



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATTLE COMMITTEE held at The Almonry on 10th July 2019

Present : Marilyn Waughman, Tony Perkins, Peter Mills, John Cherrington, Rob Madge, Alan Gavin and Cllr Hazel Sharman.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Geoff Lawrence, Sheila Lawrence and Barbara Brooks.
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2019:** Agreed by the Committee.
- 3) **Matters arising:**

Item 3: BB currently using trolley with watering cans. Alan G will purchase a wheelbarrow bowser. Tony P advised that one gardener continues to carry a single watering can due to time taken to fill all cans. Tony P offered to take on this duty and fill 5 watering cans for the trolley. Marilyn stated that, if a hose was necessary in Market Square, then it would be laid from the Almonry around the outside of the museum and through the back gate. The hosepipe will not be laid in the museum.

Item 5: Rob Madge wished to clear up a misunderstanding in that at the time of the meeting he had not received the accounts from BTC. This was not to infer that they had not been done as BB received them the following day.

Item 6: Marilyn W advised that BTC will locate the sculpture information board in the bed opposite the kebab shop.

Item 8(i): Alan G advised that this work is nearing completion.

4) **Correspondence:**

- i. Alan G received an email through the BB website from Susan Linton asking about sponsorship. This email was passed to Sheila L for action.
- ii. Marilyn W received a letter from BTC advising BB has been awarded the Chamber of Commerce Community Cup in the 2019 Battle in Bloom Competition. This will be awarded on 18th July 2019 in the Almonry Gardens.

5) **Treasurer's report:** Rob Madge advised that he has not received the BB bank statement yet but that there has been little movement this month. Sponsorship of £135 received (Crafted £100 and Twinning association £35). The BTC account stands at £476.56 with at least two invoices outstanding – Ball Colegrave £143.32 and Capital Garden Products £814.00. Alan G advised that he was aware of two invoices from Ball Colegrave for plants to be delivered in September 2019 for £143.32 and £111.50. Rob M will follow this up with the office.

6) **Chairman's report:**

- i. South & South East in Bloom: Marilyn W advised that BTC has asked for plants and trees in the Almonry to be labelled. The judges suggested using similar labels to RHS and NT. BTC has provided laminated information sheets

identifying plants in the Almonry. The judges also suggested that an apothecary bed be created in the lower garden.

- ii. Chairman's Lunch: This will be held at Barrack Farm on Saturday 27th July 2019 at 12 noon. Alan G will email invites to BB gardeners and ask those attending to contact Marilyn regarding bringing food. Glasses and cutlery will be borrowed from the hall. Alan G will arrange drinks.

7) Battle Town Council: Cllr Sharman had nothing to report at this stage.

8) Any other business:

- i. Tony P asked for the date of the street collection – 19th July 2019.
- ii. Tony P stated that builders bags are being delivered back by BTC ground staff on Thursday mornings and it would be more helpful if they could be returned once emptied.
- iii. Tony P considered that Rother should provide parking for BB gardeners working on Rother owned land. Marilyn W stated that she is in discussion with them on this matter. The current parking arrangements are working at the moment.
- iv. John C advised that the hole in Market Square has been coned off.
- v. Rob M suggested that the Abbey Green containers, moved by the BBC for parking their lorries, be checked damage.
- vi. Marilyn W advised that the St Mary's Church Plaque has gone missing and asked that BB members keep a look out.

9) The meeting closed at 10.25am. Next meeting on 14th August 2019.