

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Brandon (Chairman)  
Cllrs J North, C Price and T Robbins.  
Messrs R Hole, T Whitman and J Woods.  
Mrs S Hanks, B Beauchamp, E Thorne, J Jones  
and L Bishop.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Town Clerk's Assistant

**09/015W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllrs C Borastero, D Anderson, J Parkes and Mrs R Sweales were noted. Cllrs N Kennedy and D Unwin did not attend.

**09/016W MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were noted.

**09/017W REPORT BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Brandon was pleased to report that there had been very little vandalism in the City this year in respect of the planters and planting. Wells had once again been entered for South West in Bloom. T shirts and sweat shirts would soon be available for collection from the office.

**09/018W FINANCE REPORT**

The plant stall at the May Fair had very successful and raised £143.80. Cllr Brandon thanked all those who had been involved and suggested taking part in the event again next year. The Chairman was pleased to report that most of the sponsor monies had been received and banked and she would be contacting those outstanding. Two of the floral pyramids were in need of sponsorship. More of the planting this year would be done in house to save on cost and any plants left over from the summer planting would be used to fill gaps where necessary.

**09/019W REPORT BY VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mrs Hanks and Cllr Brandon called upon committee members and volunteers to help with the summer planting.

**09/020W SCHOOLS LIAISON**

Mrs Jones reported that the children's baskets would be ready for hanging on the Market Place pole week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June and paintings from the schools would once again be judged and put on display in the Town Hall at the end of June. The competition had proved to be very successful and grown considerably over the years. Mrs Jones reported that she had received a donation of £50 by the Civic Society from the Harry Parkes bequest fund which would be used as prize money together with the kind donation from Bob Jones. The Chairman offered her thanks from the committee to both parties. Cllr Brandon informed the committee that Wells Central School had agreed to a visit from the South West in Bloom judges and she would be asking the same of the Blue School.

**09/021W**

**COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS**

Mrs Bishop and Beauchamp produced a schedule of events and confirmed that judging for Mendip in Bloom would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**09/022W**

**ALLOTMENT SUB COMMITTEE**

Cllr Brandon informed the committee of a request from one of the Barnes Close Allotment holders to keep bees on his allotment. The committee **recommended** that Mr Woods, a member of the National Bee Keeping Association, would contact Mr Keen for further talks and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Mr Hole reported that there had been some trespassing in the grounds of the Bishop Palace allotments. Cllr Brandon suggested that a letter might come from the Chairman of the Bishop's Palace Allotment Association asking the holders to be vigilant and not to allow anyone who is not an allotment holder to have a key to the Tor Street door.