

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MAIN HALL, WELLS TOWN HALL, AT 6.00pm. THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2018

PRESENT: Committee members:-
Councillors: M Brandon, C Price (Chairman), C Wride (Mayor)
Co-opted: Mr J Beauchamp, Mrs L Bishop, Mrs S Hanks Mrs J Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Felicity White
Wells in Bloom Officer: Andy Allen
County Cllr. T Munt

18/01W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr T Robbins

18/02W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

18/03W MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on Thursday 9th November 2017 were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
The Chairman explained that for reasons of the openness and transparency of council processes, Andy Allen will not be on the committee as Vice-Chairman since he is now a member of staff. The Town Clerk explained that Andy is part of the Open Spaces Team; more of the heavier work has been brought in-house, as well as the administrative work being recorded on the Council computer system. She has therefore designated Andy Allen as the Wells in Bloom Officer; it is anticipated that everything will continue to run in much the same way as it did before for all practical purposes. This arrangement was welcomed by everyone present.

18/04W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
None present.

18/05W FINANCE REPORT from the Wells in Bloom Officer
A copy of the previous year's accounts was available to view.
i. Sponsorship
Most sponsorship payments have been received, the rest are being followed up with the Finance Officer. There is a new sponsor offer.
The Committee Officer was asked to check the sponsorship sign at the Conduit.
ii. To approve quotes for autumn 2018 planting
Quotes were presented: £800 for plants, £600 for watering and maintenance; these were accepted.

18/06W CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chairman reported the summer plant-out had been successfully achieved after delays in the delivery due to weather conditions affecting growth. Three sets of brackets are still not replaced, so planting is not quite finished. Summer schedules were arranged and watering discussed. The question of paying for extra watering earlier in the year was considered but no conclusion reached.
The Wells in Bloom Presentation evening has been brought forward to Thursday 20th September, details were arranged.
The autumn plant-out will be on Sunday 18th November.

18/07W COMPETITIONS REPORT

Jenny Jones reported on the schools entries for this year. Jenny has organised the schools competition for 17 years and said she wishes to hand over to someone younger. She was thanked for all she has done. Mr Beauchamp reported on the gardens entries and judging arrangements. Cllr. Brandon mentioned that the Allotments could be included in the Presentation evening if they wish to organise their own competition.

18/08W ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. The Town Clerk reported that many favourable comments about the Wells in Bloom displays are received from visitors to the town; she thanked members for all their hard work.
- ii. The Committee Officer asked members how they would like to deal with the situation that sometimes arises where a sponsorship plaque is up but the funding has not been received.
- iii. The Chairman asked if the committee wished to consider placing a display at the Elm Close junction now that the white finger sign post has been restored; it was generally agreed that this site is too dangerous for anyone to work at.
- iv. In answer to a question, it was clarified that the planters at the bus station were put in place and planted by the City Council but not by Wells in Bloom.

18/09W DATE OF NEXT MEETING: to be confirmed