

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE
ON MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 10:35 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Tranter (in the Chair)
Councillors Ms Brettell and Mrs Evans

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Senior Admin Officer
G Chamberlain, LDC DSO

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs Bacon
P Johnson, Burntwood Gardening Guild representative

7. MINUTES

Councillor Mrs Tranter made reference to the BiB judging panel transport and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion (08 January 2018).

Members were informed that COGS provided the hanging baskets in High Street, Chasetown. Councillor Mrs Evans asked who provided the floral displays (i.e. hanging baskets) at Sankeys Corner and Swan Island. Members were informed that COGS provided the hanging baskets at Sankeys Corner. Mr Chamberlain stated that LDC have revamped the traffic island at Swan Island to include four floral display containers. Mr Chamberlain also confirmed that they will be erecting a four multi hanging basket bracket on the island. Mr Chamberlain stated that LDC had also reshaped the flower beds in Burntwood Park i.e. turfed over some and reduced others in size to make them more uniformed.

AGREED That the Minutes of a meeting of the Burntwood in Bloom Committee held on 05 June 2017 (Minute Nos. 1-5) be approved as a correct record.

8. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM 2017

Councillor Ms Brettell felt that the entries for the under 12's category was poor. Councillor Mrs Tranter felt that schools concentrated more on the academic side and Councillor Mrs Evans stated that the practical side was going out of the window.

It was **AGREED** that a letter/email to the schools asking if the schools would become more involved would be placed on the next agenda for approval (08 January 2018).

9. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM 2018

Councillor Mrs Tranter made reference to catering arrangements and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion (08 January 2018). Councillor Mrs Evans stated that she felt that the catering arrangements were overboard as the Town Council needed to make cuts (taking into account the rates support grant). However, Councillor Ms Brettell felt that all presentations i.e. Grant Aid Presentation Evening and BiB Presentation Evening should be treated the same.

It was **AGREED** that one bouquet for the overall winner would continue for the 2018 competition.

Councillor Mrs Tranter asked if any Members had any ideas on how to deliver the competition in a different way as 38 entries for 2017 was only a small percentage compared to the approximate 28,000 population of Burntwood.

It was **AGREED** that a breakdown of how the budget had been spent would be placed on the next agenda for discussion (08 January 2018).

Councillor Mrs Tranter felt that there was lots of main roads in the town and these needed to be made more welcoming and that some of the budget could be spent in the town to brighten up the area i.e. three tier troughs and mounted planters on railings.

Mr Chamberlain asked if all entries received certificates. It was confirmed that all entries received a certificate. Mr Chamberlain suggested a garden celebration theme rebranding and Councillor Mrs Tranter suggested front gardens and hanging baskets/troughs to enhance the front of the properties so that more members of the public can appreciate them.

Councillor Mrs Tranter stated that the project for 2017 had been planters installed beneath the four "welcome to Burntwood" signs and three tier troughs and mounted planters on railings could be the project for 2018.

Mr Chamberlain confirmed that the three tier troughs and mounted planters on railings would be the same material as the hanging baskets (i.e. plastic). It was **AGREED** that Mr Chamberlain would provide a price for a three tier trough and mounted planter on railing for the next meeting (08 January 2018). Mr Chamberlain stated that he was not happy with the quality of the hanging baskets provided in High Street as these did not have a self-watering reservoir. Members were informed that 13 baskets had been provided (not by LDC) in High Street.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday 08 January 2018, commencing at 10:30 am at the Old Mining College.

(The Meeting closed at 11:25 am)

Signed

Date