

**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 21 March 2024**

Present: Cllr. M. Stewart (Chair), D. Stewart, M. Wimsey, T.McBride, J. Scoffin, J. Sylvester,
A.Riggall, T. Wimsey,
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk),
Members of public present:

- 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2558**
Cllr C. Dunn, M. Hunt, C.Forrester
- 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: 2559**
None
- 3 To approve minutes from last meeting. - Ref: 2560**
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 15 Feb 24 as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr. M. Stewart Second: T.McBride All in favour
- 4 Finance Report - Ref: 2561**
The Clerk advised that a small deficit expected to be £28 was forecast for the year end being 31/03/24.
Forecast income for 2024/25 was expected to be £3000.
- 5 EMIB / BIB Updates - Ref: 2562**
The application for East Midlands In Bloom for 2024 had been submitted.
Banners had now been received for \Britain in Bloom to be placed within the village.
- 6 To discuss Memorial Bench - Ref: 2563**
Cllr Stewart and D. Stewart had been to see a bench produced by Hodson & Krauss and reported that it was good quality and met the requirements of the group at a price of £550.
It was resolved to purchase this bench with the location to be agreed following conversations with relevant parties.
- 7 The Avenue Pony Cart restoration / painting. - Ref: 2564**
A. Riggall had provided a report detailing the repairs required to the cart on The Avenue and expected costs.
It was resolved to approve the quotation from Hodson & Krauss and have the works undertaken.
It was resolved to purchase 1 ton of pea gravel once works were completed
Total expenditure not to exceed £400.
A.Riggall and J. Sylvester remained to present the report and recommendations but took no part in the decision process and did not partake in the vote.
Proposed: T.McBride Second: J. Scoffin For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 0
- 8 Working party Dates - Ref: 2565**
Various dates were agreed.
- 9 To discuss future of In Bloom Committee - Ref: 2566**
Cllr Stewart advised that he was prepared to stand down as chair at the end of August if anybody wished to take over as chair.
The Clerk advised that the Terms of Reference would need to be amended as it currently requires a councillor to be a chair or the format of the committee may need to be considered by the full council.
- 10 Date of next meeting - Thursday 18th April 2024 - Ref: 2567**

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signature:

Page