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**Minutes of a meeting of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee held at 3.pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 in the Town Hall, Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay.**

**PRESENT:** Ingrid Lewis, Chairman (IL)

Roz Dudley, Secretary (RD)

Mrs Tina Earley, Town Clerk (Treasurer) (TE)

Gwenda Matthews (GM) & Bill McMillan (BMc)

Cllrs: Cllr Hannah Fleet (HF), Chris Hughes (CH), Abdul Khan (AK), Jeff Pearson (JP), P Richards (PTR) & M Worth (MW).

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chair welcomed Committee Members. Apologies for absence were received from Sara Ferrante, Tom Gravett, Helen Jackson, Leslie Lawson, Mags Richardson and Pete Rule.
2. **Minutes:** Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019.
3. **Matters arising from last Meeting:**
  - (a) **Planters:**
    - (i) The Treasurer updated the Committee on the contractor charges for watering the granite planters. The extra charge would be £1020 per annum. This was for 2 visits for 17 weeks in the summer period.
    - (ii) AK/CH had looked at all the planters and some were damaged. The options were:
      - a) to consider getting rid of them.
      - b) to re-plant them and ask the traders to maintain the granite planters and water them.
      - c) To ask BID to fund watering and initial re-planting of the granite planters.

**Resolved to ask BID if they would consider funding additional watering costs and initial re-planting of the granite planters. If not, then CIB would re-plant and hand deliver letters to Traders asking for their support in maintaining and watering them.**

    - (iii) The Secretary submitted an email from SF regarding the Bay View Border. It was unclear that SF was referring to the same border that we had enquired about. Suggestions were made to cover it in bark/gravel so it looks tidier.

**Resolved to email SF to clarify which border she was referring to and to suggest that the Bay View Border be covered in bark/gravel.**

    - (iv) The Secretary submitted an email from SF regarding the blue box planters. SF informed the Committee that the planters now had Trachycarpus Palms in them and will be under planted with summer bedding. It was noted that these would need to be added to the watering list by Conwy CBC.

**(b) Update to Action Plan/Business Plan:**

IL verbally updated the Committee on the Business Plan following a meeting with TE/RD. Greening up of Station Road was added to Objective 6. TE updated the Committee on the Community Green Pledge. Members were pleased to see that representatives would once again be invited to the Town Hall to meet the judges. Any other comments/amendments from members of the Committee were requested by the end of the week to TE/RD.

**(c) Willow Sculptures:**

The Secretary informed the Committee that unfortunately Jeff from Eco-Arts was unwell and in hospital and will be unable to attend to do the maintenance on the willow sculptures. CH said he would enquire about another craftsman. HF also knew a lady who might be able to do them. The Committee asked the Secretary to convey get well wishes to Jeff.

**(d) Gateway Signs:**

The Treasurer updated the Committee on the progress made with the Gateway Signs. A meeting had taken place between Conwy CBC Highways, CIB, BID and EKULT and a draft design had been agreed, a copy of which was distributed to the Committee. The Committee agreed that the background colour should be blue. AK asked could Colwyn Heights be added this to the list of possible locations for the signs. CH asked if we could enquire whether photographs of the Colwyn Bay area could be added to the sign.

**e) Dig for Victory Stall – 1940's Festival:**

CIB volunteers had manned the annual dig for victory stall at the Forties Festival. IL thanked all the volunteers. The location had been much better this year with much better facilities. The festival had been busy on both the days despite the dreadful weather on the Saturday.

**4. Colwyn in Bloom:**

The Secretary updated the Committee on the hanging basket orders, Colwyn in Bloom competition and the art competitions.

**5. Wales in Bloom:**

**a) Wales in Bloom Launch:**

PTR and JP gave a verbal report regarding the Wales in Bloom launch which was held at Bodnant Gardens this year. It had been a good event but unfortunately not all the speeches could be heard due to sound issues. PTR said it would be advantageous to share experience/knowledge with other Committees.

**b) Slides on Judging Criteria:**

Copies of slides relating to the judging criteria were circulated to the Committee.

**c) St John's Church:**

The Clerk gave a verbal report with regard to St John's Church requesting to be part of the Wales in Bloom tour route this year. It was agreed to contact them to visit the grounds before deciding the final tour route.

**6. Bryn Euryn Nursery:**

An email from PR updating the committee on the changes at Bryn Euryn Nursery was received and noted.

**7. Finance Report:**

The Treasurer gave a verbal report. It was noted the £2500 underspend would be referred to the Policy & Finance Committee with a request to carry it over.

**8. Other Correspondence:** It was noted that the following correspondence was available from the Secretary:

Grass Roots Spring 2019.

Grow Wild – Learn how to grow mushrooms – IL asked if this information could be shared via the face book page. RD to request link/e-version in order to do this.

**9. News:** Committee Members were reminded to continue to submit any news/press items or to report on any activities which they have been involved in since the last meeting to the Secretary, for compilation for the next portfolio.

BMc reported on the litter pick that had taken place in Eirias Park where 20 bags of litter had been collected. Trees (native to Wales) and wildflowers had also been planted. BMC to send report/photos to RD.

HF enquired why the boating lake was closed. CH informed the Committee that it had been decided by Conwy CBC to stop anyone entering the lake due to adverse water test results. CH to chase any more information and report back to RD.

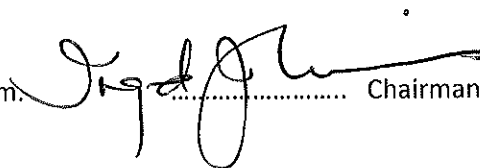
**10. A.O.B:**

a) HF reported that the Colwyn Bay Horticultural Society Plant Sale will be held in Rhos on Sea Methodist Church Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May. All the plants have been grown by local volunteers and are very good quality.

b) RD reported that a Flower Photography Exhibition launch night would be held at Oriel Colwyn, Theatr Colwyn on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**11. Next Meeting Date:** Members will be informed as soon as a meeting date is agreed.

The meeting closed at 4.30p.m.



Chairman