

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

30th 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. 10th March 2021.
 - **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, Congleton Park FoCP
 - Amanda Martin- Congleton Park FoCP, Congleton Partnership
4. **RHS Community Awards Seminar Feedback:** With five categories to choose from, only three need to be completed. Suggested to complete four and then the one that doesn't get used, see if the projects from that could be added to the three being submitted. PP looking at the Wheelbarrow Project, MG for the inclusion of the Congleton Green group and GW for the parks in town. All to contribute answers which will be collated and submitted together. The focus is on the story and who has been involved in the projects. Up to 10 photos and a five minute video can be submitted.
5. **IYN Displays:** Discussed that as the core In Bloom team, we need to make sure that all the separate IYN groups are all okay with what they are doing/ any new projects etc. ACTION MH to send IYN contacts to DB. ACTION DB & BE- to virtually meet or go out to the IYN's to check on progress and any areas they seek help with, to report back at the next meeting.
6. **Compost Delivery:** Compost will be delivered to the polytunnels on Friday 23rd April with no access to this until Monday 26th April. Slots will need to be booked to collect compost between 26/04 – 02/05. ACTION RB: to send a letter from DB to all IYN to let them know.
7. **COVID-19 Update:** As of 29th March, six people can meet outdoors, still following guidance and restrictions. PP is currently planting fruit trees in groups no larger than six at any one time. Risk Assessment complete and sent to RB.
8. **AOB:**
 - Look into placing of blue hearts around the Town.
 - A wildflower meadow is to be planted at Hilary Avenue, funds for this from Plus Dane.
 - Link Road roundabouts, will these be planted in time for the road opening in mid-April?
 - National Gardening Week at the end of April- potential for a 'Town Tidy'.
9. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 20th April, 9.30am