



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Windermere in Bloom (WIB) Meeting Monday 25 March 2013 at 11am, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
1.	<p>Present: Cllr Lisa Greasley (Chair), Allan Winrow, Sandra Lilley, Kevin Holmes (VFMS), Joan Stocker</p> <p>The meeting opened at 11.10am.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies: Adrian Faulkner, Andrew Tallon, Diane Fisher</p>
3.	<p>Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising: Update on the Community Meeting - John Wheatley (RHS judge) attended. A CD has been made of areas worth working on or in need of updating, these will be circulated among the group and be available at the next meeting. Very few people attended other than the targeted groups. It was suggested to send a letter to the core 20 who attended last year requesting a follow up on why it didn't work this year. There were updates given on bench refurbishment, planting of fruit trees and invasive species.</p> <p>Handbook - it was suggested an article on the weather be included explaining we are about 3/4 weeks behind the South coast in relation to blooms etc.</p> <p>Update on Ellerthwaite Square - Simone Backhouse and Hayes have provided summer bulbs and these shall be planted under other summer planting. Adrian Faulkner to keep a record of donations of bulbs etc.</p> <p>Schools - have been written to by email and poster hand delivered. Allan Winrow shall provide book vouchers from Mayor's Allowance.</p> <p>Notice/display boards - MDF display boards have been obtained free of charge. They need a little adjustment to make these of use. The Clerk will request the Town Steward to help with this.</p>

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	Hi-vis vests - shall approach Sian at Ditto for sign writing on hi-vis vests. Would need a minimum of 8, if pack size of 10/12 cheaper we shall go for that.
5.	<p>Benches Update:</p> <p>There are now more damaged benches in Library Gardens (3 missing). We have to date received £350 from the police fund and £500 from The Cumberland Building Society. £1000 has been approved from the LDNPA (not yet received). New benches are in situ at Queens Park and Victoria Gardens. The benches donated by The Lions are in place at The Royalty Cinema, Bowness and one opposite. The Mayor is to have a photo shoot with some refurbished benches. McClures have agreed to refurbish their memorial bench on Birthwaite Road. LDNPA have agreed to refurbish one bench at Hammabank and may replace the missing one. They shall also repair the wall top.</p>
6.	<p>Britain in Bloom Sign and Banner:</p> <p>We have requested whether LHA are willing to put a sign on railings outside - waiting on an answer. If a negative response, we will try Lakelovers when the boarding goes up (that has been obtained from The Glebe). Another roller banner is on order.</p> <p>Temporary signs for Britain in Bloom - could be placed in roundabout flower bed near the station, perhaps on other sponsor signs in flower beds too. Use simple wording - like Britain in Bloom winner.</p>
7.	<p>Update on community planting:</p> <p>Simone Backhouse has obtained more funding (£2000). SLDC's Tony Naylor has advised requirements for Queens Park. Planting will also include some planters in the Library Gardens, Memorial gardens, a bed at Baddeley Clock near the stream and bulbs for Birthwaite Gardens. Already planted at Queens Park near to Bowling Club. Continental Landscapes has advised of best spots for various plants/bulbs. 4000 bulbs have been planted with Sandgate School, St Cuthberts School, ATS and others. ATS have agreed to litter pick and look after the water margin area as a project - honeysuckle, jasmine, buddlea and broom is to be planted. Some herbs, Hosta and wild hyacinth are to be planted in the area too.</p>
8.	<p>Update on park refurbishments:</p> <p>Councillor John Saunders is getting a group of Birthwaite Road residents together to help with Birthwaite Gardens - bulbs and wildflower seeds will be planted and the rocks will be re-exposed as a feature. Continental Landscapes have offered to make a new flowerbed. Fruit trees have been planted. Dead and invasive rhododendron</p>

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	<p>has been removed and we will find out whether we can replace the stolen mushroom. Feedback to date has been positive. Planters are to be put by the seats.</p> <p>Library Gardens is virtually completed and positive comments have been received.</p> <p>Victoria Gardens - keeping the laurel trimmed back and removing overgrown planting on banking going up to Booths. Paths are to be cleared of moss. Age Concern will help repoint a wall. LHA have been approached about repainting a wall. The Tourist Information sign needs attention - approach SLDC? A brief survey with passing public was undertaken to establish what they would like to see - spring bulbs was the most common request - we shall put this to the Civic Society for next autumns' planting.</p> <p>Baddeley Clock garden - will have more planting. The Clerk will write to CCC regarding the drainage problem on Old Lake Road. The drain (close to Princes Road) blocks and overflows and soil/debris etc is washed into the gardens making them un-useable. A further drain that flows under the bed is also blocked.</p>
9.	<p>Workshop - The Ladyholme Centre 20 April 2013: The two rooms are booked (Windermere and Bowness),10am to 12pm. Posters need to go out. We shall have a plant stall and Lisa Greasley will chat with Val Nelson to facilitate this. Other options for plants could be the farmers market in Milnthorpe.</p> <p>Poster - needs to state where, time, planting drop-in demonstration - how to improve basket and planting in easy steps. Free of charge. Tea and coffee available.</p> <p>To use planters from Council Chamber and/or spare baskets stored by Continental, plant one as herb planter.</p> <p>We shall get the event advertised in the Bowness and Windermere column of the Westmorland Gazette, our website, Chamber of Trade website, noticeboards and loose posters to Lisa Greasley.</p>
10.	<p>New Trophy Category: Defer to next meeting.</p>
11.	<p>Request to help behind Bowness Bay toilets:</p>

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	Lisa Greasley will see what is available to be sold off at the end of the Holker Festival (from Haverigg Prison) as there are good deals to be had. Lisa Greasley will look at the site and it is recommended up to £50 can be allocated for the area.
12.	Invasive Species: The recent email from Windermere Reflections was considered. It was thought there is little the WIB group could do but they would advertise for volunteers to help through the newsletter. We shall write to Windermere Reflections asking for an update on invasive species identified in our area. Town Council, CCC and SLDC all currently take preventative measures to help control these species.
13.	Cumbria in Bloom Entry: It is recommended we are entered into the small town category - £50 entry fee and a £150 donation is suggested.
14.	Provisional Date for Roof Garden or Bee Keeping Talk: Defer to next meeting.
15.	Notes of meeting with Steve Tatlock, Winderclean: The notes of the meeting of 27 February 2013 were received. It was agreed that the following people would co-ordinate the litterpick:- Allan Winrow - The Glebe; Sandra Lilley - Baddeley Clock; Lisa Greasley - Queens Park.
16.	Wildlife and Environmental Crime: The information received from Cumbria Constabulary was received and noted. There is nothing the group can contribute.
17.	Any Other Business: Next agenda - agree route.
18.	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22 April 2013, 11.00am, The Council Chamber
19.	Close of Meeting: 1.06pm

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