

Minutes of South Molton in Bloom Meeting held on the 24th April 2023 at 2.30 in the in the Amory Centre.

Present.

Sue Harrison, Sue Sewell, Jane Lucas, Sheila Farrant, Ann Mandry, Anne and David Beagley, David Worden, Vonn Bourne, Margaret Chester, Gloria Beeching, Brenda Savery, Bridget Simmons, Barry Thomas

Apologies.

Will Locke, Elaine Symons, Tina Trevena, Nikki Roberts, Christine Goddard, Debbie Woolley

Welcome.

Sue H welcomed everyone and introduced new member Barry Thomas to the group.

Minutes of last Meeting

Agreed unanimously with no amendments.

Treasurer's Report

As attached

Coordinator's Report

As attached.

Vote on amendments to constitution.

unanimous plus also votes agreeing by email from Elaine, Will, Trevena, Christine, Nikki.

Town signs

Sue H asked everyone to comment on their reaction to

the town signs and to how they view going forward. Overall agreement that the wording is far too small and cannot be seen. Everyone agreed that 2021 should be added and everyone could not understand why it could not be done in larger print. Questioned whether the council were proud of us and if not what more did we have to do? Sheila said she raised her concerns with Christine Locke and got no response. Also Sheila highlighted that the museum suffers in a similar way and ex Meddlars people told us how they had nothing but difficulty with the council. Everyone agreed that both the Pannier Market and South Molton in Bloom should be promoted BUT equally..same signage and same space for both as both enhance the town and as Brenda said the market is two days a week but our work is 7 days a week and as Margaret said we were judged by the RHS. More to the point too there was no consultation with us about the signs or inclusion yet we are doing the work of what a parks department would do with a small amount of money from the council and a huge amount of money from the businesses who also pay business rates. Andrew said the majority of businesses in town do NOT pay rates ACTION : D. Worden to check. Also we asked for our signs the first time we won in October 2021 and did not get signs until June 22. then we won in October 22 and when the Pannier Market won their awards, the signs for them and us as an afterthought went up immediately.

May Council Meeting.

It was agreed Maragaret, Jane and Gloria attended the

next council meeting to update them on in Bloom and our views of the signs. With four new councillors it was hoped this will be positive. Vonn also expressed a wish to attend and this was agreed.

Water Butts

Vonn is going to ask Coaching Inn and Sue H is going to try and get someone to put them up. ACTION V

Bourne and S.Harrison

Market Vets and the council have agreed for one on the back of the Pannier Market

Gardening Competition.

An update was given by Margaret and Vonn. They were waiting for the leaflet design from our web designer, once this was received they can go to print.

AOB

Bridget Simmons has requested that someone commits to Livarot Walk on a more permanent basis.

Sue Harrison will bring Rotary Club raffle tickets to distribute to everyone to sell to make money for us.

David Beagley has designed a flyer which we may be able to combine with info on the gardening competition to advertise the competition.

NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2023 at 2.30pm