

Meeting at The Amory Centre Monday 8th November 2021 11am

Agenda

Welcome
Apologies
Members
Review minutes of last meeting
Coordinator's report
Treasurer's report

Will Locke ..litter pick
Julie Vaughan..event plan
Elaine Symons..art work
Dawn Wellstood..trees and cuttings

Sue H welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered apologies for all those not present.

Present :

Sue Harrison
Sue Sewell
Dawn Wellstood
Mary Mcmonnies
Julie Vaughan
Helen Waller
Gail McLeod
Darrelyn Gunzburg
Will Locke
Elaine Symons

Margaret Chester who kindly took notes as Jane could not be present.

Sue informed everyone that we have three new members joining:

Sam and Kacper who have already spent many hours digging over more of the bank opposite Squires Court and together are going to take that on as their project, including the area at the back. Karen Reddy is also going to join us. Andy who has recently joined us has worked really hard with us on the Enhancement and East St.

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously agreed and follow ups to actions required were reported as follows:

The website has now got a section called governance and our minutes and finance reports will be uploaded to it. Chris is aware that the photos still need to be adjusted and Sue is going to search for someone to update the website regularly. Action: Sue H

Andrew and Mervyn have agreed to put an all weather banner up across the front of church walk and Day Lewis have agreed to pay for it. Yet to get quotes. Helen to design. Also Sue H

to ask Bons Bons if we can display our certs and trophy in the window. **Action : Sue H and Helen W**

Andrew has also agreed to put signs up RHS Gold Award Winners of South West in Bloom under the signs at the entrance to the town. Sue S thinks there are six.

The request for two precinct planters at a cost of £737 plus £51 shipping plus VAT was put to the Town Council Finance Meeting and we have as a result been asked to put forward a business plan and do a presentation on November 23rd to the full council and then they will consider what we can have financially. The group were informed that this meeting is not open due to three councillors being vulnerable and the room being small but it was agreed by Andrew and Mervyn that I could take one person with me. The group were disappointed but accepted it.

We have had no reply from Sue and Margarets' letter to David and Jeremy re gutters etc. Andrew has replied but it is not his responsibility so we are yet to hear from David Worden and Jeremy Yabsley. **Action SH to send a reminder to both**

The three water tanks we have on order will arrive in January. Mike Jones has agreed one at Liverot ..**Action: SH to talk to Andrew re the other two.**

Sue H met with Mike Jones at Liverot and he was pleased with the result. He agreed pots with climbers by the seats which Julie and Keith are going to attend to. He will donate paint for the seats. He is also organising a wild flower meadow. He has agreed for us to do more semi circles but we will review next year.

Glenys has said we can have the sentry box in the library gardens. Library gardens remain under the care of the Friends of The Library and Glenys has asked to meet with Sue H next week. **Action:Sue H**

SH has looked into forming a charity but time consuming and complicated. Discussed again and agreed to leave for now.

Discussed if we could get the council to purchase larger items so they do not have to pay VAT. Action : **SH to discuss with Andrew**

Lady Arran coming on 12 th November to Sue's to collect bouquet of thanks

Andrew has agreed for Stephen to rotovate top of Sheep Pen Car Park for us but we'll probably start that in the Spring when we know what finances are.

We can do health and safety ..chapter eight training ..we would need this if working on roundabouts or bottom of sheep pen car park but it was agreed after discussion that we probably did not want to work on roundabouts at the moment anyway. **Action: SH still to look into high vis vests**

Coordinator' s Report

Elaine and Sue have well fed The Men's Shed over a few weeks to thank them for the signs.

PC Jarvis has interviewed the suspect and mother over picnic table damage. Could not progress further but they are now closely monitoring the park and it would help if they got CCTV.

The group have worked incredibly hard over the last week, weeding, cutting back and planting everywhere. North St beds discussed and we are to revamp the one that was initially done for the Deep Roots Festival.

Matt Bushell is progressing his tree garden / arboretum from council funding. **Action : Sue S to find council minutes re funding of this.**

The calendar should be ready soon from Printworkx. Helen did an amazing job. Group have been asked to let Sue H know how many they want at £7 each.

So far

Elaine 3 Will 1 Darrelyn 7 Sue S 10
Sue H 4

Please email Sue with requests.

Fundraising stalls are all prepared and lots have been received. Bric a brac on this stall but Christmassy them for December one. Bric a brac to be kept for the boot fair after Xmas. Animal Memorial to start on the November stall.

Treasurer's report

This is brief as a full business plan is being put together this week which will be presented at the next meeting.

Bank £1331.80
Cash £25.61

An unexpected donation of £300 from Market Vets has been received in the hope that we can tend the land opposite them. We have still to spend approx. £200 from Jeremy Yabsley's grant for winter planting, approx. £100 on water tanks and approx. £60 for entrance to SW in Bloom next year. Andrew told us we do not have to renew bloom insurance as it can come under the council next year.

Will Locke informed us he will be doing town tidy on Saturday Nov 13 th at 11am. To collect tools from Sue H on wed eve as she will be at work on Saturday. Asked him to push it on social media between now and Saturday.

Julie Vaughan asked for us to plan some events and try for Saturday markets or special one off markets on the Sunday eg Easter summer Christmas..**Action SH to ask Mel**

SH to run a boot fair with left over bric a brac in spring.

Elaine Symons brought a box full of samples to show us what we need to be storing for our recycling / art display next year. She will be asking for all the schools displays to be centred around recycling too. Dawn also suggested we incorporate plates/ bunting or similar with comments ..one liners ..about what children think about or associate with the Queen. To write letters to the schools incorporating the fun sunflower banner. The theme will be tiaras, wellies and platinum.

Items we need to be saving

Giant catering size baked beans tins for planting

Recycled foil.eg wrapping paper, metal balloons, foil bunting, foil chocolate boxes, foil sweet wrappers, crisp packets, medicine (pill) pouches, metal butter or margarine tops etc

Also plastic tops off washing liquid, corks from wine or champagne

Action : everyone

Please keep a box at home and start saving over the Xmas period

And don't forget getting long wall length samples of white purple and silver wallpaper if you go into DIY stores.

Elaine came up with other ideas she is going to pursue including involving Sainsbury's

Action: SH to compose letters for schools and Sainsbury's. JV to get polystyrene from Elaine to store outside.

Dawn W is to pursue Devon Wildlife Trust for a single commemorative tree to plant in Central Park by swimming pool ..skate park end away from play areas.

Dawn W also taking cuttings of all purple, white and silver plants to try and raise them for planting next year.

Meeting concluded at 1220pm

Next meeting Monday December 6th 2021 Amory centre 11 am

