

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

10th March 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting, Minutes

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

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.
 - **None.**
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** To approve the Notes of the previous meeting as a correct record. 7th December 2020.
 - **Approved.**
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 FoCP
 - Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
 - Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership
 - Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, FoCP
 - Amanda Martin- Congleton Park, Congleton Partnership
4. **RHS Community Awards:** Representatives from CIB to join a digital Q&A session 12 - 1pm on Wednesday 24th March.
 - Agreed to be PP & MG.
5. **Back to Back Gardens- Theme:** Colours of the Rainbow. PP discussed a display for one of the polytunnels, using a bear, boat and raised beds.
6. **Dutch Wall:** AM informed the group that she would like the responsibility of looking after the wall and surrounding area to go to someone else in the group or to the Streetscape team.
7. **Covid Update- Volunteering Activities:** RB to update at the next meeting.
8. **AOB:**
 - As Spring bulbs are starting to show, good idea to start getting Spring pictures of the daffodils and crocus', especially the roundabouts. When we have these pictures, it will also identify the areas that lack Spring bulbs that can be planted up for future projects.
 - Access to the polytunnel is looking to be second week of July.
 - MG praised the work of RB and the Streetscape operatives for all their continued hard work.
 - Any questions about the In Bloom projects will be taken to the Community & Environment Committee.
 - Memorial Garden in Community Garden, discussed about the clearing of this area, ready to start the project.
 - Discussed potential ideas with what Astbury Mere could do for judging day. Also to support it all year round, such as installation of more information boards.
 - Noted that both Congleton Park and Astbury Mere have been heavily used throughout the pandemic for exercise. Both spaces have been good for physical and mental health.
9. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th March, 9.30am-** to discuss the information from the Q&A session 24.03.21. Potential to meet outside (six people) after the meeting, in the Community Garden to discuss the Memorial Garden Project.