

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE
ON MONDAY 05 JUNE 2017 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs Bacon, Ms Brettell, Mrs Evans and Mrs Tranter (in the Chair)
P Johnson, Burntwood Gardening Guild representative

In attendance

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs Evans and Mr Chamberlain.

2. MINUTES

AGREED That the Minutes of a meeting of the Burntwood in Bloom Committee held on 13 March 2017 (Minute Nos. 14 - 17) be approved as a correct record.

3. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM 2017 COMPETITION

The CEO reported that:

- a) As at 05 June 2017 a total of 11 entries had been received. The entries are well down on previous years and a Press Release had been issued in an attempt to encourage more people to enter the competition.
- b) 6 No. hanging baskets had been supplied to businesses around Swan island and a further 7 No. baskets had been supplied to businesses on High Street, Chasetown. The baskets had been filled by COGS and then installed by LDC's DSO, the costs were:

Filling 13 No. baskets	£437.50
Collection/installation/taking down baskets	£122.76 plus VAT

It was noted that the total cost was £560.26 for the 2017 summer season. It was **AGREED** that consideration be given as to whether (a) BTC staff could collect and install the baskets in future years and (b) whether, if they were given more notice, COGS would be able to install the baskets in future years.

- c) Staffordshire Highways had reported that they were happy to see planters installed beneath the 4 No. "Welcome to Burntwood" signs and they had confirmed that no further permits or licences were required. It was noted, with thanks, that GE Collis & Sons Ltd had supplied the timber planters free of charge. The cost for summer and winter bedding was £15 plus VAT per planter per season, making a total cost of £120 plus VAT. The planters would be watered three times a week by BTC staff.

- d) An automatic self-watering kit had been purchased at a total cost of £115.92 plus the installation of a piping to "feed" the self-watering kit at a cost of £177.65.

4. BIB JUDGING PANEL

4.1 Schools, etc

03 July 2017 at 10am: Councillors Mrs Bacon, Ms Brettell and Mrs Tranter and Mr Johnson

4.2 General Competition

10 and 12 July 2017 at 10am: Councillors Mrs Bacon, Ms Brettell, Mrs Evans and Mrs Tranter (it was agreed that the Panel would meet on 03 July at 12 noon to agree the judging route).

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday 23 October 2017, commencing at 10.30 am at the Old Mining College.

(The Meeting closed at 11.13 a.m.)

Signed

Date