated Peter Tomkys and David Ryley seconded this. No other nominations were received. Peter Tomkys was elected as the Coordinator.

**Resolved** – Peter Tomkys was elected as the Coordinator.

**5. To elect a Secretary**

Nominations for the role of Secretary were asked for. No nominations were received. Peter Tomkys explained the secretary post was to communicate with the members of Beverley in Bloom and deal with correspondence. It was agreed this be considered at the next meeting.

**Resolved** – No nominations were received and the role of secretary is to be considered at the next meeting.

**6. To elect a Book Keeper**

Nominations for the role of Book Keeper were asked for. Peter Tomkys nominated Linda Freeman. No other nominations were received and Linda Freeman was elected as the Book Keeper.

**Resolved** – Linda Freeman was elected as the Book Keeper.

**7. To elect a Membership Secretary**

Nominations for the role of Membership Secretary were asked for. Peter Tomkys nominated Penny Lynch. No other nominations were received and Penny Lynch was elected as the Membership Secretary.

**Resolved** – Penny Lynch was elected as the Membership Secretary

**8. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the AGM of 2014**

**Resolved** – the minutes of the AGM held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 were noted as a correct record of that meeting.

**9. Matters arising from the minutes**

Peter Tomkys informed the meeting he had written to the Town Council to ask them to consider half of the Beverley in Bloom allotment to become a car park. The Deputy Town Clerk reported this was discussed at the Planning Property & Services Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 and it was resolved that the Beverley in Bloom allotment should be split if the Beverley in Bloom Group do not wish to retain it and offered to a person on the waiting list.

**10. To note the minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on 23rd April 2015**

**Resolved** – the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 were noted as a correct record of that meeting.

**11. Matters arising from the minutes**

David Ryley reported that Tesco's were awaiting a written proposal for the triangle outside their store to be planted. This is to be discussed at the next Plant Choosing meeting.

**12. To receive the Statement of Accounts**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £3821.16 in the bank account as at the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (the date of the last bank statement). In this account the fund raising of £1852.30 is held.

There is an additional £120.66 for fund raising from the coffee morning, £1000 for half the precept from the Town Council and £291.20 from the VAT to be deposited in the account making a total of £5233.02 after the next finance meeting.

There is outstanding expenditure of £29.50 for the room booking for the coffee morning, £730.97 for Earleys for the plants and £35.68 for the wood stain and box to be paid from the account making a total of £796.15.

Summary:

Account Balance	3821.16
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Less Fund Raising (to be held)	<u>1972.96</u>
<u>Total</u>	1848.20
Less Payments	<u>796.15</u>
<u>Total</u>	1052.05
Add Half Precept and VAT	<u>1291.20</u>
<b>Total Available</b>	2343.25

Peter Tomkys why he thought the fund raising monies should be kept separate. He explained that a grant from the RHS had been applied for to replace the boxes in North Bar Within and a term of this grant was that the group is fund raising and help itself. Peter Tomkys had written to societies in Beverley and had been negotiating with Plantscape for a Georgian box to be made. Plantscape have said this is not possible. The Beverley Lions gave the group £1400 for one box to be replaced in memory of the past President of the Beverley Lions. This is to be placed in North Bar Within. Peter Tomkys is researching how this can be a Georgian box to ensure it fits in with the Georgian Quarter. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

### **13. To receive reports**

Reports were received from Peter Tomkys and Penny Lynch.

Sally Knapp left the meeting.

### **14. To discuss future dates for meetings**

**Resolved** – the next Beverley in Bloom Meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 6pm at 12 Well Lane Beverley.

Peter Tomkys gave his apologies for that meeting.

### **15. To consider supporting Minster Christmas tree**

Wendy Usher Bacon said the Christmas tree had been ordered for the Minster Christmas Tree Festival and this would be used to raise the profile of Beverley in Bloom. Jim Whitfield agreed to fund the purchase of the Christmas tree for which Beverley in Bloom gave thanks to him.

### **16. To consider prize giving**

Prize Giving Evening is on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at St Mary's Church Hall. The same number of responses has been received as last year. Jim Whitfield is happy to assist with this event. David Ryley asked that Tesco is written to in order to request provide a prize from Tesco for the community entry. Penny Lynch is to write to David Ryley at Tesco. Matt Snowden said that the competition should be re-established over the next couple of years before businesses are approached for sponsoring a cup/trophy for winners. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

### **17. To consider newsletter**

The preparation of a newsletter was thought to be an excellent idea to raise the profile of Beverley in Bloom. It was agreed to do this quarterly. It could include what is happening, fund raising events and items of gardening interest. David Ryley suggested contacting Beverley Guardian to see if they would be prepared to publish it in their paper. Peter Tomkys suggested contacting Cherry Lane Garden Centre to

see if they would be prepared to sponsor the newsletter for free advertising. Penny Lynch is to contact Cherry Lane Garden Centre regarding sponsorship.

Wendy Usher Bacon, Penny and Mark Lynch are to meet to discuss the preparation of a newsletter.

## **18. Any other business and date of next meeting**

### **(a) Splitting Beverley into areas.**

Peter Tomkys suggested splitting Beverley into areas so members could concentrate on their area. One member of the group from that area would then meet with Peter Tomkys. Peter Tomkys is to write to all members of Beverley in Bloom in connection with splitting of Beverley. Peter Tomkys said particular areas that were being looked after by a couple of members were beautiful.

### **(b) ID Badges**

It was asked if ID badges could be obtained for Beverley in Bloom members. The Deputy Town Clerk is to send out the form to all members to arrange this.

### **(c) High-vis-Vests**

Peter Tomkys requested that members wear their high-vis-vests when they are working for Beverley in Bloom for their own safety and this raises awareness of Beverley in Bloom. If members do not have Beverley in Bloom high-vis-vests please contact Peter Tomkys and he will arrange for one to be supplied. A suggestion was made that members are charged for high-vis-vests and when they leave the group they are reimbursed on return of the high-vis-vests. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

Clive Waddington asked about the state of the roundabout at Morrisons and the triangle opposite the cemetery. The meeting advised this was in Woodmansey. He will raise this at Woodmansey Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 805pm.