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Minutes of the Tiverton in Bloom Committee held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 5.30pm Mayoralty Room.

Present: Cllr’s W Burke, (Chair) S Griggs, (Vice Chair), D Knowles, David Garcia-Parejo, A Mulligan and Mrs P Grainger.

In attendance Mr John Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk) and Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk).

<p>113</p>	<p>Apologies No apologies received. Cllr N Davey absent.</p>
<p>114</p>	<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>
<p>115</p>	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th September 2019 were adopted as a true record.</p>
<p>116</p>	<p>Matters arising that are not an agenda item. Cllr Burke informed the committee of his decision not to plant up the three remaining planters as previously planned. This was because of the amount of litter he had found in the Bampton Street planter whilst clearing it of the summer planting. Cllr Burke felt that any new planting would struggle to flourish during the winter months if the dumping of cans, cigarette ends and other detritus continued. However he informed Mrs Grainger that the planter that had been sited outside of her shop would be planted up and re-instated as this had not been subject to the disposal of litter. Cllr Burke informed the committee that Tiverton in Bloom had achieved Gold once again in the South West in Bloom competition.</p>
<p>117</p>	<p>Suppliers for 2020: it is suggested that the following contracts are awarded for 2020 a) Somerset West and Taunton for plants b) Jordan Hewitt for watering</p> <p>Cllr Burke informed the committee that he, the Town Clerk and the Assistant to the Town Clerk had met with Mr Steve Fletcher of the above garden nursery to discuss the supply of baskets and floral displays for 2020. Mr Fletcher had explained that there would be a 3% increase for the cost of the floral displays for 2020. The Town Clerk informed the committee that Jordan Hewitt’s price for the installation, tending and watering of the floral displays for 2020 had increased by 3.5%. The committee were informed that a local garden nursery at Cove which had been</p>

	<p>previously been considered for the supply of plants could not do the contract due to lack of growing space and transportation.</p> <p>All agreed to accept the recommended suppliers; Somerset and Taunton Nursery and Jordan Hewitt.</p>
118	<p>Cost Centre Budget for 2020</p> <p>The Town Clerk gave the committee a copy of the proposed budget for Tiverton in Bloom 2020.</p> <p>After reviewing the budget all agreed to accept the budget.</p>
119	<p>Hanging Basket Prices for 2020</p> <p>The Town Clerk recommended an increase in the cost of the hanging baskets to allow for the rise in costs for 2020.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower proposed a charge of £52.50 per basket, this was seconded by Cllr A Mulligan.</p> <p>All agreed to accept the cost per basket as £52.50 inclusive of VAT for 2020.</p>
120	<p>Colour Scheme for 2020</p> <p>Cllr W Burke informed the committee of his idea of a complimentary scheme to coincide with VE Day in 2020, by having red, white and blue as the colour scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Harrower asked how the V.E. theme would be promoted to the public.</p> <p>It was suggested that details could be added to the hanging basket letter to inform the traders in the town.</p> <p>Mrs Grainger asked if a public area such as one of the key roundabouts could be utilised for a V.E. display.</p> <p>Cllr Burke gave the committee a document listing three suggested planting schemes as provided by Steve Fletcher.</p> <p>All expressed a keenness for the blue to be a strong true blue as opposed to a purple blue.</p> <p>After reviewing the list of suitable plants the committee agreed to leave the arrangements for the planting to Somerset and Taunton Nursery.</p>
121	<p>Plans for 2020</p> <p>Cllr Burke said that there was a need to meet on a monthly basis to ensure that adequate time and planning could be given to Tiverton in Bloom 2020 entry.</p> <p>It was agreed to commence this after the meeting of the 13th January 2020.</p>
122	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 13th January 2020 at 5.30pm.</p>