

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 08 JANUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 10:35 AM**

**PRESENT**

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

**In attendance**

Ms J Minor, Senior Admin Officer  
G Chamberlain, Street Scene Supervisor Grounds Maintenance, LDC  
P Johnson, Burntwood Gardening Guild representative

**11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs Evans

**12. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None declared.

**13. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of a meeting of the Burntwood in Bloom Committee held on 30 October 2017 (Minute Nos. 6-10) be approved as a correct record.

**14. BiB 2017: BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

**RESOLVED** That the BiB 2017 budget breakdown be received and noted.

**15. BiB 2018: COMPETITION**

Councillor Mrs Tranter stated that taking into account Lichfield District Council's proposed changes to Parish Council Local Council Tax Support Grant from 2018/19, and the fact that Burntwood Town Council would be losing in excess of £19,000, cuts needed to be made. Councillor Mrs Tranter stated that the Town Council must consider what is beneficial to the Town taking into account the number of entries (38 in 2017) compared to the whole population of Burntwood and felt that the BiB Competition was not financially viable.

Councillor Mrs Tranter confirmed that BiB was going to be included in the Events 2018/19 budget and that there was still some underspend in the Events 2017/18 budget and that this would be going into general reserves in April if this was not spend or earmarked.

**RESOLVED** That the BiB 2018 Competition be suspended for the next financial year.

**16. BiB 2018: THREE TIER TROUGH AND MOUNTED PLANTER**

Mr Chamberlain produced two brochures from Amberol and Amenity Land Solutions. Mr Chamberlain confirmed that a representative from Amberol would be willing to visit a location in Burntwood where the Town Council would like to see a three tier trough and “set one up” as a demonstration. Mr Chamberlain stated that Amenity Land Solutions were maintenance free outdoor furniture made from recycled materials with the sheen and feel of solid timber.

Councillor Mrs Tranter asked if Members could provide the SAO with ideas of places on main points into the Town where they felt would benefit from a floral planter (three tier) or mounted planter (railings) by 30 January 2018. In the meantime the SAO to email Mr Brownridge to ascertain if permission would be needed if the Town Council decided to have mounted planters on the Burntwood Park railings.

Mr Chamberlain confirmed that the cost of the three tier planter would be in the region of £342 plus VAT plus delivery plus flowers plus watering and the mounted planter (railings) would be in the region of £121.50 plus VAT plus fitting plus flowers plus watering.

Mr Chamberlain confirmed that the cost per basket would be £25 to include flowers and return of the basket at the end of the season (for existing premises who already have a bracket i.e. Swan Island and High Street, Chasetown).

Mr Chamberlain stated that he would be able to provide a quotation for watering when the number of baskets was known. As an alternative, Mr Chamberlain suggested that the Town Council could purchase a knapsack sprayer to undertake the watering.

**RESOLVED** That a letter be sent to the premises which had a hanging basket last year stressing the importance of watering (ideally 3 times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays)) and if the premises decline the bracket would be reclaimed.

**17. RENAMING OF THE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Tranter stated that in light of the changes to BiB that perhaps it could be known as Blooming Burntwood. Mr Chamberlain stated that Lichfield was known as Blooming Lichfield.

**RESOLVED** That the Committee name remains the same.

**18. 2017 SPONSORS**

**RESOLVED** That a letter/email be sent to the current sponsors stating that due to the current economy and the change of direct that the Town Council will be taking regarding BiB if they would be prepared to sponsor the project (i.e. trough and/or planter).

**19. PREVIOUS ENTRIES**

**RESOLVED** That a letter/email be sent to last year’s entries explaining that the BiB Competition has been suspended due to the economic climate.

**20. SWAN ISLAND**

Mr Chamberlain confirmed that the landscaping etc undertaken at Swan Island was in the region of £1,800/£2,000.

**21. CHRISTMAS TREES**

Mr Chamberlain stated that he felt that the Town Council could save money regarding Christmas trees and said that a permanent Christmas tree planted in the areas specified would be of economic benefit in the long term. Mr Chamberlain confirmed that the DSM had the required costings (£580 plus VAT for a 3 metre tree in High Street, Chasetown). Councillor Mrs Tranter stated that she would make enquiries with Bromford regarding Bells Lane.

**22. NEXT MEETING**

Monday 05 March 2018, commencing at 10:30 am at the Old Mining College.

(The Meeting closed at 11:35 am)

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Date .....