

Beverley Town Council

Beverley in Bloom Working Group Minutes

For its General Meeting on Friday 9th January 2015

Present: Councillor Jim Whitfield (Chairman); David Ryley – Tesco Community Champion (Vice Chairman), Margaret Dunn, John Dunn, Tony Ashby, Peter Dack, Jack Quigg, Sue Dack, Linda Freeman, Chrissie Blades, Peter Tompkys,

Also present: Joanna Render (Administrative Assistant / Minute Taker) & Mr Peter Myers (Northern Rail)

756 10.30 AM Chairman's opening remarks

Chair wished all members a Happy New Year. He explained that the time and day of the meeting had had to change due to operational reasons within the Town Council, further discussion on this would take place later in the meeting.

757 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bottomley, Alex Armstrong, Wendy Usher-Bacon, Margaret Martin, Chris Upton, Mary Hutchinson and Penny Lynch.

758 To note the Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved – the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th November 2014 were noted. Minute 748 – Co-ordinators report – paragraph 3 – 100 Cyclamen corms should read 54.

759 Matters arising from the Minutes

New member John Dunn asked how the group was funded. Cllr Whitfield advised that the Town Council provided funding and also events throughout the year provided additional funds. – The events raised the profile of the group within the community as well as raising funds.

760 To receive a statement of accounts

Resolved – A statement of accounts was received.

761 Presentation by Mr Peter Myers of Northern Rail about Beverley in Bloom becoming a Level 2 Adopter of Beverley Railway Station.

Peter Myers advised that group that he would like BiB to further they work they already do at the station by becoming 'friends' of the railway station. This could extend beyond the planting and taking care of beds/ tubs etc and include painting and general tidying.

Northern Rail would provide half barrels and a small amount of funding for seeds and plants – they would not normally provide the plants, and encourage the group to deal with local suppliers. In return for the work, Northern rail would provide a number 'Bearer Passes' which would entitle the bearer to free rail travel.

A discussion took place on how this might be moved forward.

Resolved – Peter Tompkys is to contact members to establish those interested in working at Beverley Rail Station and to arrange a sub group meeting.

762 To receive Reports from the:

(a) *Membership Secretary -- No new members*

(b) *Co-ordinator – Peter Tompkys read his full report to the group. Work has been carried out planting and weeding in the Georgian quarter, Railway station and Jubilee Garden. A grant application has been made to the RHS requesting funding for 4 containers for the Georgian Quarter. This was submitted on the 12th December 2014.*

Beverley Lions Club have also been approached for funding and have advised that they may give funding for one container at the cost of £1400. This is to be discussed further at the next Lions meeting.

The wooden flower boxes have been returned to their position on Lord Roberts Road – these had been severely damaged by the film company but have now been repaired.

The Summer bedding plants order has been submitted to the grower, estimated delivery is the last week of May 2015.

44 Letters thanking businesses and residents for their floral contributions have been sent out.

During December, steps were taken by members to protect all frost sensitive plants.

(c) *Fund Raising Committee.* - a few events have been discussed but nothing finalised as yet. All bills have been paid relating to the fundraising event in December, which was a great success. All monies have been given to the Town Council, with direct payment into the bank account from ticket sales by the tourist information. A final figure is not yet known.

763 Changes to the Beverley in Bloom Constitution with the Town Council

(a) Proposal from Peter Tomkys that the Town Council be asked to formally agree a change to our constitution so that General Beverley in Bloom meetings will take place ONLY four times a year namely in; January, April, July, October. (The Town Clerk has agreed a member of her staff will 'clerk' each of these meetings.)

Peter Tompkys proposed changing the April meeting to May to incorporate the AGM. Seconded by David Ryley

Resolved – BiB meetings to take place in January, May, July and October. Cllr Whitfield will speak with the Town Clerk to make the amendments to the constitution.

(b) Proposal from Peter Tompkys to consider asking the Town Council to approve changes to the Beverley in Bloom Constitution to include; an annual election in MAY each year at the A.G.M. of:

Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; Co-ordinator; Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

A discussion took place regarding the necessity of all the roles.

Resolved – An annual election for: Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; Co-ordinator; Membership Secretary and Treasurer will take place in May at the BiB AGM.

(c) Proposal from Peter Tomkys that each candidate for the above posts be asked to submit, two weeks before the elections, a statement in support of their proposed election, of not more than one hundred words and that these statements are subsequently circulated to Beverley in Bloom members one week before the election takes place.

Proposal discussed and amended to be less formal, as agreed by the group.

Resolved – Nominations for the posts of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Co-ordinator, Membership Secretary and Treasurer will be notified prior to the AGM/Elections. If necessary, voting will take place through a show of hands.

(d) Proposal from Peter Tomkys that an extra meeting be held each year, beginning in May this year (2015), in order that the above elections ONLY can take place. (The Town Clerk has agreed this meeting can also be 'clerked' by a member of her staff.)

Resolved – Quarterly meeting of BiB changed to May from April to incorporate the AGM / Elections.

(e) Proposal from Peter Tomkys that the length of all Beverley in Bloom's quarterly meetings is restricted to a maximum of two hours which is the accepted maximum time of meetings of Beverley Town Council.

Resolved – BiB quarterly meetings restricted to a maximum of 2 hours in line with the accepted Beverley Town Council meeting duration.

764 To consider making a 'Grow Wild' application – Cllr Whitfield

Peter Tompkys advised that free seeds can be applied for as part of 'Grow Wild'.

Resolved – Peter Tompkys is to make an application for the free seeds

765 A.O.B.

Peter Tompkys advised that he and Chris Upton have split the town into 11 areas, the aim is to work these in 'Friendship' groups. Representatives from each group will meet with co-ordinator on a regular basis to discuss requirements etc. These meetings will fall outside the normal quarterly meetings.

766 Date and time of the next meeting

Resolved – The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 13th May. Peter Tompkys is to contact all members to establish the likelihood of attendance, to establish numbers and arrange a suitable venue.

Meeting closed at 12.15pm.