

## Congleton In Bloom Working Group

14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 10am

### MINUTES

**Attendees:** Ruth Burgess, Martha Hayes, Glen Williams, Amanda Martin, Bob Edwards, Patti Pinto, David Brown

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.
  - Margaret Gartside, Anna Morrison
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** To approve the notes of the previous meeting as a correct record- 24th August
  - Approved.**Actions:** - Trees are now on the website- RB to chase up agreement of areas for planting from Cheshire East.
  - RB to send out all site information and who looks after each area, also 2021 action plan.
  - Thankyou list (15<sup>th</sup> October deadline)- nothing sent as yet.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
  - David Brown- Cheshire East
  - Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park
  - Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park
  - Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership
  - Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership
  - Amanda Martin- Congleton Park, Congleton Partnership
4. **Community Garden and Cenotaph:** Area for Rotary ‘Tree of Light’ has been agreed and work has started on the area to be ready for the tree to be planted. PP & MG met with Rod Goodier to show where the tree will be planted, pre-agreed by RB & JMac- Rotary are happy with this. RB looking into a path for this area, to match with the rest of the garden.  
Suggested Community Garden needs more summer colour- looking into this.
5. **Dutch Wall- Update:** AMartin and GW looking into this area to fill the gaps with compost. AMartin has suggested a plant list for this area, send to RB an exact list to order.
6. **Summer Bedding- Ideas for 2021:** To be sorted at the next meeting. Agreed not to have tiers at Market Street by the traffic lights, but to keep them in the pedestrian area.
7. **Town Tidies-** 12<sup>th</sup> September cancelled as CTC can’t be seen to be promoting gatherings in the current circumstances. Town Tidies could still go ahead, but in much smaller groups, up to six. Needs a letter in the Chronicle to say people still went out despite the event being cancelled, keep up the good work message.
8. **AOB:**
  - **2021 Calendar-** Quantity 250, quotes from Full Colour, £700 for the A4 landscape and £1000 for the thin wired, Vistaprint at £1,700. PP has suggested to not have a calendar in 2021 and get images for 2022 and focus on this one, highlighting Congleton’s Charter year. (Noted DB wanted a picture of Dane-in-Shaw in Spring). Decided to look at the pictures for the 2021 again, identify gaps, as time to re-take. Deadline of agreement- 30<sup>th</sup> September.
  - **Blue Heart Sites-** Need to send these to RB.
  - **In Bloom Video-** Instead of having still images, have some short videos on this, made into one video, ACTION GW- to email both high schools to see if a photography group would be willing to work on this.
  - **Penny-farthing:** Currently being made with Belmont, a design needs to be done for the Park Lane roundabout for this to go on.
  - **Wheelbarrow Project-** PP is still looking to do this for 2021 and be in the polytunnels from June.
  - **Park Fern Poster-** To be discussed at the next meeting, ACTION GW & PP.
  - **IYN Support-** To be discussed at next meeting, possibly they’ll need more support in 2021- ACTION DB to send an email to the IYNs.
  - **Rotary Crocus Planting-** Will be notified when arrived, need to sort planting.