

**BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Beverley in Bloom Minutes**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

**Present.**

Penny Lynch, Jack Quigg, David Ryley, Tony Ashby, Sue Dack, Peter Dack, Peter Tomkys, Cllr. Jim Whitfield, Alex Armstrong, Jill Yorke, Chris Upton (minutes)

**736. Apologies.**

Cllr. Harold Bottomley, Wendy Usher- Bacon Margaret Martin, Sally Knapp

**737. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

These were read and adjustment noted in 731 Tesco Update, should read senior management not board members.

**738. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Peter T. apologised for the mix up with the Agenda as he thought that it had already been sent out by Carol in the office not realising that Chris U. had used the councils heading format to add each months agenda to save time

730.He would also like to thank Penny's brother Mark for the work on the B in B letter heading.

David R. thanked everyone for the Awards evening ceremony which was very well attended for which he had had good feedback.

732. Peter said that he had not had all the replies from his survey to see which areas people wanted to take part in and that we should send a letter as a reminder. A letter could also ask which areas people would like to work in and with whom they wished to work with. Some areas may not be filled or have only 1 volunteer so we should ask Matt Snowden to do a press release asking for active gardening skilled people to join us.

Sue D. asked how many people had chosen the active role so far and Peter thought it was about 14.

**739. Statement of Accounts.**

There was no one in the office today to issue a statement but it was thought that the funds were sufficient to pay for any orders and that the bill for Earley's is less this year. Peter T. expects to buy more perennials and that the order from Earley's was due at the end of October.

**740. Reports.**

Membership.

Penny said that there was one new application from a gentleman recruited via the Do It website and she had sent him the details of the group along with the survey form but had not had a reply.. It appears that he has a YO post code and was a web designer rather than a hands on gardener which is more of the type of person we need at present.

Jim pointed out that at one time we had been thinking more about expanding the web page which is why Helen, the Town Clerk had advertised for people who could help with this.

Penny said that she had paid £5 to book St. Mary's Church Hall for December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a fund raising event with Kevin doing a flower arranging demonstration, with wine and mince pies. She apologised for not consulting earlier but went ahead in case we lost the booking slot.

Peter T. explained that it was something that should be discussed via the fund-raising committee that could meet up on a casual basis once a month to ensure that any plans were financially feasible. The tickets and posters have already been printed and thanks again were offered to Mark for designing them.

Penny was hopeful that the 5% fee charged by the Information Office for selling tickets would be waived as it was for a local town event.

It was suggested that we had a stall, possibly at Tesco from which to promote the group and the event. David said he would look into this. Matt Snowden would be asked to do a press release.

Co-ordinator.

Peter explained that following his operation he had hoped to resume the injections that he had had before but this had been advised against by the cancer consultant in case they reactivated any remaining cancer cells in the blood.

He was hoping that with them he could resume his former energy levels but had come to realise that this may not be the case. Therefore he was asking if he and Chris U. could share the co-ordinator role. He said that Sue had asked him when he would return to being the co-ordinator as Chris had found it fairly stressful doing both that and the secretarial duties. Jim said that he was grateful and thanked Peter and Chris if it was agreed by the group present.

As the winter plants were due to be delivered at the end of October there was a need to remove the barriers to be

washed and new wicks attached.

#### **741. Plant Choosing Committee.**

Peter T. read out the reports of the plant choosing committees two meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September and outlined the plants that had been chosen.

Mention was made of the grass areas alongside the Minster Towers strip that had been damaged by workmen during the building works. It was suggested that we either re-turf them or plant grass seed.

Yesterday members had been at Sparkmill helping Jack to wash the flowerpots and to plant the pansies that had arrived from Jersey Plants. (184).

North Bar Within was still ongoing with the contact with David Bird but Peter felt that he was more interested in applying for any grants available on his own rather than with B in B and the Town Council.

Plantscape had been helpful suggesting boxes that looked like stone or lead and Chris U. had found a list of Regency Plants.

Peter is hoping to use the plastic edging that will be removed from the station strip to create new planting areas around trees by raising the soil level to enable spare plants from Sparkhill to be planted.

As Peter Astell has withdrawn from the B in B group activities he will not be growing plants for the Minster mangers so Jack along with Mary Hutchinson with the 3 tiers planters will be taking on the planting. The pansies that recently arrived are for this.

Jim offered to help get the mangers to Sparkhill to be worked on.

Jack thought the area at the station car park was a disgrace as there was a lot of litter and debris as no one was keeping it clean

Peter explained that he had had meetings with Chris Mayall from the railway before his operation and they had agreed that B in B would look after the car park area and would be given £50 a fortnight for plants. It was the responsibility of ERYC to sweep the pavements etc. and Peter will contact Mr Palmer to check on this.

The area around the tree there will have the Helibores from Jubilee gardens planted around it when the soil has been cleansed of the weeds.

#### **742. A.O.B.**

Regarding the Do It recruitment site Peter asked if we could either leave it or just specify that we want active planters rather than office skilled people and whether Jim could ask Helen to arrange for this.

It was felt that many of the people volunteering only did so to have something to put on their C.V's.

Also in future if any membership details were received to send them straight to Penny.

Chris U. mentioned that it had been suggested that we have quarterly main meetings in future and Peter agreed that the smaller groups could meet to discuss their own areas and the main meetings could be minuted by the Town Council secretary.

#### **743. Date of the next meeting.**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 , 2.p.m, Well Lane Town Council Office.**