

## HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Wales in Bloom Sub-Committee** held in the MEETING ROOM (Ground Floor), Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 5.00pm.

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PRESENT: Councillor E.B. Palmer (Chairman).

Councillors: L.A. Carter, K. Davies, J.M. Johnson – Mayor, S. Johnson & M.D. Phelan (Observing).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor P.J. McGarry.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), C.S. Lowry (Support Officer).

#### WIB8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

#### WIB9. MAINTENANCE OF CROSS ROADS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Members considered a request from Rob Owen, Transition Holywell & District, to take over the maintenance of the community garden located at Cross Roads, Holywell. The Transition Group was finding it a challenge to maintain good upkeep of the garden, due to a shortage of volunteers and other commitments.

The Chairman gave permission for Councillor M.D. Phelan, who was also a member of the Transition Group, to provide further background and context to this request.

Members were willing to support the work of the Transition Group in some way but concluded the assistance with the maintenance of the garden would need to be provided from an external source.

#### RESOLVED:

That the Clerk, in the first instance, approaches the local high school, scout and cadet groups to ascertain if they would be interested in taking over the work required to maintain the garden effectively.

#### WIB10. BEE FRIENDLY SCHEME

Members considered participation in this scheme and reviewed the application requirements. The objective of the scheme was to create a nation of pollinator-friendly communities across Wales. It was also an accreditation scheme from the Welsh Government with successful projects able to call themselves “Bee Friendly” (similar in nature to the Fairtrade Town scheme).

#### RESOLVED:

That the Clerk undertakes the required work to submit an application to participate in the Bee Friendly scheme.

#### WIB11. WALES IN BLOOM ENTRY 2018

Members considered this year’s Wales in Bloom entry and discussed further options to enhance the application with more emphasis on community involvement. Members referred to last year’s Judge’s report for further guidance.

#### RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Clerk submits an entry for the Town Council to enter the Wales in Bloom 2018 competition.
- 2) That the Clerk and Support Officer make the necessary arrangements for the following enhancements/activities to be undertaken to support this year’s entry:
  - a. Approach the flower shop owners in the town centre to consider supporting the scheme, through refilling some of the hanging baskets.
  - b. Two further competitions to be arranged; best kept residents’ private garden (for each ward) and best town centre planter for traders.
  - c. Approach the shop owners for both Greenfield and Pen-y-Maes shopping parades to consider the placement of hanging basket displays at these locations.

- d. To purchase two 2-tier cascade planter display units for Tower Gardens, to further enhance the town centre displays.

WIB12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.00pm.

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Chairman