

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STONEHOUSE ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

**Present:** Gary Powell (Chair), Paula Nathan, Becky Amos, Lin Powell, Denise Gasan, Jennifa Lowe, Chris Gallagher, Mattie Ross, Rowena Wilks, Leigh Binns, Debbie Curtis

1. **Apologies:** Liz Lawrence, Jackie Edwards, Pippa Coombes
2. Gary welcome new member Leigh Binns from Stonehouse Beavers
3. To note Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016
4. **Projects and Schedule of Works 2016**

### **Rest Gardens**

Cut back snowberry bush and check about the fence. Snowdrops will be planted by Stonehouse Beavers, funded by Muller. Maidenhill School have been approached with a view to pupils painting a mural but members were informed that the pupils are too busy with exams. A water butt will be installed in the cemetery section. A reminder that photographs should be taken. Gary will approach Shrubberies School to ask if the pupils would like to provide artwork. A suggestion was that this could be done on a board at the school and then transferred to the Rest Garden. Morning Glory and Nasturtiums are to be planted to climb over the tombstones. The herbaceous bed is to be widened. Leigh Binns has offered help from the Beavers every Tuesday from 5.30 pm starting 12<sup>th</sup> April for 3 months to work on the Rest Gardens planting etc. Lin and Jennifa have some spare plants. Rob West, the sign writer, is to be approached about a sign for the rest garden.

### **Standish/Stonehouse**

Denise and Rowena will be planting snowdrops.

### **Horsetrough**

Lin will be planting some of the snowdrops.

### **Railway Station**

Stonehouse Town Council will fill the water butt. The two round planters need planting. A suggestion was that the Beavers could be involved but it was considered safer for them to work on the Rest Garden.

### **Raised Borders outside the Co-op**

Pippa would like the luncheon club involved and outside the Co-op was suggested.

## **Manure**

There are possibly two or three farms around Kings Stanley/Leonard Stanley where manure could be obtained. Two or three Hippo Bags are available and the Oldends Lane compound was suggested as a place to deposit it next week.

## **High Street Medical Centre**

Work to be done on the corner near the Medical Centre to the right of the manger and planter. Liz will be asked to check details of the material used in the Millennium stone as concern was expressed about possible damage to it if it is cleaned.

## **5. Fundraising**

This Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) a coffee morning will be held at Paula's house, 9 Magpie Court.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June a picnic will be held to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A plant sale was suggested which Leigh offered help from the Beavers.

Car Boot Sales were suggested starting at the end of April on Laburnum Playing Field. The Beavers will provide a litter pick afterwards.

An Antiques Fair was suggested in the Town Hall on Saturday mornings with coffee provided.

APT are to run a competition on the Park Estate, where a neighbour's garden could be nominated for a prize.

Absolutely Fabulous and The Tax Man Shop (Ian Townshend) have agreed to provide funds.

A Volunteer Day is proposed for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Community Centre at 10 am.

## **General**

Judging is to take place at the end of July. Lin is the person to liaise with about plants.

- 6. Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Town Hall at 6.30 pm.**