

**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 15 February 2024**

Present: Cllr M. Stewart (Chair),
In Attendance: Cllr C. Dunn, D. Stewart, T. Wimsey, A. Riggall, M. Hunt, J. Sylvester,
M. Wimsey, F. Dunn, J. Scoffin,
Members of public present: 0

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2525

C. Forrester, C. Thomas, 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: 2526

None

3 To approve minutes from last meeting. - Ref: 2527

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record
Proposed: A. Riggall Seconder: J. Scoffin All in favour

4 Finance Report - Ref: 2528

The Clerk had submitted a financial report advising that it was likely to be a surplus of £200 at the year end of 31/03/23. Funds already received for 2024/25 totalled £3000. Of this approx £1600 was reserved for summer/winter plants leaving approx £1600 for other expenditure and reserves for future years.

Chris Dunn raised concerns that a memorial bench part funded by a grant of £450 had not been purchased. The group were not aware that grant was specific to a bench and the Chair confirmed that the prices received were circa £2000 and the group didn't have that amount of money spare. The feeling was either to ask other contributors such as the Council for additional money or the grant money is returned to Dalkia.

5 Consider any matters related to East Midlands in Bloom / Britain In Bloom - Ref: 2529

No matters arose.

6 Updates on extension to King Charles III garden - Ref: 2530

Chris Dunn, Carl Thomas, Tom McBride and Mike Stewart were thanked for their work in extending the garden and moving the compost into the garden which was now ready for planting.
The Chair did raise concerns that the existing waiting shelters were to be replaced and he had written (personally) to East Midlands Railway expressing his concerns.

7 Consider any maintenance requirements that come under Great Coates in Bloom - Ref: 2531

The wooden boxes through the village would be stained and the 2 metal planters would be moved inside Herbert Rollet Way which were now hidden by the new gas vent on Newbury Avenue.
Primulas would be purchased for The Avenue, around the cart.
Prices to be obtained pea gravel and repairs to the Cart in The Avenue.
The Cart in The Avenue would be painted in black with gold rim around the wheels.
More Ferns were required for the Fernery.

8 Working party Dates - Ref: 2532

Several dates were proposed.

9 Date of next meeting - Ref: 2533

Wednesday 21st March 2024

The following matters were discussed which did not form part of the agenda:
Ten Trees were to be planted as part of an initiative of North East Lincolnshire Council along old Road.

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A Community Litter Pick was suggested for 9th March.

A special service at St Nicolas Church would be held when the time capsule will be placed in the Church Tower.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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