



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Minutes of the Windermere in Bloom (WIB) Meeting

Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 11am, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

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| 1. | <p>Present: Cllr Lisa Greasley (Chair), Leith Hallatsch, Adrian Faulkner, Joan Stocker, Andy Tallon (part), Simone Backhouse (part - cheque presentation), Cumberland Building Society (part - cheque presentation), John Brocklebank (part - cheque presentation)</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Cumberland Building Society and Simone Backhouse for their efforts in providing a grant and labour for bench refurbishments.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 11.10am.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Apologies: Diane Fisher, Kevin Holmes, Allan Winrow</p> |
| 3. | <p>Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013 were amended to confirm that there is still an offer of a char boat for Ellerthwaite Square; item 10, Windermere in Bloom responsibilities - it was reiterated that Diane Fisher can continue with the duties she has previously carried out in relation to WIB but could not take responsibility for WIB as a whole.</p> <p><u>Items arising from the minutes</u> Ray Beckwith is not able to attend the community meeting, however, John Wheatley, our judge will attend instead; The Winderclean preparatory meeting is to be held on Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 10am at Brockhole; the saplings have been delivered to the allotments and the plot holders have been asked whether they could plant them; the Community Meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 26 February 2013 at 7pm in the Marchesi Centre, flyers and posters have gone out to a large part of the community; a group met to discuss the maintenance required at Library Gardens, Victoria Gardens and Birthwaite Gardens. A synopsis of the work to be done was given.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Benches: Thanks were given to Cumberland Building Society for their generous grant of £500. Benches in need of repair have been identified in various areas and liaison with PC Simone Backhouse continues to take place for the Age UK and police project.</p> |
| 5. | <p>RHS Britain in Bloom Finalists Seminar:</p> |

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| | <p>The report from Adrian Faulkner who attended the meeting on 31 January 2013 in Harrogate was received. Nothing further was added.</p> |
| 6. | <p>It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN): Potential IYN list is currently 8 - these include the food group, Crescent Road shop keepers, Birthwaite Flats, Carver Church, other flats, library, allotments, 9 Oaks and Thornton House and the water margin project. Schools have to apply themselves for seeds from 1 March 2013. If other groups go ahead they can be added to IYN and Cumbria In Bloom will get £54 for each entry. Criteria is it must be space open to the public.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Community Meeting - 26 February 2013: Jon Wheatley (one of our judges) will present and Adrian Faulkner secured a room at The Olde England without cost. Mr Wheatley will mentor us up until the end of June. A note of thanks shall be sent to The Olde England Hotel (Mark Gibson) for the room. We shall contact Paul Rose who is doing the dive cleaning of the lake and invite him to the meeting - there is a link here with BIB, LDPNA, Winderclean etc. The Mayor will be asked to put together a welcome to include feedback on last years' entry and spend. Joan Stocker will liaise with the Mayor over this. The agenda was set and the Clerk will provide print outs of this. Adrian Faulkner will provide an updated year planner. Adrian Faulkner will aim to get a Friends of Windermere in Bloom group together. If achieved, it is envisaged we could get sponsorship of the newsletter for £100 per issue. The church community meeting is 18 May 2013 - a stall is to be confirmed with Carol Burridge.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Workshop - 20 April 2013: Defer to next meeting. Joan to liaise with Andy Tallon (Continental Landscapes), Kevin Holmes (VFMS) and Leanne Coulson (Hayes).</p> |
| 9. | <p>New Trophy Category: Defer to next meeting.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Windermere in Bloom: Person responsibilities will remain as last year. Leith Hallatsch will provide equipment for the presentation evening. Also refer to item 7 of meeting of 9 January 2013. A figurehead at the presentation end is needed.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Improvements to Ellerthwaite Square: As no funding is available to progress the plans we had drawn up, we will re-paint the rings and improve the planting. To confirm the char boat is still on offer but there are no funds to progress. Joan Stocker will find £100 sponsorship to aid with</p> |

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| | an improved planting scheme. |
| 12. | <p>Schools Involvement: Working with Penny Henderson - growing vegetables this year. Comparisons with old and new vegetables. School children need to be available for extra points when judging takes place. Perhaps a CD/video if school is closed and no children available. Schools to provide a portfolio or similar to aid our bid.</p> <p>Possible poster design for the 2013 entry into Britain in Bloom based on Edible Windermere or Dog Fouling. Presentation to winner at the Annual Parish Meeting. We shall research the possibility of a book voucher from the mayor's allowance.</p> |
| 13. | <p>Any Other Business: Roller Banner - this will be updated for the community meeting. Would like to see a possible purchase of another banner as we often have more than one display ongoing at a time - £99 and use cheaper 'sponsor' boards; It was recommended we have a WIB/BIB 'uniform' it is recommended for cost effectiveness these could be high vis jackets with simple printing and then a logo added (Adrian Faulkner to get prices); Another possible future meeting could be Holehird (Bill Hoggarth) - perhaps incorporating a presentation/slide show for the public in connection with WIB/BIB - it was debated whether this should be after the Annual Parish Meeting? Bill Hoggarth will be approached for dates he has available. Sandra Lilley to confirm which rooms are booked for 20 April 2013 at The Ladyholme Centre. 4 April 2013 sees another craft session in the library; Wild flowers for Birthwaite and cemetery - Adrian will try and source these. An update on 'in kind' hours and value was given - 112 hours adults, 39 hours children - £693.28 worth of work; Display at Holker free of charge, need to decide bodies and displays, Cumbria In Bloom and Cartmel will attend again as last year; we will attempt to get roof gardens into the judges route - Paul Taylor will be approached regarding his on his garage.</p> |
| 14. | <p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25 March 2013 11am.</p> |
| 15. | <p>Close of Meeting: 1.20pm.</p> |

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