Beverley in Bloom Working Group Wednesday 18th January 2017

Present: Linda Freeman (Chair), Clive Waddington, Marion Waddington, Susannah Voke, Peter Tomkys, David Ryley, Christina Upton, Liz Jones, Tony Ashby, Sue Dack and Mary Hutchinson.

In attendance - Carol Oliver (Deputy Town Clerk)

Linda Freeman wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Marion Waddington and Susannah Voke to the meeting. Members congratulated Clive and Marion Waddington on their recent marriage.

Peter Tomkys read a text he had received from Penny Lynch offering her apologies to the meeting. She would like to have another recruitment day. She has a potential volunteer for Beverley in Bloom who has moved into Beverley and is settling into his new home before offering to help.

		Person to action
91	To receive apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received from Wendy Usher Bacon, Jim Whitfield, Sally Knapp, Peter Dack, Penny Lynch, Mark Lynch and Margaret Martin.	
92	To note the minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on 21 st September 2016	
	The minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on 21 st September 2016 were noted.	
93	Matters Arising from the minutes of the 21 st September 2016	
	Min 82 – Clive Waddington reported that he has no response with regard to sponsorship of the barrels outside Tesco. Beverley in Bloom have planted the barrels up from their resources. Clive Waddington is going to make personal contact with the company.	Clive Waddington
	Peter Tomkys reported there is graffiti on the planters and needs removing. Clive Waddington said it would rub off. Members agreed to contact Humberside Police to find out if they know who the "tag" belongs to enable contact to be made with the person doing the graffiti to ask them to remove it.	Linda Freeman
	Clive Waddington said he is finding Woodmansey Parish Council unhelpful with regard to the cemetery. It was agreed to contact Cllr Kerri Harold to ask if she can help. Clive Waddington agreed to contact Cllr Harold.	Clive Waddington
	Linda Freeman said in view of the amount of housing development taking place in Woodmansey, there should be funds payable by the developers for Commuted Sums and suggested make enquiries.	
	Min 84 – Letter was sent.	
	Clive Waddington said the compost was sorted.	
	Min 86 – Linda Freeman said that Margaret Martin said she is unable to do the Town Competition this year. Linda Freeman, Mary Hutchinson, Marion Waddington and David Ryley agreed to be the working party for the Town Competition.	Mary Hutchinson, Linda Freeman, Marion Waddington and David Ryley to
	Min 90	meet.
	Sue Dack reported Peter Dack, their grandchildren and herself had planted the community barrel. Clive Waddington had planted the middle of it.	

	Chris Upton reported the community barrel had been an item in the newsletter.	
	The Queensgate strip would be planted when people are working down on the allotment plot.	
	Mary Hutchinson reported she had spoken to CLB and they are interested in tending an area which would assist with the badge work. They would like Beverley in Bloom to do a talk. Linda Freeman and Mary Hutchinson to arrange a date for a talk to the CLB. Peter Tomkys said he is withdrawing from gardening Hengate Corner and Jubilee Garden. It was thought that CLB could be asked to look after Jubilee Garden.	Linda Freeman and Mary Hutchinson
	A long discussion took place about the Secret Garden at the Minster which was left in perpetuity for the vicars at the Minster. It was agreed that discussion would need to be undertaken with the new incumbent of the Minster about the wider use of the Secret Garden.	
	Peter Tomkys said he had heard that the allotment plot held by Beverley in Bloom has a new tenant. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that this is not the case. Members discussed whether a full allotment was needed.	
	It was agreed that the rear half of the allotment would be given back to the Town Council. The shed is to remain on the rear half of the plot for the new tenant.	The Deputy Town Clerk
	It was agreed to look to purchasing a new shed for the plot and this is to be looked at by Clive Waddington.	Clive Waddington
94	To receive the Statement of Accounts	
	Linda Freeman reported there is £6000 on the bank account which is three-quarters of the Tesco grant.	
	The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £1124 in the Town Council account.	
95	To receive a verbal Co-Coordinator's report	
	Clive Waddington said he is still in conversations with East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the levelling platforms before the siting of the planters can be done. Ian Sugden from East Riding of Yorkshire Council had done a site visit with Clive Waddington and suggestions had been put forward as placing the planters between the steps and the benches. Mr Sugden said that this would narrow the path for events and the residents may not be happy with the locations discussed.	
	Peter Tomkys said that that part of grant received from the High Street Fund was to fund special tables which could go over the benches for markets. Peter Tomkys said that the Georgian Quarter needs to be spoken to in order to discuss this.	
	Christina Upton left the meeting at 2.30pm.	
	Peter Tomkys said that residents had told him that they would like more flowers in the area. Peter Tomkys said he thought the barrels looked nice.	
	Consideration was given to the siting of the planters in Saturday Market, Wilko corner and the Guildhall as the planting done by Beverley in Bloom is around the edge of the town centre.	
	Clive Waddington said he would pursue siting at North Bar.	
	Linda Freeman is to speak to the Georgian Quarter.	Linda Freeman
96	To confirm the meeting of the Plant Choosing Committee on the 20 th January 2017 at 1.30pm at 12 Well Lane Beverley.	
	The meeting of the Plant Choosing Committee on the 20 th January 2017 at 1.30pm at 12 Well Lane, Beverley was noted.	

97	To receive the Membership report to including publicity for recruitment.	
	As Penny Lynch was unable to attend the meeting, this has is to be an Agenda item for next meeting.	The Deputy Town Clerk
98	To receive an update on the Tesco Project	
	All the permission are now in place and work has commenced on site by the contractors. The seats have arrived and will be sited shortly. A street barrier is to be sited to protect people using the garden and enable safe working for the site when it is being tended. There is a plan to plan Burberry bushes in front of this barrier. The 5 new trees are to be sited shortly.	
	Peer Tomkys asked if the litter picking work was going to be continuing. David Ryley said that a request must be sent to him by email to request the litter pick continue as this is a decision for the Store Manager of Tesco Beverley.	Linda Freeman
	Suggestion was made to the siting of a litter bin on site. Tesco would have to be approached as Landlord of the site and East Riding of Yorkshire Council should be contacted to ensure it can be emptied by them on their rounds.	
	Clive Waddington was thanked for his work as it has vastly improved the area. Members thanked Tesco for their grant and agreed for a photo shoot when it is re-opened with Tesco, Beverley in Bloom and Town Council.	
99	To receive and agree the grievance policy	
	Thanks were expressed to Linda Freeman and Peter Tomkys for the work on the Grievance Policy. This document is in place to protect all members.	
	The Grievance Policy was agreed and a copy of this would be handed to all new members together with a copy of the Constitution.	
100	Railway Station adoption	
	Clive Waddington has spoken to the new Franchisees for the Railway Station and no response has been received. Clive Waddington reported he had spoken to Mr Tait, the Flemingate Development Manager who is keen to get a floral corridor from Flemingate to the town and Clive Waddington has agreed to assist and support Mr Tait.	
	Peter Tomkys said that agreement had been reached with the previous Franchisees that they would remove all the bushes in the car park and be replanted by Beverley in Bloom. Peter Tomkys felt that any agreement reached previously should stand. All the paperwork is with Clive Waddington. It was noted it is a different Franchisee. Clive Waddington will contact Mr Tait to let him know about the existing paper work and invite him to the meeting on the 6 th April.	Clive Waddington
101	Any other business	
	Mary Hutchinson said she thought that Eastgate needs to be brightened up. She is prepared to do additional mangers. Clive Waddington said that this needs to be looked at.	
	Linda Freeman asked members to consider any extra planters for any area and with a view for further discussion at the next meeting.	All members
	Clive Waddington said in view of the fact that plants are being donated for the next two summer seasons; funds would be available to purchase planters.	
	A request had been made for cigarette bin but this had got lost in the administration at East Riding of Yorkshire Council.	
	Peter Tomkys said he had asked someone to clear up their cigarette butts but Members agreed that this is difficult to police.	

	David Ryley said the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Programme had changed to monthly applications and will receive a grant of up to £5,000. The second placed project receives up to £2,000 and third placed up to £1,000. David Ryley asked that this is publicised among the Community Groups in Beverley.	
102	To note the date of next meeting is on Thursday 6 th April 2017 at 6.00pm at 12 Well Lane Beverley	
	The date of the next Beverley in Bloom meeting is on Thursday 6 th April 2017 at 6.00pm at 12 Well Lane Beverley is noted.	

Linda Freeman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm.