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Minutes of the Tiverton in Bloom Committee held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 5.30pm Mayoralty Room.

Present: Cllr's D Knowles (Vice Chairman), N Davey, S Griggs, C Harrower, and Mrs P Grainger.

In attendance Cllr J Rendle (Mayor) Mr C Olive (Blundell's School), John Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk) and Julie Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk).

82	<p>Apologies Apologies were accepted for Cllr W Burke (ill) & Cllr A Walker (ill).</p>
83	<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>
84	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd December 2018 were adopted as a true record.</p>
85	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes that are not an agenda item Blundell's School involvement. This was discussed in item (5) on the agenda.</p>
86	<p>People's Park Plan The assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard informed the Committee that the offer of the old rockery site sited in the People's Park from Mid Devon District Council was still available, this had been confirmed by MDDC's Mr A Busby.</p> <p>She said that this site was a wonderful opportunity to design and create a new garden involving community help.</p> <p>Mr C Olive said that Blundell's School was keen to be involved in not only the designing but with the manual working of the site too. He suggested that the pupils could work on ideas for designs if the committee were agreeable. Mr Olive also expressed a keenness to work in partnership with Tiverton High School on this project and said he would contact Mr J Sowden to discuss.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower informed the members that she had been in contact with a landscape designer and gardener (Nicholas) who was willing to create a draft plan of suggested planting and layout, although he could not assist in the manual work on site.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower also showed an illustration of a garden with cottage style planting which she explained was the idea of the Chairman Cllr C Burke. This planting would support wildlife as well as being environmentally friendly and would tie in with SW in Bloom's</p>

	<p>Campaign for 2019 “Re-Wilding Britain”.</p> <p>Cllr D Knowles said that he would like to see the schools involved with the design. It was suggested that Nicholas could look at the pupil’s ideas and create a plan from them. This was accepted.</p> <p>The assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard said she would investigate possible funding options as the site would need extensive clearance before any planting could begin and that this would be best carried out by garden contractors as there was a slight risk of used syringes being hidden in the overgrown vegetation.</p> <p>Mr C Olive told the members of the school’s own garden project plans.</p> <p>The members invited him to enter Blundell’s School into the Tiverton in Bloom’s Schools Garden category of their competition, explaining that this usually ran on a topical theme with last year seeing the commemoration of “The Women’s Suffragette Movement”.</p> <p>Mr C Olive asked if it might be possible for him to theme a garden linked to an anniversary or event personal to the school and requested details to be sent to him on the competition.</p>
87	<p>Action Plan/Diary of Events</p> <p>The Town Clerk John Vanderwolfe said that in order to have a successful entry it would be prudent to have a diary of events which clearly demonstrated all year round involvement, as adopted by towns such as Exmouth. An action plan would be needed to create this.</p> <p>Cllr S Griggs suggested a seed share as this had been successful in other towns. Other suggestions were a coffee morning, which the Mayor said could be held in the Mayoralty room of the Town Hall, along with a plant sale at the Pannier Market.</p> <p>Mr C Olive said that it might be possible for Blundell’s School to host a plant sale but that this would not take place this year.</p> <p>The Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard showed the members the SW in Bloom Newsletter containing the application form for the schools painting competition and suggested it might be a good idea to get the local schools involved in this. The theme being very topical “Get Rid of Plastic”</p>
88	<p>Seminar Attendees</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs, W Burke, C Harrower, Mrs P Grainger and Mrs J Hubbard should attend the forthcoming Spring Seminar at Chippenham on the 28th February 2019.</p>
89	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 4th March 2019 at 5.30pm. (Working Party)</p>