

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL**  
**CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL; THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014 AT 6.00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Gibson; (Chairman); T Butt Philip (The Mayor);  
M Brandon; J Parkes; C Price; T Robbins; D Unwin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White; RFO S Luck. Cllr Kennedy.  
Mrs L Bishop; Mrs B Beauchamp; Mrs J Jones; Mr R Hole;  
Mrs R Sweales.

**14/11W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr North. Mrs S Hanks; Mr J Wood.

**14/12W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**14/13W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**  
were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

**14/14W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** None present.

**14/15W FINANCE REPORT** - To approve payments:  
The RFO presented the list of payments and these were approved.  
There was a discussion of the committee's finances; the Town Clerk explained the audit procedures; Cllr Kennedy commented on the necessity for transparency in the use of public funds. It was agreed that arrangements should be made for the purchase of plants, materials and equipment for the coming season. It was proposed that authority be delegated to the RFO and Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to make expenditure from the committee budget; this was seconded and approved.  
There is concern that there are not enough volunteers to manage the larger beds; Cllr Unwin suggested that the Connect Centre be approached to see if they would be interested in a partnership project. This was agreed, Cllr Unwin will contact them about it. Members are conscious of health and safety considerations for volunteers working on the roadside, using equipment and carrying out strenuous tasks, so the Town Clerk and RFO were asked to check that appropriate arrangements are in place if the project goes ahead. Wells in Bloom volunteers have been issued with yellow tabards and reminded of safe working procedures.

**14/16W CHAIRMANS REPORT**  
-The Chairman announced that she will be stepping down in May. She thanked everyone for all their support.  
-The Chairman thanked those who had worked on the dead-heading last week.  
-Fertilizer and compost have been collected ready for use.  
-The new tubs should arrive in early May.  
The Mayor thanked the Chairman for all her work as Chair, she had done a lot of hard work over the last few years, taking up a very difficult role and her efforts were much appreciated.

**14/17W SUMMER PLANTING**  
Arrangements were made and dates set:  
Taking plants out: Sunday 11th May at 8.30am  
Plant delivery: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Planting out: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am

**14/18W FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR 2014**

- i. Cocktails and Canapes: Glanville House, Westbury sub Mendip
- ii. Skittles evening, The Venue

**14/19W BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

The entry has been submitted from Wells.

**14/20W ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR URGENT REPORT**

- i. The Gardens Competition group made arrangements to meet.
- ii. The Schools hanging baskets are ready to go out and will be returned on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- iii. The School gardens competition is going very well; some of the pre-schools want to take part.
- iv. Dave Masters has been refurbishing the sponsorship signs

**14/21W DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be at 6pm on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**