

Beverley Town Council  
Beverley in Bloom Minutes

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 2 p.m.

**Present**

Councillor Jim Whitfield, Penny Lynch, Peter Tomkys, Tony Ashby, David Ryley, Jack Quigg, Wendy Usher- Bacon, Ivan Del-Llano, Chris Upton (minutes)

**679 Apologies**

Margaret Cunington, Liz Jones, Sally Knapp, Luke Goulden, Chris Washbrook, Margaret Martin, Sue Dack

**680 To approve the minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.**

The minutes were approved and accepted.

**681 Matters arising from the minutes**

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Peter Tomkys thought that we should approach all members to invite them to be judges for the Beverley in Bloom Town Competition before asking Dorothy Bayldon and Chris Dawson depending on how many judges would be needed. Councillor Whitfield said that he will check with Matt Snowden for the numbers required and invite Dorothy and Chris if necessary.

Wendy asked if the allotment group had been in touch regarding holding their prize giving jointly with Beverley in Bloom. St. Mary's has been booked for September 16<sup>th</sup> together with the flower display by Kevin the results of which will be prizes in the raffle.

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Councillor Whitfield had presented the results of the vote by the group to not take part in Yorkshire in Bloom to the council meeting and was asked by them what that would mean. He explained that the Town Council would organise the judging, publicity and brochure leaving Beverley in Bloom responsible for the planting arrangements.

Peter Tomkys asked about the watering by the council and whether some arrangement to water at the weekends if the weather was hot could be looked at as he and others had had to water until late in the evening to prevent the plants dying last year. Councillor Whitfield said that he would put it to the Town Clerk, but that no one was employed at weekends at present.

Peter Tomkys said that he not officially contacted the Georgian Quarter but thought that they may be interested in helping with North Bar Within as part of their promotion this year, particularly with the four boxes that are in need of repair.

Peter Tomkys stated that he is still the co-ordinator until he has a clearer picture about his treatment. He also mentioned that Councillor Whitfield had purchased 'Garrotta' to Sparkmill to accelerate the compost but that more might be needed.

**682 Statement of accounts**

These stand at a balance of £2611.19 an increase of £711.00 from a V.A.T. refund. It was noticed by Wendy Usher-Bacon that the fee for entry into Yorkshire in Bloom of £80 had been charged to the group and this would to be refunded. The cost of the 'Garrotta' for £17.94 had not yet been

deducted so the final balance should stand at approximately £2673.25

## **683 Reports**

### Co-ordinators report.

Peter Tomkys outlined the meeting attended this morning by himself and Chris Upton about the Minster Towers work by contractors for ERYC that is due to start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

There is a need for volunteers to help remove the plants that are in situ there at present to Sparkmill where members have worked hard and cleared an area for them to be replanted. Depending on the weather, it was hoped to start work on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. and on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. and some volunteers agreed to these times.

ERYC have agreed to let Beverley in Bloom have any spare paving slabs and wooden posts and the contractors said that they will take them to Sparkmill for us.

Peter Tomkys showed the group photos of the worn edging on the central reservation on Manor Rd which he has written to Paul Palmer about. Mr Palmer had agreed that it was very poor and that ERYC will ask the Highways Dept. to do something soon.

Peter Tomkys had also contacted Georgie Peach and David Hunt at the bus station to arrange where the planters could be sited and he and Chris Upton will meet with them at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow.

In the evening Peter Tomkys hopes to attend the AGM of the Renaissance group in the hope that we can have more links with this influential group. He and Chris Upton had met with Ian Sugden regarding the placing of the 3 tier planters in Wednesday Market when they have been dismantled and he said to go ahead and any problems could be sorted afterwards. Peter Tomkys knows someone who can tackle cutting through the metal stands. There is also a barrel to be placed at Kemp's Corner, three tier planter outside County Hall, one off Lairgate and another on the corner of Lairgate and Admiral Walker.

A footpath between the car parks near the station that Peter Tomkys had requested to be improved has been surfaced with wood chippings although it needs some tidying up.

Peter Tomkys has written to the Community Rail Partnership and B in B is now officially a member. David Woodford said that there was some delay as they were being taken over. Peter Tomkys asked if we could become an adoption level 2 group at the station which would give us financial help and some free travel tickets. Hutton Cranswick already get this.

Matt Snowden had said that there were a selection of fruit trees available and Peter thought that they could be planted at Station Sq. if the untidy bushes there were removed by ERYC. The station could also have some trees as they had no objection.

The area at George St. car park was not available for the planned tree planting so we have asked ERYC to take it on again.

## **684 Problems with wallflower plants dying**

Peter Tomkys showed us photos of certain wallflowers that were wilting and dying around the town. Some were healthy but a good proportion were affected. As they were bought as F1 plants this should not really occur and he will write to Earleys to ask for a refund if possible. It seems to have affected the yellow and bronze type mainly.

## **685 Poly Tunnel**

It had been hoped that a representative from the Air Training Group would attend the meeting but there had been some misunderstanding so that Peter Tomkys will now contact their representative by email to hopefully arrange the erection of the poly tunnel in March as the plants arrive at the end of April.

It is to be moved 8-10 feet away so the tap and sprinklers will also need to be moved and it is hoped that Ron Pashley can help with this.

There had been some success with the rescued plants from last year including fuchsias and other perennials plus cuttings of pelargoniums. It is hoped to expand on this in the future.

**686 A.O.B**

### Fundraising Committee Meeting

Peter Tomkys had contacted ERYC about fundraising and they had been very helpful giving him lots of contacts and addresses. They raised concerns that Beverley in Bloom were not a constituted group and many organisations will not deal with groups linked to Town Councils. There was an article in the press advertising a free programme about how to write a bid for funding that Peter hopes to attend. It was agreed that this would be discussed in the future

David Ryley was asked if there had been any news concerning Tesco's contractors including the 'triangle' in their remit. He explained that they had a new manager who was just settling in and that he would raise the issue again at a future meeting.

Peter Tomkys pointed out that the Jubilee Garden was looking good with the Helibores that had been planted and that he hope to keep them there for a few seasons.

The next meeting was set for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm at Well Lane Offices if this was thought necessary.**

**Otherwise a definite meeting would be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2 p.m. at Well Lane Offices.**