

MINUTES OF SMIB MEETING HELD ON JULY 5th 2021 at 11am in The Amory Centre

Present

Sue Harrison
Mary McMonnies
Mervyn Way
Andrew Coates
Julie Vaughan
Dawn Wellstood
Anne Beagley
Sue Sewell
Anne Dockerty
Margaret Chester
Elaine Symons
Gail
Christine Goddard
Glenys Laws

Apologies

Jane Lucas
Helen Waller
Bridget Simmons
David Worden
Kirstie Halls
Verity Hanson
Will Locke

Mervyn Way opened the meeting and gave special thanks to the whole group for their hard work and making the town look beautiful and to Sue for driving it.

Minutes of last meeting agreed and finances sheet (sent out before meeting) approved

Actions from the last meeting..

Jane was to attempt to change the welcome sign in the Park. Men's Shed had too much on. Mervyn was asked about the shed and it is still being considered but YMCA have agreed to let us use their land.

The water butt at Stags has been done by Julie and Keith.

The planters have been done in the park and Mandy and Rob have painted them and the little shed.

Gail, Dawn and Mary have painted the scout wall.

Chris has done the website and it is accessible on a PC but is still in progress .. much more to do yet.

David Walker has spread the word about businesses cleaning up their shop front.

The route has changed and we need to keep it minimal.

Lady Arren has agreed to judge the competition.

Andrew has agreed to sort out the trampoline and graffiti in the park.

The rest of the meeting was spent confirming the route and a plan for finishing all the areas between now and judging day. Picnic in the Park cancelled due to covid risk with the judge.

Sue asked for the group to give Elaine a round of applause for all her hard work and ideas. It was agreed that next year, we would decorate the opposite side of the Pannier Market and leave this years up on the right hand side.

We also said how lucky we were to have Helen Waller in the group as she does the most incredible graphics.

Julie cannot make judging day and Sue said it was a shame as she has done so much to keep the plants looking great in Central Park. Julie has agreed to decorate both stumps in town. The competition now has lots of entries and Julie has organised judging for Thursday 15th through to Saturday 17th inclusive. Prejudging on Thursday by Natalie (museum) and Mandy (recco from Bridget) 1-5 scoring. Prizes for gardens are signed framed print and frontage signed print both by Stuart Smith and windows chocs from the Chocolate Shop and champagne from Fenella. Mervyn will be in chains on both judging day and Saturday 17th. Orange signs had donated three winners stickers for their windows.

It was agreed to give Matt £100 and it was questioned whether to give John the same but Andrew said that the council will give a donation to both. They have spent many weekends and evenings painting murals in Central Park. **ACTION: ANDREW**

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Ann .. said it was difficult to read sponsor signs in beds at end of North St but it was explained that it was difficult to fix them to those beds and also they had been made differently.

Christine told us how a ninety three year old resident was going to make a scarecrow to put by the bed for judging day.

Dawn asked about second coat for scout hut .. now done plus door too

Talked about the 'do' for sponsors to be arranged when restrictions lifted ..still do picnic in the park as have all the boxes etc

The rest of the chat was around jobs to be done prior to 13th July which of course are all done now

NEXT MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 9th 11am at THE AMORY CENTRE IN COURTYARD GARDEN

AGENDA
MONDAY AUGUST 9th 11am
COURTYARD GARDEN AMORY CENTRE

WELCOME

MEMBERS LIST >>changes

APOLOGIES

AGREE MINUTES

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMENTS FROM JUDGING DAY

COMMENTS ABOUT COMPETITION

AFTERNOON TEA FOR SPONSORS

LIBRARY GARDENS

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

ROLES FOR NEXT YEAR

AOB

NEXT MEETING