

MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Gary Powell (Chairman), Lin Powell, Jo Byrne, Rowena Wilks, Denise Gasan, Chris Gallagher, Pam Swain, Jennifa Lowe, Jean Wilson, Paula Nathan, Sheila Brown, Liz Lawrence, Debbie Curtis, Becky Amor-Davies, Margaret Foxcroft, Austen Perkins

1. **Apologies:** Mattie Ross

2. No new Members

3. Election of Officers for 2017

The following were nominated and unanimously elected:

- Chair of Committee – Gary Powell
- Vice Chair of Committee – Becky Amor-Davies
- Treasurer/Portfolio – Debbie Curtis
- Administration – Sheila Brown (Minute Secretary) and Liz Lawrence

4. Consider forming a Management Sub-Committee which will be Gary, Becky, Debbie – possibly Sheila/Liz if considered necessary.

Regular contact with all members to be via email/telephone/call into Town Hall-Liz will circulate any updates.

Any requests/questions etc re financial related requirements to be sent via Liz for further action.

5. Notes of meeting held on 24.1.17

6. **Publicity (Jo Byrne)**

Jo was in attendance to offer suggestions and support relating to publicity including:

Press release for Table top sale on Saturday £117

Facebook page

Include an image of the Committee “panning for Gold”-show members holding something Gold to give emphasise the Gold Rush theme.

7. **Fundraising**

Flower Pot Trail will take place over a week this year - from 8th to 16th July 2017.

A planned Car Boot Sale starting in Mid-May – Gary to organise.

There will be a plant sale with tea and cake to be held in Debbie’s garden on Monday 29th May (Bank Holiday Monday).

8. **Planned work for 2017 entry**

Take photographs of the Rest Garden, bottom of the steps leading up to Station, the Railway Station and also the new plot adopted by Stonehouse Gardening Club.

Debbie has emailed GWR about a possible water butt on the side of the shelter as rain water was being wasted.

Contact GCC about road sweeping and removing weeds just before Judging Day. Gary will speak to Mark Graham at SDC. Liz will speak to Town Council contractors to check out whether they would be willing to help in some way.

Photos are to be taken of APT Centre. Gary suggested including young people in movie shots.

The Brownies have been approached to plant up the tin trunk near to the High Street Surgery. They have also been approached to help with the big clear up on the Sunday. Pam suggested some of the Brownies could meet the judges.

The new plot will be forked over during the middle of March with compost added at the end of March. The compost is available from the Town Council's compound in Oldends Lane car park.

Denise and Rowena's large tub may need to be moved from its present position near the bus shelter as it is just outside the wire fence where the new building is taking place in Horsemarling Lane/Gloucester Road.

Maidenhill School, Shrubberies School/Apperley Centre and Park Infants are to be involved with the growing sunflowers project.

9. **Judging Day**

Confirmed by Mark Wiltshire – 9am Tuesday 25th July 2017