

BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Beverley in Bloom Minutes

Thursday 28th August 2014

Present.

Penny Lynch, Jack Quigg, David Ryley, Tony Ashby, Sue Dack, Peter Dack, Peter Tomkys, Wendy Usher- Bacon, Margaret Martin, Dick Steel, George Hart, Chrissie Blades, Matt Snowden, Cllr. Harold Bottomley, Cllr. Jim Whitfield, Chris Upton (minutes)

725. Apologies.

Liz Jones, Cllr. Peter Astell, Jill Yorke, Sally Knapp, Margaret Hutchinson and Alex Armstrong

726. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday, 30th July 2014.

These were read and approved.

727. Matters arising from the minutes.

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Peter Tomkys referred to the query regarding appointing an acting secretary but found there was nothing against it in the constitution. Cllr Harold Bottomley thought that there was sufficient secretarial input available including the Office Secretary taking the minutes every 4 months. There was mention of possibly having meetings every 2 months particularly during the winter months. Cllr Jim Whitfield said that we do get administrative support from the office.

718.
Peter Tomkys needed guidelines for the paper he was writing up particularly one that would cover any problems that had occurred through lack of communication. Cllr Jim Whitfield agreed that Cllr. Peter Astell had not communicated with the group about his plans and that Beverley in Bloom's decisions should take precedence. Anyone volunteering to do things should always refer to the last minutes and check with any of the officers or the Town Clerk. If this is ignored the Chair would write to remind them of the ruling and any costs incurred would rest with them.

728. Statement of Accounts.

There is a remaining balance of £2594.04 including income from the raffle of £27.00 and outgoings for gravel, herbs and plants of £115.92. There are still plants to be bought for the Railway Station and the Earley's account to pay. We should get back money from Mr Mayall (David Clayton) from the station. Cllr Harold Bottomley said that he had been to the Beverley Community Partnership meeting and they were offering up to 100 trees. A decision should be made by the Plant Choosing Committee as previous tree planting had resulted in theft.

729. Reports.

Membership

Penny informed us that there were two new members

Co-ordinator

Peter Tomkys has sent his report via email and would answer any matters arising. Cllr Jim Whitfield thanked him for his report.

Beverley in Bloom Competition Report.

Matt Snowden said the final results of some of the residential entries had only half a score but this had been corrected and they were now moved from silver to silver/gilt. He suggested that judges could contact in the next 3 or 4 days the entrants to promote the awards night telling them what they had won and ask if it was okay to send details to the local press. He thanked everyone for all the work done.

730. Headed Notepaper.

It had been discussed between Peter Tomkys and Penny Lynch that it would be a good idea to have headed notepaper to use when writing to people. There were examples that Penny Lynch had brought handed round and a discussion as to whether to include the Town Council logo. It was voted against 9 to 6 not to use the logo but to acknowledge the link in writing. The Beverley in Bloom logo was to replace the ones in the examples.

731. Tesco Update.

David Ryley told us that there was still some confusion amongst Tesco board members about the ownership of the triangle site so the idea of having a memorial could not be considered until ownership was confirmed in writing. There would need to be a transfer of the lease if it was taken on by Tesco who may not agree with this. There is an ERYC meeting in 2 months' time where it could be asked formally whether the triangle is Tesco's or ERYC's responsibility. The Community Partnership could bring it up at their next meeting as an agenda item and Paul Palmer should be asked to confirm that it is ERYC land leased to Tesco.

732. Volunteers to care for their own area of planting.

This is being covered by a questionnaire sent to members by Peter Tomkys with a cut-off date of 30th September. This asks which area people are interested in and if the form is not returned it will be assumed that they are no longer interested in being a Beverley in Bloom member.

733. Update on The Academy of Urbanisation.

The tour of the town was taken by 6 or 7 men, architects and engineers in a similar way to the Yorkshire in Bloom visit. There was no time for a look at the station but Peter Tomkys was asked to tell about the project in a few minutes. They then saw a video presentation of the Flemingate development which was very interesting. Are we going to be involved?

734. St. Marys Church.

Peter Tomkys had spoken with the church rep. who was concerned about the growth of ivy over the wall in Hengate that was lifting the coping stones off. The church is battling to preserve the church especially on one side. They are asking the committee whether Beverley in Bloom can officially approach the church as to whether we can remove the ivy. Jack Quigg thought that if you remove it, it will create more problems and it would be better to just trim it. Cllr Harold Bottomley said to cut it off at the roots. Matt raised the question of insurance and that it was a Church of England issue and that it was up to PPC to take on the board themselves. If individuals wanted to help out that would be up to them but not Beverley in Bloom as we are too busy. Cllr Jim Whitfield said to report back with our sympathies.

735. A.O.B. And date of next meeting.

David Ryley said he had contact with Molescroft School who said that they used to work with Beverley in Bloom but this had stopped. Cllr Jim Whitfield said that they had included them in the judging and that there are sections in Yorkshire in Bloom they can enter.

Matt Snowden told us that he cannot always attend but wants to generate enthusiasm for the Town Competition. The idea of a Friends Group with say a £5 fee was broached and he would like permission to put together costings for a quarterly newsletter based on the minutes and button badges to give out.

Margaret Martin had spoken to the manager at the Garden Centre who had offered support and she would go back to Adam to get more information.

Peter Tomkys had spoken to Mr Mayall to have some manger baskets along the station wall and whether he would object to them being sponsored and having a logo on them. This would be OK and Peter Tomkys would follow up with the idea. There could ultimately be up to 27 mangers if the trial went well.

Peter Tomkys distributed a list of all the businesses or houses around the town that had made an effort to provide displays that he had collected on his two and a half hour tour. He suggested that we write to them on the new headed note paper thanking them for their contribution that had enhanced the town this summer. These could be delivered by hand with 'This is not a circular' written on the envelope. Cllr Jim Whitfield will sign them and Chris and Peter would work on that.

Peter Tomkys also thought that holding meetings in a pub in the future where a notice could be put up advertising the group.

Wendy Usher-Bacon had heard that Cllr Kate Grey wanted us to join with her to get grants but Peter Tomkys said that we have already agreed to join with the Georgian Quarter Group and the Town Council in a bid to get new boxes for N. Bar Within.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday October 1st 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Well Lane Office.