

# **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 Spencer Suite, 9.00am**

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance.
  - Anna Morrison, Amanda Martin
- 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:** To approve the notes of the previous meeting as a correct record.
  - Approved
  - AMCH- Anna Morrison email was noted.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
  - None.
- 4. Correspondence-** Last ever Cheshire Community Pride Awards - Ellesmere Port Civic Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm with a light buffet supper after the presentations.
  - Patti attending anyway through separate invite. D Murphy should be asked if S Holland unable to attend. Jackie, David, Bob to attend on behalf of In Bloom.
- 5. Southport-**
  - a. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct IYN Day- 19 individuals and HVCH taking the 16 seater minibus, ACTION MH to send email to IYN with details for the day.
  - b. 1st Nov CIB- DB, BE, GW, AMartin, PP & S Holland as Mayor will be attending.
- 6. Autumn Children’s Plant Up-** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-11am at the community polytunnel. Plants sorted. RB to bring the tubs in on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, PP & MG to strip the tubs and save what they can. Also look at stickers to see if we need anymore.
- 7. Pop up Park (PP)-** Green space at the back of the Town Hall, March – end of October, seats and tubs/ containers to plant up. This site is being used to store the Cenotaph materials, April – June so would have to be after this time. Need to get permission from Cheshire East before we can go ahead with this. PP to draw plan and send to RB.
- 8. Climate Change/ Sustainability-** Moving forward looking to become more sustainable. Compost will need to be peat-free compost- RB has sourced this. Planting at the back of the Town Hall, move to perennials in the border, look at new planting designs for roundabouts 1 x more sustainable roundabout, look in to different options for the Park Bedding and planters different sustainable options with colour.
- 9. Wildflower verge locations-** To be decided in this meeting for approval with CE the following week- check any planned works with CE. Grahams will be helping In Bloom with this. Possibly some Section 106 funding towards this.
  - PP suggested Mereside Avenue
  - Fire Station/ Clayton Bypass- need to look at cycle and walking plan routes
  - Newcastle Road, Heathview to Padgbury Lane.
  - Worrall Street side of Mountbatten Way
  - Rood Hill through to and including Ambulance Station

**10. Celebration Evening-** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (invite list, layouts, display boards, speech, photo loop, certificates) MH to recirculate list, all names needed by w/e: 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**11. Winter Bedding-** Starting as of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**12. Summer Bedding 2020... Start to think about-** Baskets looked brilliant this year, same flowers, different colour scheme for 2020. Towers at Mountbatten Way need looking into, also felt that the red flowers/ plants in the bus station area were not a suitable colour, more trailing plants needed. RHS theme is all about water for 2020. Plaque in the park will be WI. Congleton Park play area is being re-designed with a water and woodland theme. Liked the Biddulph displays- they have a large volunteer base that regularly work and dead-head the plants etc. Need more shape/ height on the roundabouts.

**13. AOB-**

- In Bloom Public Questionnaire- JMac to coordinate in time for celebration evening to get people to fill out on the night. Links can be sent out and paper copies in the TIC.
- Group agreed that looking into a quad bike for the Streetscape team would benefit the team and the In Bloom project.
- Cenotaph- area behind the wall- will learn more about the programme of works at the next meeting. Nothing will be done until after remembrance 2019.
- In Bloom judging day- strimming along Mountbatten Way and cleaning of the containers with trees in- not complete.
- Wheelbarrow Challenge- a great success and everyone who did it, loved it and would like to take part again. PP would like to extend the wheelbarrows to care homes and to have "Golden Barrows".
- Tatton- not happening for 2020.
- Green Fayre- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October- PP asked if we were attending as an In Bloom group? Agreed against as there are plenty of other stalls and the U3A will be attending with their gardening group.
- FoCP working on a project to improve the entrance to St. Stephens Church, working in with the redevelopment of the Leisure Centre. Grahams helping as they have the resources/ equipment.
- Thanks to BE for providing local Congleton honey.

**14. Date of Next Meeting-** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 9am.

First week of December – discuss and have completed Summer Bedding 2020 lists