

BEVERLEY IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP

Wednesday 11th July 2018
At 1.30pm at 12 Well Lane, Beverley

Present: Cllr Ann Willis, Wendy Usher Bacon, David Bacon, Clive Waddington, Ivan DeLlano, Peter Dack, Penny Lynch, Christina Upton, Tony Ashby, Linda Freeman, David Ryley, Margaret Thomson, Christina Matthews, Lance Wardell, Mary Hutchinson and Tracey Packer.

In attendance: Carol Oliver, Deputy Town Clerk, Paul Oldroyd (Oldroyd's Corner from Woodmansey), and 1 member of the public.

		Person to action
162	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jack, Marion Waddington, Margaret Martin, Liz Jones, Sue Dack, Peter Tomkys, Sue Voke and Jim Whifield.</p>	
163	<p>To elect a Chair</p> <p>Cllr Willis proposed and Dr Waddington seconded that Linda Freeman be elected as Chair. All agreed. Miss Freeman thanked everyone for the vote of confidence in her.</p>	
164	<p>To elect a Vice Chair</p> <p>Mrs Usher Bacon proposed and Dr Waddington seconded that David Ryley be elected as Vice Chair. All agreed. Mr Ryley thanked everyone for the vote of confidence in him.</p>	
165	<p>To elect a Coordinator</p> <p>Miss Freeman said that Dr Waddington is retiring. All members of the Bloom thanked him for all his work whilst being Co-Ordinator. Dr Waddington said he is happy to continue as a member of the group. In Mr Wardell's absence, she said Mr Wardell has indicated he is happy to take the role of Co-Ordinator.</p> <p>Christina Matthews was nominated as Deputy Co-Ordinator to work alongside Mr Wardell and Dr Waddington with a view to becoming Co-Ordinator. All were in favour of this proposal.</p>	
166	<p>To elect a Secretary</p> <p>Christina Upton is happy to continue as secretary. All were in favour of her Christina Upton continuing in this role.</p>	
167	<p>To elect a Book Keeper</p> <p>Miss Freeman is happy to continue as book keeper. All were in favour of her Miss Freeman continuing in this role.</p> <p>Dr Waddington is to be taken off the Mandate at the Bank.</p>	Linda Freeman
168	<p>To elect a Membership Secretary</p> <p>Penny Lynch is happy to continue as a Membership Secretary. All were in favour of her continuing in this role.</p> <p>Miss Freeman said Mr Tomkys has decided to retire from Beverley in Bloom and thanks were recorded for all his hard work both administratively and with "the hands on" work. A thank you card would be signed by all members and sent.</p> <p>Miss Freeman said she had badges with the Beverley in Bloom logo on and "volunteer" for members. She handed these to members. If members wished to have their name on their badge, they are to contact Miss Freeman.</p>	All Members

	Dr Waddington said it is vital that when working around the town, high vis vests are worn with Beverley in Bloom volunteer” so residents know who are doing the work.	All members
169	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the AGM on 19th July 2017 The minutes of the AGM on the 19 th July 2017 were approved.	
170	Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th July 2017 Min 121 – Woodmansey triangle – events have overtaken this but it is considered a good time to have a look to see what are brambles and weeds. Min 123 – Railway Adoption has been taken over by the donations from Community Rail. Community Rail have donated £3571 for all the hanging baskets and planters at the station. Community Rail have also agreed to pay for a “Tommy” for the station. Min 125 – The bank account is to be transferred to Yorkshire Bank – signatories from the Town Council need to attend the Bank to open this. Min 133 – Tesco Project – It was agreed that plaques would be made for the wall so these can be screwed to it. As soon as plaques are in place, Dr Waddington/Miss Freeman to contact Mr Riley to organise the photo for Tesco	Miss Freeman/Dr Waddington/Mr Ryley
171	To note the minutes of the Beverley in Bloom meeting on 25th April 2018 The minutes Beverley in Bloom meeting on the 25 th April 2018 were approved.	
172	Matters arising from the minutes of the 25th April 2018 Min 154 - Dr Waddington said that the company who provided the plants did not want public recognition. It was suggested “plants supported by Beverley resident”. Miss Freeman and Dr Waddington are to discuss a way forward. Beverley Arms are unable to help with the levelling as they have nearly finished at the site. Miss Freeman handed the posters around the table with a scoring sheet for members to mark the best poster. Mr Wardell arrived at 2pm.	Miss Freeman/Dr Waddington
	Min 158 – Website – Mr Wardell said that website is not as he sent into the College but it is working. www.beverleyinbloom.org.uk . It needs to be refined. Thanks were expressed to Mr Wardell for his work with the website. Eventually access to change/update the website will be passed to a couple of members of the group to keep it up to date. Facebook – Dr Waddington said at present he is updating the Facebook page. Mr Oldroyd said when working for Beverley Bloom a photograph could be taken to upload to Facebook, Instagram and website. They can link together. It was agreed this needs to be an Agenda item for the next meeting. Members felt at present more meetings were required. It was agreed to hold meetings monthly and the secretary would do the minutes. All agreed.	Website/Social Media – Agenda item for next meeting
	Mrs Hutchinson arrived at 2.15pm.	
173	To receive the Statement of Accounts The Deputy Town Clerk reported there is £4615 in the account but there are some outstanding expenses.	
174	To receive the Co-Ordinator’s report When I took over as Coordinator in 2015, the situation with regard to planters seemed almost intractable, virtually all were wooden and rotting and the only funds available were £1400 from Beverley Lions, which at that stage was planned to be used to buy just one planter. At least sixty more needed replacing I used the East Riding Youth Offending team to identify about a hundred gardens in the Lincoln Way/Victoria Road area as potential recipients for a mailshot about Beverley in Bloom. Nick Denham, MD of PlantRaisers of Howden responded with an	

	<p>offer to provide summer plants free of charge. This he has done most generously for the past three years.</p> <p>As a result, capital has been released from the £2000 per annum grant we receive from Beverley Town Council (BTC). An additional generous one-off grant of £2500 from BTC has enabled replacement of virtually all the wooden planters by Amberol recycled-plastic self-watering planters. In addition, £8000 was granted to Beverley in Bloom by the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme to tidy up what was an eyesore outside their store in New Walkergate, although vandalism and theft have marred the effect of this new garden.</p> <p>One improvement this summer has been that seven or eight of us worked at PlantRaisers over two days to plant up the barrier liners, so they could spend a month under ideal growing conditions, and this has proved to be invaluable. It was clear at this time that Nick's wife, Jane, had invested much time, effort and care in growing all the plants for us.</p> <p>After gaining Silver Gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom in 2015, Beverley progressed to Gold in 2016, to Gold with Best Town in Yorkshire in 2017, and now finds itself finalist in Britain in Bloom's Large Town category. This accolade has attracted additional funding, and together with initiatives by our chairman Linda Freeman, has resulted in a further twenty nine planters being very recently installed.</p> <p>Additional initiatives by BTC and the sustained efforts of our enthusiastic volunteers have resulted in Beverley being well placed to be a worthy contender for Britain in Bloom success.</p> <p>We were very proud to receive 'Good Neighbour Award 2018' medals from the retiring Mayor, Ann Willis, at the Mayor Making Ceremony in Beverley Guildhall in May.</p> <p>With the nearly 50% increase in the number of planters, the opportunity of using greenhouse space at Woodmansey could not have come at a more opportune time. However, to keep up the impetus these developments offer, we are in desperate need of either more volunteers, or current volunteers committing much more time. Needless to say, without Mike the BTC's handyman's sterling efforts at watering all the planters throughout the summer, we could not manage to maintain the displays currently much admired in the town.</p> <p>Britain in Bloom judges do not just look at the efforts of Beverley in Bloom, much is also contributed by BTC, ERYC and individual residents and businesses, making Beverley a very attractive place throughout the year.</p> <p>I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Coordinator with the hard work and commitment that it has involved, but feel that at eighty it is time for someone else to take Beverley in Bloom forward to new and greater heights.</p> <p>Members thanked Dr Waddington.</p>	
175	<p>To receive the Membership Report</p> <p>Miss Lynch reported residents are coming forward to be members of Beverley in Bloom.</p>	
176	<p>To consider supporting the Minster Christmas Tree Festival</p> <p>After a long discussion of the pros and cons for supporting the Minster Christmas Tree Festival, it was agreed not to go ahead this year.</p>	
177	<p>To discuss and consider whether Beverley in Bloom wish to have an allotment</p> <p>Mr Wardell said due to his other commitments he is unable to take on the role of Co-Ordinator – he feels the responsibility is too much and would take a lot of organising.</p> <p>Miss Freeman explained that Christina Matthews had been elected as Deputy Co-Ordinator to work alongside the Co-Ordinator with the assistance of Dr Waddington for the first year.</p>	

	<p>Mr Wardell agreed to think about this and discuss with his family and give his final decision to Miss Freeman in the next 14 days.</p> <p>Members agreed that an allotment was not needed due to the space being used at Woodmansey. Dr Waddington has joined the Friends and made a financial donation.</p> <p>Beverley in Bloom ought to be considering a financial donation to Woodmansey and join the Friends. All agreed to be an Agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Oldroyd said that a sign is being made for the garden to show the work being done by Beverley in Bloom. A rota needs to be drawn up for the watering.</p>	<p>Mr Wardell/Miss Freeman</p> <p>Payment to Woodmansey – Agenda item for next meeting.</p>
<p>178</p>	<p>Mr DeLano and Mr Dack left at 3pm</p> <p>To receive an update on the newsletter</p> <p>Mrs Usher Bacon said the next one is due out in two months and asked that all members contribute to the newsletter. At present it is the same few. Mr Oldroyd agreed to write about the Woodmansey garden.</p> <p>Mr Oldroyd said the way forward is social media and blogging.</p> <p>It was agreed that only those who did not have email addresses would get a copy of the newsletter by post to reduce the costs of printing, stationery and postage.</p> <p>Mr Ryley suggested getting the local schools involved, local newspapers and get a regular article. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Town Clerk has regular articles in Beverley Life and Just Beverley.</p>	
<p>179</p>	<p>Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Town Clerk joined the meeting at 3.20pm. She passed around the criteria forms for members to read and see how the criteria relates to the area that members are gardening.</p> <p>The Judges are looking forward to coming to Beverley and reminded everyone to enjoy this time in making the town look lovely.</p> <p>Members asked that the Town Council are thanked for the watering and the beautiful plants on the lamp post.</p> <p>1st August 2018 at 12 Well Lane Beverley at 1.30pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 1545