

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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To All members of the Beverley in Bloom Working Group

Dear Members

BEVERLEY IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Beverley in Bloom Working Group to be held in the Council Chamber, Beverley Town Council, 12 Well Lane, Beverley on **Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 2pm.**

Yours sincerely

Carol Oliver

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Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **To note the minutes of the meeting on the 20th January 2016 – see copy circulated with this Agenda.**
3. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
4. **To re-iterate the Beverley Town Council Policy on Health & Safety of Volunteers**
5. **To receive a statement of finances**
6. **To receive reports:**
 - (a) **Coordinator's Quarterly Report –see report circulated from Dr Waddington with updates on:**
 - Yorkshire in Bloom visit
 - Tesco Community Grant
 - Beverley Town Council Grant application
 - Sunflower Growing Competition
 - (b) **Fund raising report/Membership**
7. **To receive information on the current state regarding replacement planters – a verbal progress report and a decision on priorities**

- 8. To receive the Timetable for Summer Planting**
- 9. To discuss the Town Council Competition**
- 10. To receive an update on Flemingate**
- 11. To discuss having Beverley Open Gardens**
- 12. To discuss the purchase of Hi viz jackets**
- 13. To discuss the ERVAS funding streams**
- 14. Memorial Benches – use ERVAS network or members contacts for worthy causes?**

Beverley in Bloom Coordinator's Quarterly Report April 2016

Plant Choosing Committee, 22nd January 2016

A copy of the decisions has been circulated but one will be attached to the official record. All decisions were made at the meeting, which was very well attended, except for the two three tier planters in the Bus Station and Lairgate which I am looking after so made the decision subsequently, influenced by other decisions. Designs for all planters were produced ready for the arrival of the plants in May and also to work out the number of plants required. The order was duly despatched to PlantRaisers within the week. The number of plants ordered was 2,525, the retail value being almost £1,800 though as the MD pointed out, they cost much less than that to produce. He was pleased the order held no horrors for him! The end of May is the expected delivery time, all arriving in 9cm pots. Publicity will need to be arranged nearer the time.

Winter Planting

The polyanthus are doing quite well now but the pansies are very slow. Hopefully they will be much better by the end of April for the Tour de Yorkshire. The cream, free-fall pansies are particularly disappointing. Only now are they beginning to show any growth and there is no sign of cascading.

Yorkshire in Bloom

By the time of the April meeting the judges will have had their spring inspection, due on 7th April. Beverley in Bloom has not entered but is, as agreed at the last meeting, cooperating with Beverley Town Council in their entry. To this end, the Coordinator has produced a number of articles for possible inclusion in the submission on activities since the September 2015 meeting. Peter Tomkys' report to the September 2015 meeting of Beverley in Bloom was also included as relevant to the time scale from July 2015 - July 2016. Also included was a section on Future Directions for Beverley in Bloom. Topics in this section were:

- Tesco Community Project
- Water Subsystem
- PlantRaisers
- Replacing Planters
- Flemingate
- Find2
- Beverley Signs and Floral Displays
- Railway Station
- Cemetery Corner
- Manor Road
- Activities: John Killingbeck talk; Harlow Carr visit; Sunflower growing competition; Open Gardens

Tesco Community Garden

As a result of being shortlisted in 1,200 entries out of a total of over 5,000 projects we were one of 3 projects in the area guaranteed at least £8,000, which is what we got after coming third in the customer vote, but a creditable third considering the paucity of information given to customers.

As a result of the shortfall in hoped-for funding, we will need to find separate funding to replace the planters adjacent to the garden and the memorial seats. They will appear separately on the April 2016 meeting Agenda.

Beverley Town Council Grant

As a result of encouragement received at the last meeting to apply for one of these grants, Linda Freeman produced an excellent case for £2,500 to not only replace a large number of our rotting planters but also to use this as an opportune way of celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday this year. We were summoned to the subcommittee on 21st March to support our bid. Only two questions were asked and then we left. Later in the evening the Town Clerk almost took my breath away by ringing to tell me we had been awarded the grant subject to ratification by the full Town Council in April. The result will be known by our April meeting. This award is a ringing endorsement of our efforts but also presents a challenge to justify such confidence. Remember that the supply of free plants for the summer by PlantRaisers has also released the best part of £1,000 from money given to us by the Town Council since they have maintained their contribution of £2,000 to Beverley in Bloom in spite of having to make cuts.

Gardening

Naturally, a very quiet period of the year, nevertheless we did manage a great deal of effort around half-term. Since the East Riding Youth Offending Team had someone who needed to fit his reparation into half-term, I put out an appeal for members to help. We had a splendid turn out, particularly as a number of members has grandparent duties because of half-term.

Work was done at the Foresters. The summer barrier planter liners were emptied, the dead plants composted, and the compost wheelbarrowed to the Find2 plot to enhance the soil. Wicks were removed from the liners, soil brushed out and the liners disinfected. New wicks were subsequently installed.

Peter Tomkys continues to make excellent progress around the railway station car park.

Plants stolen from barrier planters, particularly near the bus station and around the Regal corner, were replaced and deadheading done.

The areas we tend in Lord Robert's Road were tidied up and additional plants put in.

Numbers were painted on the flower buckets to be used for the Minster School sunflower growing competition. Some patching up had to be done at the Minster because of birds thieving the moss for nests and some of the plants having died.

Extra herbs were put into the Treasure House planters and a backdrop of yellow polyanthus added in addition to feeding in this area and outside the East Riding Theatre.

Clive P Waddington

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