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Minutes of the Tiverton in Bloom Committee held on Monday 13th January 2020 at 5.30pm Mayoralty Room.

Present: Cllr’s W Burke, (Chair) S Griggs, (Vice Chair), D Garcia-Parejo, C Harrower and Mrs P Grainger.

In attendance: Cllr J Rendle, Mr C Olive (Blundells School), Mr S Scrivens (MDDC), Mr John Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk) and Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk).

123	<p>Apologies Apologies received from Cllr D Knowles and A Mulligan. These apologies were accepted. Cllr N Davey absent.</p>
124	<p>Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations under the Code of Conduct declared at this stage of the meeting.</p>
125	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th November 2019 were adopted as a true record.</p>
126	<p>Matters arising that are not an agenda item. Cllr S Griggs asked if there were any plans for the committee to plant trees. She was informed that there were no plans to do this, however the new Emergency Climate Committee were keen to get involved with tree planting and would possibly link up with the already established Tiverton Tree Team. Cllr Burke informed the committee that the commemorative Ash tree sited on land bordering the People’s Park to mark the Queen’s Golden Jubilee had been damaged from ring barking and would have to be removed. The plaque that was presented by Cllr J Evans would be brought back to the Town Hall for safe keeping until another suitable tree could be planted. Suggestions for the replacement tree were for a copper beech, as Steve Scrivens advised against replacing with another Ash tree because of Ash dieback. A budget of a maximum of £100 was agreed in order to procure a larger hardy plant. Steve Scrivens introduced himself to the committee and said that he was with Mid Devon District Council on a temporary basis until October 2020, he was working on various projects including the 10 year plan for the town’s parks. Charlie Olive of Blundells School said that he had a timeline of photographs of the works on the Blundells Garden and would send these so that they can be used in the Tiverton in Bloom portfolio for 2020. He said that they could also be utilised for the power point presentation too if needed. For part of the school’s celebrations for VE day the school garden would be the focus</p>

	<p>with a planned garden party. There would also be a further garden event involving a performance based on WW2 by the pupils, along with a BBQ and garden party. Charlie asked the committee if there was any area in the town that they would like sponsored.</p> <p>Cllr Burke replied to say that he had plans for one of the Mid Devon District Council's flower beds to create a shield based on the colours of Blundells School.</p> <p>Charlie said that he would endeavour to secure the amount of £100 for the sponsorship of this bed.</p> <p>Charlie finished by saying that his plans for the forthcoming year were to engage with the local schools and try to help them establish their own gardens.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower pointed out that one of the Tiverton signs had outdated information on it regarding Tiverton in Bloom awards and needed updating.</p> <p>Cllr Griggs said that the board in question was produced and funded by the Portas team and that she would endeavour to find out who she originally dealt with at Devon Highways with a view to getting the board updated.</p>
<p>127</p>	<p>Diary of events and meetings for 2020</p> <p>The Town Clerk suggested that it might be an idea to start a plan or a diary of activities/events for 2020.</p> <p>He said that other towns had done this successfully such as Exmouth.</p> <p>It was agreed to present ideas for this at the next meeting.</p>
<p>128</p>	<p>Mid Devon District Council Flower Beds</p> <p>Cllr Burke informed the committee that he and Cllr D Knowles had met with Mr A Busby and Mr S Noyce of Mid Devon District Council to discuss the flower beds owned and managed by them.</p> <p>He said that the result of that meeting and subsequent meeting with Mr D Beer and Mr S Scrivens had secured the permission to plant up these beds with a suggestion of begonias, petunias, and busy lizzies in a patriotic colour scheme of red, white and blue in commemoration of V.E. Day.</p> <p>Cllr D Garcia-Parejo suggested that perhaps the choice of plants and colours could be made by members of the public.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that it would be too late to do that this year as the order for the plants would need to be placed soon.</p> <p>Cllr S Griggs suggested that perhaps some bee boxes or bug hotels could be placed in the beds to help and encourage bees and insects.</p> <p>Cllr Burke said that following this he had met with Taunton Deane Nursery's Steve Fletcher who had given him some costings and suggested planting ideas. The costings had been very favourable and well within the budget proposed.</p> <p>There would be one flower bed that would be grassed over by MDDC which a tub would be placed on. This tub would be loaned from Steve Fletcher.</p> <p>The Angel Hill flower bed would be left unplanted as Cllr Burke himself said he wanted to prepare and plant this as it contained Oxysalis and this needed to be treated first.</p> <p>Mr Scrivens had agreed to provide costings for the preparation and planting of the beds. This had been sent via email to Cllr Burke.</p> <p>He explained to the committee that the cost for putting in the summer bedding would be £7,000 and the cost for winter bedding would be £6,000.</p>

129	Review of the letter to Traders All were in favour of the proposed letter layout for the traders.
130	Spring Seminar Thursday 19th March 2020 Beer: to decide who will attend. The committee were asked who would like to attend the seminar to be held at Beer. Cllr W Burke, Mrs P Grainger, Mrs J Hubbard all requested to attend, with Cllrs S Griggs and C Harrower hoping to attend but would confirm.
131	Competition 2020 All agreed to enter the South West in Bloom competition 2020.
122	Date of Next Meeting (Working Party) Monday 24th February 2020 at 5pm.