

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Beverley in Bloom Minutes

Wednesday 30th July 2014

Present.

Penny Lynch, Jack Quigg, David Ryley, Tony Ashby, Sue Dack, Peter Dack, Peter Tomkys, Wendy Usher- Bacon, Margaret Martin, Alex Armstrong, Sally Knapp, Chris Upton (minutes)

711 Apologies.

Chrissie Blades, Matt Snowden, Cllr. Harold Bottomley, Liz Jones, Peter Astell. Cllr. Jim Whitfield, Jill Yorke

712 To approve the minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday, 18th June 2014.

These were read and approved.

713 Matters arising from the minutes.

David Ryley gave an update on the progress with the Tesco triangle with regard to item 8 on the agenda Their maintenance team had already cleared the triangle and would be maintaining it in the future

714 Members' Reports.

Plant Committee.

There had been a meeting of the plant committee held at the Green Dragon, as the Tiger had been booked up. A range of plants had been chosen, an image of which was handed round. The order for Earley's had been forwarded to the Town Council and the order for Sweet Williams, that will be for Jack to bring on, had been sent to Jersey Plants and it was hoped that they would arrive in August.

Peter Dack expressed the need to order extra plants to allow for theft and vandalism and the numbers had been rounded up.

Peter Tomkys said that we still have a quantity to buy for other plans.

Tony pointed out that there were plants taken from the Sow Hill barriers and Peter T. said we might need to empty one of them to refill the others as there were no more suitable colours to replace the missing ones, leaving a note on the empty liner as to why there were no plants in it.

People had been seen pulling out the plants but they were not challenged. It was thought that we should report every incident to the police or the Town Council

Beverley in Bloom Competition Report.

There was a Competition Judging meeting on **July 1st, 2014** and the groups of judges allocated to the various categories. The deadline for the results to reach Matt Snowden is 16th August and most of the sections had been judged with just a few left to visit

David Ryley kindly reiterated the offer of a £25 Tesco voucher for the winner in the Community section. Sue Dack said that there was about £20 left from selling plants that could towards vouchers for other winner sections. It was thought that more publicity was needed in future as Sue, Sally and Margaret had had to recruit entrants as many were not aware of the competition. It would be good if we wrote a letter to any who had made an contribution around the town such as the Tudor Hotel, saying how we appreciate their effort

715 Propose the appointment of a secretary for B in B

Peter Tomkys informed us that he was taking over his role of coordinator again and thanked Chris for her role while he had been recovering from his operation. Last year there had been a heavy load which had been difficult to share and he felt that some of the work could be handed out to the group. Things like letters, orders and minutes and he proposed that Chris could continue with some of these tasks as the group secretary.

There was a query from Wendy and Margaret as to whether this went against the constitution but Peter had a copy with him and it appeared that it did not. It was thought that it was something that should be voted on at the AGM.

It was decided that this could be as a temporary post and Chris agreed to take on the role on this basis. A vote was taken and this was agreed to until the next AGM.

716 Proposed all post holders should be elected by members from 2015.

The Town Clerk would like to see what goes on in this committee as they would have the final say on any role beyond Minute Secretary. This would be put to the Town Council committee meeting to be discussed.

If there was a move towards groups of workers in the town with their own working plans the main group could meet quarterly and be minuted by the Town Council secretary.

It was thought that the wording to this item should read 'suggested' rather than proposed.

717 Tesco Update.

The maintenance team had made a good job of clearing the Tesco triangle and it would in future be on their rota. Peter Dack spoke of the litter that is attracted to the area and David Ryley said that it is included on the cleaners daily routine. People were to let him know if there were any problems with this. Peter also asked if there were any objections from Tesco to any particular plants.

718 Guidelines for the B in B working group.

Peter Tomkys had discussed this with the Town Clerk, Helen, as to what the relationship was regarding the duties and responsibilities of the group to the Council. There was some confusion as to whether the group were there just to do the planting on behalf of the council or whether the council were there just as support to back the wishes of the group.

Plants had been ordered by the Town Council without the knowledge of the group and promises had been made by Peter Astell to a new shop on Grovehill Road and the Queensgate Cemetery for containers that had already been earmarked by the group and plants ordered to fill them.

There was a similar problem with the Minster mangers that Jack thought he was doing but Peter Astell had arranged to plant up himself. Peter Tomkys asked 'what is our role? Do we just take orders from the Town Council? or do we have some control?

Helen had responded that she thought that B IN B was running better now than in the past when the group just decided on the plants and the council workers planted.

The guide in the constitution was that any person could join and that regular attendance constituted membership. Failure to attend meetings or do any work within 6 months will disqualify membership.

It stated that any ERYC or Town Council officer would attend in an advisory role only.

It was proposed by David Ryley that there should be a single guideline that those who had not taken part in B in B activities for 6 months should be written to by Penny to see if they were still interested in the group. It was decided to vote on this next time.

719. Division of members to work and look after specific areas of the town.

This could be a way of sharing the maintenance and input and make administration easier.

There could be one representative from each group who could contact the coordinator for any items that may be needed such as compost.

Members could say who with and where they wanted to work and be responsible for their own part of the planting. Larger jobs could still ask for volunteers by letter or email.

720 Application for ERYC's 'High Street Fund'

Peter Tomkys had attended the meeting to find out about the requirements for the fund and was told that ERYC had no money to replace the boxes around the town. This was also the position of the representatives of the Georgian Quarter.

Peter had spoken to David Bird from G.Q. Who said they would like tree like iron structures for North Bar Within.

They were told that individual applications for Tesco or the library would not succeed as they didn't increase footfall but a joint application with B in B, the Renaissance group and the Georgian Quarter, especially if it was backed by the Town Council would stand a better chance.

A revamp of the Georgian Quarter and the N. Bar Within area making it special with particular period plants grown with the advice of the National Trust, R.H.S. Etc. would be a possibility.

An application of interest was sent on 25th July and the final application would be in three months time.

721 Proposal that all members pay an annual fee of £12 (i.e. £1 per month) starting in October 2014.

Peter Tomkys had suggested this as although we have quite a few members many did not take any active part and in some cases only used their memberships to include on their C.V's. He thought that a membership fee would discourage all but the serious participants.

Chris Upton thought that it would be a bit unfair to have a levy on those who already gave up their time and efforts to the group and asked what the money would be spent on.

Peter T.suggested that it could go towards social events, headed notepaper or administration.

Alex said that she would not have considered joining the group if there had been a membership fee when she met Sue

and Margaret at the St. Mary's Church Open Event and that the social aspect could be covered on an as and when basis.

An ammendment was suggested by Peter T. that any work undertaken by anybody such as Tony deadheading the barriers should be recorded and sent to Penny. If she found no work had been undertaken for 6 months she would write to them asking if they still wishes to be in the group.
This had been agreed earlier in the meeting. and the membership fee was voted against at this time.

722 The Academy of Urbanisation.

Peter Tomkys had received information online about Beverley being in the last three small towns to be included in The Academy of Urbanisation agenda looking to promote good practice in presenting towns in a positive light.

Input had been invited from various groups in the town and Peter would go along to any events that occurred.

723 A.O.B. And date of next meeting.

Peter Dack thought that the Minster mangers looked a mess with the black liners showing but Margaret only critiicised the quality and number of the plants used.

Peter Astell had volunteered to do the mangers again with plants that he would be growing from seed.

We hope to be able to contact Peter A. or speak to him at a future meeting in the hope that he could coordinate the colour scheme with the two 3 tier planters that were set to use the colours of orange, warm yellow and cream.

The next meeting was set for Thursday 28th August 2014 at 2 p. m. at the Well Lane Office