

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN MEETING ROOM 2, WELLS TOWN HALL, AT 6.00pm. THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: **Councillors:** M Brandon (Chairman); C Cox; J North (the Mayor);
C Price; C Wride (Deputy Mayor)
Co-opted: Mrs L Bishop, Mrs J Jones,

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor, Tessa Munt
Office Manager, S Bristow (taking minutes)

17/11W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T Robbins
Ms P. Parfitt (Vice-Chairman); Mrs S Hanks

17/12W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared.

17/13W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017 were
proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

17/14W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

17/15W FINANCE REPORT

- i. To approve quotes for purchase of summer 2018 planting -
£5,915.30 - this cost included an extra 5 large baskets and 123
extra plants.
- ii. Cast iron boxes supplied by Somerset Forge proved to be a good
investment.
Proposal to replace High Street boxes x 20, plus 2 at the conduit.
Somerset Forge quoted £82 per box (possible reduction for bulk
buy). Total = £1,804. Recommend quote for approval with City
Centre & Open Spaces Committee.

17/16W CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Autumn Plant-Out: Sunday 19th November. Members volunteered.
Refreshments at 11am by invitation of the Mayor for all helpers on the
day.
- South West in Bloom award
Wells has been awarded the South West in Bloom Gold Award again
this year. The certificate is displayed on the Town Hall reception desk.
- Acknowledgement of the sad death of Bobby Beauchamp. John
Beauchamp has taken on leadership of the competitions with the
assistance of Linda Bishop.
- Presentation evening was very successful and appreciated. The new
format proved to be a good idea and brought more people in.
The suggestion to move the presentation to a Friday evening at the
beginning of September 2018 was discussed. It was the general feeling
of the committee that this would be better for any children attending as
they would not have school the following day.

17/17W COMPETITIONS REPORT

Jenny Jones
Jenny said that the judges did an excellent job this year.
Discussion took place as to how schools without gardens could be involved in
the competition, such as a patio/pot display.

In addition to this, Cllr North suggested that the old fibreglass pots which are to be replaced be offered to such schools. The committee will work on this idea. One pot per school, with a theme: 'Country Living' vegetable pots.

Linda Bishop

Linda reported that there were no entrants for 'Cafe Front/Patio Area' category (no.9). Therefore, it was agreed to do away with this item and reword the categories.

17/18W ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Brandon was pleased to announce that Andy Allen will be joining WIB Committee next year and is happy to take up the position of Vice-Chairman.

17/19W DATE OF NEXT MEETING: to be confirmed