

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Beverley in Bloom Minutes
Wednesday 23rd April 2014, 2pm.

Present

Cllr. Jim Whitfield, Matt Snowden, Penny Lynch, Jack Quigg, Chris Washbrook, Margaret Martin, David Riley, Tony Ashby, Liz Jones, Jill Yorke, Cllr. Harold Bottomley, Chris Upton (minutes).

687 Apologies

Wendy Usher-Bacon, Chrissie Blades, Sally Knapp, Peter Tomkys, Peter Astell, Peter Dack, Sue Dack.

688 To note the minutes of the meeting on 26th February 2014

These were read and approved.

689 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr Riley spoke about the Tesco triangle saying that they had a new store manager who agreed to talk to ERYC about closing a lane on the road to allow clearing work to be done as it was thought too dangerous to attempt the work otherwise.

He also expressed a wish that Beverley in Bloom could give suggestions about how it should be replanted after clearing and that they would help the Tesco staff to do this.

It was agreed that we would wait to hear from ERYC when the road could be closed and to work things out from then, preferring a low maintenance scheme with possibly rockery or alpine plants.

It is a prominent area on the way in to the town and needs more colour.

Cllr Whitfield said that he thought the Yorkshire in Bloom Judges who looked around the town escorted by Peter Tomkys, even though Beverley in Bloom are not participating, were very impressed with the displays.

689 Statement of Accounts

The balance in the account stands at £2,658.25 which includes the refund from Yorkshire in Bloom as the group were not entering this year.

690 Reports

Cllr Whitfield reported that the poly tunnel at Sparkmill was now re erected and needed the watering system installed. It may need some new supporting wire for the sprinklers and Tony and Chris would look in the shed to see what was required.

Chris Upton had received an email from Andy Worrell, a new member, who was willing to help with plumbing jobs and Tony agreed to ring him to arrange a possible time for him to look at the job. Cllr Whitfield also thought that extra hosepipe and a weed suppressant floor covering might be needed to cover around 100 square metres.

The barrels for Wednesday Market had been emptied but one had been stolen, one had fallen apart and the others needed repairing. This leaves only seven rather than the twelve needed to create three displays of four. Chris Washbrook said that he would attempt to repair them he had also started to level the floor in the poly tunnel.

691 To discuss the next Plant Committee

It had been agreed that it would be better to try and plan the winter planting earlier to take advantage of getting the cheaper plants rather than waiting until the last minute. There would also be a need for perennials to be planted at Minster Towers in the future. We should ask ERYC when they thought all the work there would be completed.

692 To discuss Matt Snowden's Beverley in Bloom Town Competition.

Matt had been working on the posters and entry forms and had compiled lists of places posters had been delivered to and where entry forms could be picked up. He had also printed 'drop off' forms for members to give out if they noticed any garden they thought the owner might like to enter into the competition.

Matt had produced a press release that he would be sending to all the main media outlets including Humberside radio. He had used a quote from Margaret and included a photo of his friend's dog and the children who had helped at the crocus planting event. The judging would take place in June-August with two judges for each entry each giving marks out of 20 to a maximum of 40. The number of judges would be decided when we knew how many entrants there were.

A meeting regarding this will be on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 5pm at Well Lane.

The awards night is set for 16th September 2014 at St. Mary's Church Hall with the possibility that the allotment members may rejoin us at the venue depending on the timing. This will be checked with the Town Council officer. Matt will also design the certificates and hopefully get some frames from Wilkinsons as they had done in the past.

693 To discuss the plastic edging that may be needed for Jack Quiggs display

It had been thought that Jack would require some plastic edging to create his idea of plants spelling out 'Beverley in Bloom' but he was unsure where the planting would be now that the Minster Towers site was unavailable. It was decided to check with Peter Tomkys.

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Date of the next meeting.

Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 2pm, Council Offices, 12 Well Lane