



Minutes of a meeting of the Colwyn in Bloom Committee, held remotely via Zoom at 2pm on Wednesday 30th June 2020.

PRESENT: Ingrid Lewis, Chairman (IL)
Mags Richardson (MR), Bill McMillan,
Conwy CBC: Peter Barton-Price, Helen Jackson(HJ)
Cllrs: Hannah Fleet (HF), Chris Hughes (C), Abdul Khan (AK), Jeff Pearson(JP)
Paul Richards and M Worth (MW).

OFFICERS: Roz Dudley, Secretary (RD)
Tina Earley, Town Clerk and Treasurer (TE)

517/19 **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chair welcomed all Committee Members. Apologies for absence were received from Gwenda Matthews. It was noted that Mark Clemson had stepped down from his position as Chair of Chamber of Trade and would no longer be a member of this committee.

518/19 **Minutes:**

Resolved to approve and sign, subject to a slight amendment to Min 450/19(a)(i), the minutes of the last meeting, held on 4th March 2020

519/19 **Matters arising from last Meeting:**

Min 452/19(a)(ii) - Community Green Pledge: A copy of the Community Green Pledge Action Plan was circulated to members and members noted that it had been adopted by the Town Council and formed part of the Corporate Plan Action Plan for 2020 onwards. The Clerk went through the priority pledges and confirmed that CIB were aiming for silver status. RD was asked to follow up the availability of bilingual resources. The Chair requested that the Action Plan be linked as an appendix to the Colwyn in Bloom Business Plan.

520/19 **Colwyn in Bloom Competitions:**

- a) Members were asked to note that the annual school competitions had been cancelled due to CoVid 19.
- b) Consideration was given to the main Colwyn in Bloom competition. Members all agreed that it was impossible to go ahead with the competition, due to CoVid19. RD would contact past entrants and request that they post/share pictures of their gardens on the Colwyn in Bloom Facebook Page. A Press Release was suggested, to be shared with Bayside Radio and Colwyn Bay Community Radio. CH offered to share the Colwyn in Bloom post onto the Colwyn Bay Environment facebook page.

Resolved that the main Colwyn in Bloom Competition be cancelled this year.

521/19 Wales in Bloom:

- a) Members were asked to note the cancellation of the Wales in Bloom Competition due to CoVid19.
- b) RD gave a verbal update on the Town Centre's Baskets and Planters which had been ordered from Bryn Euryn Nursery and had still not been installed, despite contact from the Nursery to say they were ready. The Nursery has been short staffed but had advised RD that they are hoping to get them installed this week. RD was asked to check that installation will take place this week.
- c) RD gave a verbal update on the Hanging Basket scheme. This year, due to Covid19, uptake had not unexpectedly been very poor. All those ordered had been collected.

RD was asked to check with the Nursery to see if they any left and to promote in case any businesses wanted them now they were back trading.

- d) A letter had been received from the Kind Bay Initiative volunteering to plant up and maintain planters in the Town Centre. A discussion took place amongst the committee about sourcing suitable plants. PBP said he had herbaceous plants which would be sustainable, but would need maintaining, and also suggested asking Bryn Euryn Nursery for any unsold plants. PBP advised against accepting donated plants for fear of contamination.

Resolved to approve a budget of £500, if any seasonal plants are required from commercial nurseries.

CH said the volunteers could come under the umbrella of the Colwyn Bay Environment Federation, for insurance purposes (if required). PBP said Conwy CBC could not offer to do the watering this year, but would include the planters again from next year.

Resolved that TE contact the Kind Bay Initiative representative to express thanks and discuss their requirements. A site meeting would then be sorted with PBP. Once the locations had been agreed, RD would then contact the watering contractor to include the planters on his route.

522/19 Britain in Bloom:

- a) Members were asked to note the cancellation of the Britain in Bloom Competition due to CoVid19. PBP informed the Committee that Wales in Bloom's intention was to re-nominate the entries put forward for this year and RHS was in agreement with this.

RD was asked to keep records of any activity for next year's portfolio.

523/19 Finance Report:

TE gave a brief verbal update to the Committee. It was noted that the underspend from last year had been carried forward. HJ updated the Committee on the Art Installation project which IMAGINE had been asked to co-ordinate, to replace the willow sculptures with sculptures reusing plastic. She had been in touch with Llandrillo College students who were very enthusiastic about the project. There is 20K in the budget which can be added to by the Committee, other funding could potentially be sourced from Wren, Windfarm Community funds and the Arts Council for Wales. HJ said suitable locations needed to be found and asked for the locations

of the old Willow Sculptures as a starting point. The next step would be to write a brief for the students so they can start the project in September. HJ was also asked for an update on the Gateway Signage and explained she was working with the Community Plan Steering Group to progress that project.

524/19 **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.

Members were reminded to send reports/pictures to the Secretary to forward to Wales in Bloom as they were showcasing activities. RD said she would take pictures of Parkway as MR said a lot of work had been done there over the summer.

HF reported that the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show would be held on-line this year and she would submit pictures to RD for Wales in Bloom. HF also reported that 19 seed packs had been distributed (obtained from Incredible Edibles) to families and she had obtained permission for any photographs to be shared.

PBP advised the Committee that the Its your Neighbourhood competition was under review by the RHS and a questionnaire would be sent out to gather views.

525/19 **A.O.B:**

a) CH suggested, supported by PR, that Chris Hemmings, a member of the Colwyn Bay Environment Federation, be invited to join the Committee as he would be a very useful addition with his vast knowledge of trees and the environment.

Resolved that, subject to compliance with the Committee Terms of Reference regarding membership, Mr C Hemmings be invited to join the Committee.

b) ***HF requested that RD contact Owen Veldhuizen at Cartrefi to see if any tree planting projects could take place on any of their land.***

526/19 **Next Meeting Date:** Members will be informed as soon as a meeting date is agreed.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

..... Chairman