

NOTES OF THE **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2019** AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, GREAT WESTERN HOUSE, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs L Sheffield (Chairman)
M Joyce (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors

Mrs C Bunday	Mrs A Jones
D Corney-Walker	K L Purchase (Mayor)
C Coyle-Moore	Ms L Roberts
M Hocking	T Ward
R Jenks (Dep Mayor)	

Officers In attendance: Kelly Burridge – Events Co-ordinator
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

CE18. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors David Howe and Colin Parker.

CE19. INTERESTS

None declared.

CE20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Community Engagement Group meeting held on 10th October 2018 were received and signed as a correct record.

CE21. NEWTON IN BLOOM DETAILS FOR 2019

A. LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Members considered possible themes for the School Children's Competition for 2019. Whilst a number of alternative suggestions were made, following discussion it was;

AGREED that 'Countryside' would be the theme for 2018 School Children's Competition to include aspects such as parks, nature and walks and therefore would appeal to the wide range of ages and abilities and allow for some variation among the entrants.

B. FLORAL DISPLAYS

The Chairman noted that Mr Martin Hickman of Idverde had provided a written summary report, previously circulated and she invited the Events Co-ordinator to add further comment to the report on his behalf. Miss Burridge noted, Mr Hickman's comment that the prolonged hot weather had affected some of the flowering plants in 2018, but he had proposed a suitable selection of plants for this year in blue, yellow and white to provide a nautical theme for the town. Miss Burridge noted that the raised beds situated adjacent to the railway station on the main road, had now been planted with shrubs to prevent risk to Idverde staff. The Chairman noted that whilst they appeared less colourful at this time of year they would improve as the season progressed. Councillors thanked Mr Hickman in his absence for his update.

C. SPONSORSHIP

The Chairman invited the Events Co-ordinator to update Members on the receipt of sponsorship for the forthcoming year. Miss BurrIDGE advised that almost half of the sponsors had agreed to sponsor Newton in Bloom for 2019 and it was likely that there would be confirmation of support from the remaining sponsors in advance of the next meeting of the Community Engagement Group in March 2019. Miss BurrIDGE reported that there were two planters behind the Clock Tower that had not received sponsorship and she invited suggestions from Members. Mrs Sally Henley offered to assist in approaching local businesses who may be interested. Following discussion among Members it was;

AGREED that a) the Events Co-ordinator and Town Development Manager would follow up enquires with suggested businesses to seek sponsorship for the two additional planters behind the Clock Tower and b) that the Events Co-ordinator would provide an updated summary of sponsorship for 2019 for the next meeting of the Community Engagement Group 20th March 2019.

CE22. ACCOUNTS/INCOME & EXPENDITURE

A. MUSEUM

The Community and Engagement Group received and noted the Income and Expenditure statements from 1st April 2018- 31st December 2018, previously circulated. It was noted that the remaining budget had been ear-marked for the Newton's Place Project and the Committee Administrator reported a selection of the proposed items which had been selected by the Museum Curator for purchase which would enhance the visitor experience.

Following consideration, it was;

RECOMMENDED that
The Income and Expenditure Statements for the Museum be hereby noted and accepted; and

B. NEWTON IN BLOOM

The Community and Engagement Group received and noted the Income and Expenditure statements from 1st April 2018- 31st December 2018 previously circulated.

Following consideration, it was;

RECOMMENDED that
The Income and Expenditure Statements for Newton In Bloom be hereby, noted and accepted.

CE23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Engagement Group would be 20th March 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall.

CHAIRMAN