

BEVERLEY IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP

Wednesday 7th February 2018
At 1.30pm at 12 Well Lane, Beverley

Present: Cllr Ann Willis, Linda Freeman, Wendy Usher Bacon, David Ryley, Clive Waddington, Marion Waddington, Peter Dack, Sue Dack, Sally Knapp, Margaret Martin, Lance Wardell, Mary Hutchinson, Jim Blackburn, Tracey Packer and Christina Matthews.

In attendance: Helen Watson, Town Clerk and Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk

The Town Clerk addressed the members at the meeting to inform them that Beverley is now a finalist in Britain in Bloom. There are 9 finalists in the category, Ballymena, Beverley, Bury St Edmonds, Colwyn Bay, Congleton, Oswestry, Penrith, Perth and Royal Tunbridge Wells. The same judges judge the Large Town category and the judging will take place in the first two weeks of August. The Judging route takes 3 hours. There are 3 pillars of judging:

- (i) Horticultural excellence, sustainability and innovation,
- (ii) Environment and heritage and
- (iii) Community.

The results will be given in October at a ceremony in Belfast.

A meeting will need to take place with East Riding of Yorkshire Council as they will be involved with a lot of the work. The Town Clerk, Dr Waddington and Miss Freeman will meet with East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The Town Clerk presented a cake to the group as a thank you to everyone for all the hard work in achieving this fantastic result.

Just Beverley and Beverley Life photographers took photos of the group to support the press release which has been released by Britain in Bloom.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at 2.05pm.

Miss Freeman welcomed new members, Mr Blackburn, Ms Packer and Ms Matthews to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in Beverley in Bloom. She also welcomed Mr Wardell as the new co-ordinator who will take over when Dr Waddington retires.

		Person to action
141	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Elizabeth Jones, Susannah Vokes, Tony Ashby, Christina Upton, Peter Tompkys, Mark Lynch and Penny Lynch.	
142	To note the minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on 11th October 2017 The minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on the 11 th October 2017 were noted.	
143	Matters arising from the minutes of the 11th October 2017 Minute 131 Woodmansey triangle - Dr Waddington reported he had spoken with Cllr Elvidge and the land belongs to East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Dr Waddington has received a quote for the work to clear the site in the sum of £1600. Dr Waddington thought a working party should attend the Woodmansey triangle to investigate what needs be to done.	Dr Waddington/Members to form a working party to commence work on the Woodmansey triangle.

	<p>High vis vests - Dr Waddington said he would purchase more high vis vests.</p> <p>Shed – this has been put on hold with the change in Co-Ordinator as the Bloom allotment may need to move. Mrs Martin said the hard core is still in her garden for the shed.</p> <p>New Bank Account - The Deputy Town Clerk to sort a new bank account with Yorkshire Bank as soon as possible.</p> <p>Signs – The signs need to be re-designed now Beverley is a Britain in Bloom finalist. Dr Waddington is to speak to East Yorkshire Signs & Graphics. Mrs Waddington suggested having two sizes of sign, one for cars and another for businesses. Dr Waddington and Mr Wardell are to meet to discuss the design.</p> <p>Minute 133</p> <p>Dr Waddington reported he had put the summer order into Plantraisers. There will be a cost for growing from cuttings. He has ordered an additional 10 octagonal planters worth of plants, 5 in bright colours and 5 in lilacs.</p> <p>Minute 137</p> <p>Dr Waddington reported that 8 trees are being planted in the Tesco garden on Friday. Mr Wardell is to let Dr Waddington have some bone meal for the trees. Dr Waddington said that Hallgate has 4000 tonnes of bark which they wish to get rid of. Mr Wardell said he would like some for the allotments. Dr Waddington to supply Mr Wardell with the contact details.</p>	<p>Dr Waddington</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> <p>Dr Waddington/Mr Wardell</p> <p>Dr Waddington/Mr Wardell</p>
<p>144</p>	<p>To receive the Statement of Accounts</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported the account balance was £897.74.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk said that £3000 had been precepted to Beverley in Bloom for 2018/19 financial year and would be paid in two halves in May/June and October/November. Beverley in Bloom asked the Deputy Town Clerk to thank the Town Council.</p>	<p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p>
<p>145</p>	<p>To receive Report</p> <p>(a) Co-Ordinator’s report</p> <p>Dr Waddington said we need to encourage the community to become involved with Britain in Bloom.</p> <p>He reported that Mrs Waddington had looked on the websites of other towns and suggested that other members could do the same.</p> <p>Dr Waddington said he had spoken to the Town Clerk and she had offered half of the Town Council notice boards for Britain in Bloom for use as interpretation boards. It was felt the boards would need to be larger. Members felt that Tesco, Hallgate, Plant Raisers could be recognised in the notice boards and with plaques around the town of their support to Beverley in Bloom.</p> <p>(b) Membership Secretary</p> <p>No report received as Membership Secretary unwell in hospital. It was agreed to send some flowers from the group.</p>	<p>All Members</p> <p>All Members</p>
<p>146</p>	<p>To receive notification the Beverley Chrysanthemum Society is closing and to consider the siting of a planter with the donation to be received</p> <p>Miss Freeman reported the Beverley Chrysanthemum Society has closed after nearly 100 years since its inception. Part of the constitution if the Society is closed is the moneys go to a like-minded organisation. Miss Freeman had</p>	

	<p>suggested Beverley in Bloom and this was agreed. A cheque in the sum of £756.69 was given to the group. Miss Freeman reported there will be more moneys to come following the closure of the bank account.</p> <p>Two planters are to be purchased for the Toll Gavel Church drive way, one will be a community edible planter which will be cared for by the uniformed groups who meet at Toll Gavel Church as part of their badge work. The second one could have chrysanthemums in. The planters would have plaques on to recognise the funding had come from Beverley Chrysanthemum Society.</p> <p>Ms Knapp said that the Toll Gavel Church are seeking funding to make this area more presentable.</p> <p>Discussion took place about having an information board in the area. Toll Gavel church do not own the wall. Ms Knapp said there would be room for a board to be built but the minister's approval would be needed.</p>	
147	<p>To receive an update on the communication with the Beverley Railway Station</p> <p>Miss Freeman had a good meeting with the Community Rail representative. They have agreed to provide 4 big planters for the front 5/6 hanging baskets and 4 planters for the platform for the Beverley in Bloom group to maintain. Concerns were expressed about watering. Prices would need to be obtained. It was agreed that a small group would go and have a site visit.</p> <p>The representative also agreed to clear the small triangular area so a wild area could be created. RHS will supply for free wild flower plants if applied for.</p> <p>Dr Waddington said help would be needed from East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the front of the railway station and this will be discussed at the proposed meeting to be held.</p>	<p>Sub group to be set up – Dr Waddington/Miss Freeman</p>
148	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Miss Freeman said Keldmarsh School have a wildlife area at the school and photographic evidence will be obtained when Beverley in Bloom are working with the children for the portfolio.</p> <p>Ms Knapp said that Toll Gavel Church are having a small wildlife friendly for bees and butterflies. An insect house is being considered.</p> <p>Ms Packer reported she is in the process of gathering community interest for the wildlife garden at the rear of the allotment shop.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the possibility of the poly tunnel and shed being on the site behind the shop too. This is to be measured out. Ms Packer said we would need to liaise with the Town Clerk as she is behind this project. It was agreed that a plot on Queensgate near the gate would be preferable and both the poly tunnel and shed are to be sited there.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk is to find out if a plot near the gate on Queensgate could be allocated to Beverley in Bloom. They would then give up the plot on Sparkmill.</p>	<p>Deputy Town Clerk</p>
149	<p>To receive updates:</p> <p>(a) Town Competition</p> <p>Members wished the Town Competition to go ahead and a sub-group is to be organised. Mrs Usher Bacon has booked the Conservative Club for the presentation evening on the 26th September 2018 at 730pm. It was agreed that the competition needs to be advertised more and Mr Ryley suggested contacting Sam Walker at Beverley Life as he is very keen on Beverley stories.</p>	<p>Sub group to be set up – Dr Waddington/Miss Freeman</p>

	<p>Mr Ryley said we need to foster good relations with the press and have pieces to go into the local newspapers to keep Beverley in Bloom in the public eye.</p> <p>It was noted that entries were down this year. As a way of promoting the competition the Judges noted businesses with excellent floral displays and awarded a Certificate of Merit. They were then invited to the presentation evening to receive their Certificate.</p> <p>(b) The Newsletter</p> <p>Miss Freeman said the newsletter needs to advertise Beverley in Bloom. Mrs Usher Bacon said at present, the newsletter is a record of what has been done, what we are trying to do and interesting articles. This is sent to all members by post by the Deputy Town Clerk.</p> <p>Mrs Usher Bacon is aiming to have another newsletter out by the end of February and asked for articles to be sent to her via the office.</p> <p>Mr Ryley suggested that we contact the local secondary schools and East Riding College to find out if they had any students who would be able to assist with the design of the newsletter, website and Facebook page in order to keep the work of the Group in the public eye. The Deputy Town Clerk to contact Longcroft School and Miss Freeman to contact the other two schools and the College. Dr Waddington said we need to create news to keep the impact of Beverley in Bloom going throughout the year. This also needs to be kept up to date. Mr Ryley has contact for Beverley Grammar and will provide to Miss Freeman.</p> <p>(c) Tesco Project</p> <p>Dr Waddington said the Tesco Garden is nearly completed. Mr Ryley said Tesco would like to have a photo with the Group following the grant received from Bags for Help to undertake the work. Dr Waddington and Mr Ryley to agree a date.</p> <p>(d) Grants</p> <p>Received from the Beverley Catholic Club</p> <p>A grant has been received from the Beverley Catholic Club in the sum of £4000 and it is proposed that this money is spent in the Railway Station area. The Manager from Flemingate would like to see a floral corridor from the Town to Flemingate. Wykeland are to be approached to ascertain whether they are able to make a financial contribution. A plaque would be made in the area to recognise the gift.</p> <p>Application made to Destination Beverley</p> <p>The Town Clerk has made an application to Destination Beverley on behalf of Beverley in Bloom.</p>	<p>All Members</p> <p>Mrs Usher Bacon</p> <p>Miss Freeman</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk</p> <p>Dr Waddington/Mr Ryley</p> <p>Dr Waddington</p>
150	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mr Wardell asked about painting the planters. Mrs Waddington said she is happy to do this again in June.</p> <p>Dr Waddington is to speak to Beverley Arms hotel to see if they are able to assist with a frame for the bottom of the planters to level them for them to be re-sited in North Bar Within,</p> <p>Mr Wardell asked about the tub in Hengate. Dr Waddington reported they need tidying up and a few members of the group can do this,</p> <p>Mr Wardell said he has a contact at Beverley FM. Dr Waddington said the</p>	<p>Mrs Waddington</p> <p>Dr Waddington</p> <p>Dr Waddington/Members</p>

	<p>Town Clerk has a contact at Beverley FM who is being used for the judges for Britain in Bloom.</p> <p>Dr Waddington said that Plantraisers are willing to bring the plants on in their greenhouses and deliver to the town. Plantraisers have agreed a group of members can go to their site on a Sunday and do the planting. The baskets and liners will need cleaning before going to Plantraisers.</p> <p>Other garden centres were considered and Dr Waddington agreed to speak to Cherry Lane and Jon Los.</p> <p>Dr Waddington reported it has been agreed to plant red, white and blue plant in the Diamond Jubilee garden for the weekend of the Flower Festival.</p> <p>Miss Freeman said discussion had taken place about a calendar for Beverley in Bloom. Community Rail have a photographer who will be willing to do this to take in the views of Beverley. Miss Freeman thought it would cost about £250/£300 to make it. This could be given as a prize for the Town Competition and the others sold.</p> <p>Miss Freeman said groups need to be formed for the Town Competition, Railway Station/Catholic Club, Britain in Bloom and Design. Members are to let the Deputy Town Clerk know which group they wish to belong to. Monthly meetings will need to be held to keep fully informed of the work of each group.</p> <p>There will be lots of co-ordination required for Britain in Bloom. The white rabbit theme was considered with the Judges going back for tea with Alice at St Marys if judging is at the same time as the flower festival. ERT and CLB are to be contacted.</p> <p>All Town Council staff were thanked for their support and commitment to Beverley in Bloom.</p>	<p>Dr Waddington/Members</p> <p>Dr Waddington</p> <p>Miss Freeman/Members</p>
<p>151</p>	<p>Date of Next Meetings:</p> <p>25th April 2018 at 1.30pm at 12 Well Lane Beverley</p>	

The meeting closed at 4.05pm