

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL
Beverley in Bloom Minutes

Wednesday 21st May 2014, 2pm.

Present.

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

695. Apologies.

Wendy Usher-Bacon, Chrissie Blades, Sally Knapp, Peter Astell, Margaret Martin, Matt Snowden, Chris Washbrook, Cllr. Harold Bottomley

696.

To approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd 2014.

These were read and approved.

697.

Matters arising from the minutes.

The Tesco triangle was discussed following the letter that David Ryley had sent to the group giving Tesco's position. It was thought by members at this time that the best option would be for Tesco to allow their contractor to clear the site and maybe plant basic shrubs leaving a strip around for the possibility of Beverley in Bloom planting whatever colour scheme was chosen for that year. David said he would get back to his manager.

It was decided that a plant committee would meet on **Wednesday 17th September 2pm** at the Town Council Office to work out the next colour scheme and that an organisation presentation group would also meet on the **Wednesday 10th September, 5pm** at the same venue to discuss the Beverley in Bloom prize presentation.

698.

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.

To deduct from this is £105.67 covering the cost of 14 shrubs for Minster Towers and 5 rolls of plastic edging for Jack Quigg's lettering of Beverley in Bloom. Leaving a running balance of £2552.58

699.

Reports.

Jim handed round a report from 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 and he thanked all those who had taken part.

Chris Upton reported that she had been to Sparkmill and spoken to Andy who had begun bringing in the liners from the town barriers. Luckily she was just in time to alert Andy to the fact that some of them may have had a virus and that they should be kept separate from the healthy ones. These were put on one side and will be taken to the Tip. Jim kindly volunteered to do this. She also asked about the number of bags of compost as there were only 14 available to date when we usually have 100. He phoned the office and ordered another 90.

Chris on the neighbouring allotment asked when the sunflowers she had donated would be planted as they were beginning to fail and it was agreed that Chris Washbrook and Tony would be planting them at the station along with the perennials in the smaller poly tunnel hopefully next week.

It was arranged that the liners brought in from the town would be emptied and the best plants replanted at Sparkmill on **Friday 23rd May at 10.30** and the then empty liners used to collect further plants from the barrels and 3 tier planters etc. which would also be replanted and stored at Sparkmill.

Discussions about the remaining barrels for Wednesday Market resulted in the group giving up on trying to retrieve one of the loaned barrels in Newbiggin and looking into the cost of new barrels. Chris U. was to do

this. Sue Dack offered the group one of her barrels so hopefully there will be enough to furnish the Wednesday Market site which will now only feature along the front facing the road.

700.

Matt Snowden's invitation to St. Mary's event (Sue Dack)

Sue explained that there was to be an Open Day on 31st May between 10am and 4pm and that we had been invited to have a stall there. She was willing to go and set it up using some of the Friends of the Earth Bee Campaign materials alongside Beverley in Bloom information.

Peter T. had shown us a brochure produced by Driffeld in Bloom that he thought would be a suitable format for Beverley. A new volunteer who is a designer, will be approached by Chris Upton to see if she would be able to create one for the group possibly to be available on the stall.

Sue suggested that she takes some of the plants that would be delivered the day before to put on the stall and Chris U. offered the table banner and to do a poster.

Volunteers for the day were Penny, Peter and Sue Dack and Jim.

701. Delivery date for the plants.

The plants are now due to arrive on **Friday 30th May between 12 and 1 pm**

An invitation to members to help with this will be sent out as many hands are needed to speed up the task of transporting them from the van to the poly tunnel.

702.

Beverley in Bloom Town Competition.

Posters and entry forms had been delivered and notices where entry forms could be picked up.

So far there had only been 7 entries with just 2 of those from the general public.

A reminder that a meeting to choose judges

will be on Wednesday 25th, June 2014 at 5pm at Well Lane.

703.

News of a Social Event for later this year

Penny said that The Tiger had already been booked for **Thursday 19th June starting at 8pm.** Tickets are £4.40 each which includes food and hopefully Peter Dack will be able to devise a quiz for the evening.

704.

A.O.B.

Peter Tomkys brought up the topic of the watering of the plants by Andy and had spoken to Helen as some areas had insufficient water last year. She had said that Andy's contract was quite tight and that some other groups did their own watering.

The 3 tier planters and 14 barrier planters that need to be dismantled and placed in their new positions will be tackled by Jim and Tony, probably next Tuesday and Peter T. and Chris U. will go round the town tomorrow to mark out the exact spots for them to go.

Peter T suggested that we could get in touch with Chrissie Blades husband who was due to retire shortly and who had offered to help out.

Date of the next meeting.

This was not actually decided on but a suggestion that it could be on the same time as the judge choosing meeting arranged earlier which is;

Wednesday 18th June 2014 at 2pm at Beverley Town Council Offices, Well Lane