

**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, BURNTWOOD  
ON 07 MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Mrs Evans, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Tranter (in the Chair)  
G Chamberlain, LDC DSO  
P Johnson, Burntwood Gardening Guild

**In attendance**

Mrs M Danby, Chief Executive Officer/BiB Co-ordinator

**16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs Brettell.

Members were informed that Mrs M Williams, Burntwood Business Community representative had stood down from the Committee due to health reasons.

**17. MEETING NOTES**

**AGREED** That the Notes of a meeting of the Burntwood in Bloom Committee held on 04 January 2016 (Note Nos. 12 - 15) be received and noted.

**18. HANGING BASKETS PROJECT: CHASETOWN HIGH STREET**

Members were informed that the Burntwood Business Community (BBC) had met recently and the Town Council had been informed that both the BBC and COGS were unhappy with regard to the proposed installation of hanging baskets on Chasetown High Street. The BBC felt that the quoted costs were too high and COGS were upset at not having been invited to quote to supply the planted hanging baskets.

Mrs Danby informed Members that the hanging baskets were an extension to an existing contract with LDC's DSO and such there was no requirement to seek alternative quotations. The current quoted costs for 16 No. hanging baskets installed complete with brackets and watering three times a week during the summer season were:

Brackets, supplied and installed	£1,312 plus VAT
Supply of basket and first year's planting	£ 960 plus VAT
Watering	<u>£ 634 plus VAT</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,906 plus VAT</b>

Mrs Danby further explained that the cost to the Town Council would be reduced by sponsorship from the local Green Thumb franchise in the sum of £1,200.

Members **AGREED**:

- a) That an email be sent to the BBC saying that the Town Council is aware that the hanging baskets proposal was discussed at a recent meeting and noting that a response to the previous emails had not been received and asking again if the BBC were willing to contribute financially to the project.

- b) That COGS be invited to quote to supply and install reservoir-type hanging baskets (not moss lined), complete with brackets and watering (though it was noted watering may not be an option for COGS and an arrangement could be agreed for LDC DSO to do this if necessary should the COGS quotation be accepted). The quotation is to be supplied no later than 12 noon on 11 March 2016 and put to Members for a decision that day on their preferred supplier.
- c) That the project will go ahead if the BBC do not wish to contribute financially to the overall costs.

## **19. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM (BiB) 2016**

- Councillor Mrs Stokes informed the Committee that Rawlins Tyres had agreed to the sponsor the Overall Winner category.
- It was noted that G E Collis & Sons Ltd had agreed to sponsor the 2016 BiB competition by providing wooden planters for Burntwood schools. LDC DSO had agreed to supply two bags of compost to each school free of charge. Eight primary schools had accepted the offer and would be creating a red, white and blue display to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The planters and compost were to be delivered to the schools on 08 March. It was **AGREED** that Hammerwich Parish Council be informed that the Town Council had arranged for the Ridgeway School to receive a planter, etc due to the fact that a large number of pupils from Burntwood attend the school.
- It was noted that the local Green Thumb franchise had agreed to the main sponsor for the 2016 BiB competition in the sum of £1,200. Their logo will appear on all the publicity material with the words "Main Sponsor" under the logo; the funding will be used to offset the cost of the Chasetown High Street hanging baskets project and they will have an information stand at the BiB Presentation Evening.
- It was noted that 16 No. Chasetown High Street businesses had taken up the offer a hanging basket and bracket for 2016.
- It was noted that 8 No. Swan Island businesses had accepted the offer of a planted hanging basket on the proviso that they will water the basket on a regular basis.

## **20. BURNTWOOD BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BiB COMMITTEE**

Members asked that John Cantrill, G E Collis & Sons Ltd be invited to join the Committee to represent Burntwood businesses.

## **21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 06 June 2016 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at The Old Mining College Centre, Queen Street, Burntwood.

(The Meeting closed at 11.05 am)