

**Minutes of the Great Coates in Bloom Committee held at 7.00 pm
at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 18 January 2024**

Present: Cllr M. Stewart (Chair), D. Stewart, A. Riggall, J. Silvester, J. Scoffin, T. McBride,
M. Hunt,
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), E. Atkinson (EMIB),
Members of public present: 1

Prior to the meeting started tribute was paid to Mike Gathercole the Chairman of Barton Cleethorpes Rail Partnership who suddenly passed away on 8th January 2024. Mike had been very supportive of Great Coates In Bloom, had worked tirelessly for the partnership would be sadly missed.

Thanks was also given to Jill Silvester for providing the Christmas tree on The Avenue.

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2486

Cllr C. Dunn, C. Forrester, T. Wimsey, M. Wimsey, G. Smith

2 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests. - Ref: 2487

None

3 To approve minutes from last meeting. - Ref: 2488

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: T. McBride Seconder: J. Silvester All in favour

4 Finance Report - Ref: 2489

The Clerk confirmed that the current balance was 1448.78 and with accruals for winter plants and station works the forecast balance for year end would be a deficit of £30.

For 2024/25 Ward Councillors had confirmed ward funding of £1000 and Great Coates Village Council had agreed to a budget of £2000.

It was resolved to purchase sleepers for the improvements to the railway station up to £120. Proposer: T. McBride Seconder: Cllr M. Stewart All in favour

It was resolved to purchase christmas tree lights upto £30 Proposer: A. Riggall Seconder: T. McBride All in favour

**5 To adopt 2024 working plan
- Establish a regular working day for each zone (as applicable) - Ref: 2490**

The working plan was adopted.

It was also made clear that whatever regular days were proposed there was no expectation at all that members had to adhere to that day. It was a planned day which may change due to various circumstances and additional days would be planned in aswell with all members volunteers.

It was agreed to have a Monday afternoon as the regular day for zone 4 and 5.

Concern was raised that some plants were growing too high and blocking signage. This would be taken into consideration during future planting.

Cambridge Park Academy would commence working in the Hall grounds every Wednesday from 3rd week in April between 1300-1430.

6 To discuss East Midlands in Bloom Competition 2024 - Ref: 2491

Elaine Atkinson from East Midlands in Bloom was welcomed to the meeting and provided useful information into the competition and more importantly the EMIB nomination for Great Coates to be entered into Britain In Bloom. This was to be regarded as a great honour to be entered into such a national competition.

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7 To discuss Britain in Bloom Competition 2024 - Ref: 2492

Combined into item 6.

8 To mention Community Rail Partnership Awards - Ref: 2493

The Chair confirmed that jointly between Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership and East Midlands Railway Great Coates In Bloom had been nominated for a silver award in the Community Rail Awards to be held in March at Swansea. The award recognises the work undertaken by the group at Great Coates Railway Station.

Rail travel had been provided by East Midlands Railway and hotel accommodation by Barton Cleethorpes Rail Partnership.

9 To discuss In Bloom time capsule - Ref: 2494

The time capsule was ready to be placed in the tower of St Nicolas Church. A date was awaited from the church and it is expected to take place during a service in the coming weeks.

10 Date of next meeting - Thursday 15/02/24 - Ref: 2495

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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