

MINUTES OF SMIB MEETING HELD AT 3 HAZEL MEWS 27th MAY 25

WELCOME: SH

PRESENT: Sue H Coordinator, Jane L Minutes Secretary and Treasurer, Vonn B, Sheila F, Marie L, Nikki S, Andy B

APOLOGIES: Miki K, Mike F, David W.

Total on group 12 (including Bridget S for art, Tina T who does one hospital bed with son Noah)

MINUTES of last meeting unanimously agreed

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr and Mrs Essery who have given a £500 donation to SMIB have been taken on a tour round the town to see all the beds and flowers and given a coffee in Stumbles

VE Day ..Gez Kelly of RBL has been in contact to thank SMIB for the planting of all the beds in red, white and blue, also for organising the Shop Window competition which raised the profile of VE day. Winners and entries were all posted on FB. The Memorial garden ..was noted by Jane and Sue on a recent visit that it needed weeding badly which they did their best to do in one hour before planting some cosmos given by Mike but Sue has written to Gez to ask him to remind members at the next meeting to keep it regularly weeded.

Sue Sewell has secured some Japanese Cherry Trees for SMIB from the RBL that will be planted in The Gateway Queens Green Canopy and also one at Livarot Walk for VJ day on 15th August.

All the SMIB areas have looked stunning in recent weeks and members have worked really hard planting, weeding and watering. Marie has done so much replanting and sorting the hospital beds and Nikki, Marie and Sue have repainted them and they all, including Tina's look lovely. Vonn's stump is looking colourful, Miki's beds at Livarot walk are looking great. Jane's sheep pen car park bed is looking good. Sainsbury's bed is looking very good and constantly being praised by the staff and customers so well appreciated. The replanting of "Bridget's Bed" on the corner of New Rd has excelled itself. The Gateway Path has been weeded and filled with more plants by Sue and is looking lovely and again appreciated by so many. The two North Rd beds, the East St Beds and the circle on the Enhancement all look so colourful.

We have had some new and also repeat sponsors with SMBA giving us substantial sponsorship and we are grateful to everyone. We also got a contribution this year from SMTC towards the planting of red white and blue flowers.

The annual membership amount of £5 has been given by everyone now. David gave £10 so the other £5 paid Vonn's. It was unanimously agreed not to ask Bridget, Tina or Mike for £5. The total therefore was £45 cash plus £15 cash for entries. After buying prizes to add to those donated for the window competition, there is now £13 remaining in cash but as a group we do not do cash pots as a rule. Thanks also went to Lynne and Jacqui for helping us with the judging and thanks too to Lynne for donating a bottle of wine.

The three tiered Amberol planters on the Enhancement were discussed as to what to do with them as they are proving difficult. After discussion it was decided to replant them like a green roof which would be self-sustaining and we will discuss it again at the Autumn meeting.

The Barn Owl Trust has agreed to put up some owl boxes next to the Gateway garden on the neighbouring trees but it will need permission from the owner and we will need to pay the Trust for the erection of the boxes but the group unanimously voted in favour.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current bank balance is £1939.79. We opened the year with £2237.94 and so far this year we have spent £2925 and received £2625.85

AOB

Sue H asked Andy B if he would kindly mow the grass at the weekend as Steve Bones is away for three weeks and he agreed to do it.

The meeting then closed and was followed with afternoon tea for all supplied and cooked by Sue H to thank all the members.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : July 22nd at 3pm at 3 Hazel Mews