

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **NEWTON IN BLOOM SUB-COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM** AT THE TOWN HALL, GREAT WESTERN HOUSE, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT: Councillor M Ryan (Chairman) Presiding

Councillors Mrs C Bunday
M Hocking
D Howe
C Parker
K Purchase

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: Mr M Abrahams – Horticulturist
Fred Tozer – Local resident
Alan Gibbs – Local resident
Mrs L Cooke – Local Resident (Vice Chairman)
Penny & Geoff Hodgson – Lea Park Nursery

In attendance – Mark Dawes – Quadron Contract Manager
Mark Payne – Teignbridge District Council
Kelly Burrige – Events Co-ordinator

N24. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mrs Daphne Watts, local resident.

N25. INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

None declared.

N26. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Newton in Bloom Sub-Committee held on the 2nd September 2015 were received and signed as a correct record.

N27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

N28. NEWTON IN BLOOM DATES AND DETAILS FOR 2016

Members noted and agreed the Newton in Bloom dates and details table (previously circulated).

N29. LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Members discussed ideas for the theme of the school children's competition. It was agreed the theme for 2016 would be the 'Queen's Birthday'. The Events Co-ordinator to notify schools of the theme and deadline.

N30. FLORAL DISPLAYS

Mark Dawes reported to the Sub-Committee on the planned floral displays. Members were informed that the displays had been agreed in a recent meeting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Events Co-ordinator and that the flower order had been placed with the supplier, expected delivery was mid-May. Members noted Mark Dawes' report and requested details of the colour theme chosen. The Vice Chairman reported that the planters at the Railway Station were to match Teignbridge District Council's theme and that the remainder of the town was to be pink and blue. The different colours would show members

of the public that those plants were provided by a different Council. It was mentioned whether a plaque could be erected or attached to the Railway Station planters informing the public that those were delivered by Newton Abbot Town Council. The Events Co-ordinator to investigate. Mark Payne mentioned that Devon County Council would need to be approached for its permission.

Following the update Councillor Mike Hocking requested an update reference the removal of concrete planters and trees in Courtenay Street. The Events Co-ordinator explained that the scheme was being dealt with by the Town Development Manager, Sally Henley. It was agreed to retrieve an update from Mrs Henley and send it on to all Members of the Sub-Committee.

N31. **SPONSORSHIP**

Members noted the sponsorship report. The Events Co-ordinator informed Members that since the report had been circulated, other sponsors had been secured. Details were as follows:

- Newfoundland Way Public conveniences planter – Andrew Hill had now confirmed continued sponsorship into 2016;
- Planter outside of the Cattle Market gates – sponsorship for 2016 had been secured from Best Accountancy Service, Bank Street;
- Bank Street planter – Emails had been sent to various businesses in that area and sponsorship was yet to be secured.

N32. **INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

Members noted the Newton in Bloom Sub-Committee income and expenditure for 2015/16 and the remaining budget. It was

RESOLVED that the remaining budget of £2,271.00 be ring-fenced for the purchase of new equipment and to help finance the removal of trees in the concrete planters in the Courtenay Street area.

N33. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Chairman