

Newquay in Bloom Partnership Committee Meeting 7th Feb 2024

Present: Barbara, Shirley, Jenny, Sarah, Lesley, Sharon, Terry, Bob

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** were agreed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - It was agreed to help Amelia Kitchen from Waterworld redevelop their courtyard garden. Jenny will email.
 - We need a Health and Safety officer and a policy to be adopted at the AGM. Bob will organise.
 - Cornwall Council have released their plan for Newquay station redevelopment.
 - The plug plants from Suttons will arrive in May.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** the balance is £2862.93. The insurance fee of £190 has been paid. Barbara will ask the Town Council to pay for SWIB presentation and seminar tickets. Sharon and Lesley will analyse last year's spending of our TC grant. Funding is also needed to mend the Dinard fence. The year's accounts will be audited by Jenny Fallis.
5. **AGM:** this will be held in Trenance cottages in March, (exact date tbc). Lesley will book the date. Barbara will invite Kim and Mavis. Sharon will invite the IYN members.
6. **Possible project with Punts:** the planting plan at Mellanvrane roundabout has been put on hold. We can still add more plants in the meantime.
7. **Britain in Bloom 60th anniversary:** The BIB organisers are inviting all town Bloom groups to celebrate this and have provided posters to advertise the event. Suggestions so far include: a tea party and tree planting; a plant swap at the library garden.
8. **Dinard fence:** this has been damaged in recent storms and a replacement is needed. Lesley will send photos to Phil Maund at Cornwall council.
9. **Mountwise roundabout:** Weeds are causing a big problem, particularly in the sand periphery. We are not allowed to use weedkiller. Joe Ashton from NT council will research the removal and replacement of the sand. We have also had a quote from Oltco of £13600 to resurface the sand area. The broken surfboard has been mended by Will and Sheila.
10. **Projects Update:**
 - a) Eothan project- prune Salvia bushes
 - b) Beachfield Gardens
 - c) Mellanvrane Roundabout – plant Agapanthas
 - d) Waterworld
 - e) Mount Wise Garden
 - f) Chester Road – trim hedge. Ask Council to cut back Holm oak. Trim back Phormiums. Needs bark mulch.
 - g) Sainsburys
 - h) Wave House Church – may need a tidy up.
 - i) Herbaceous Border at Trenance Gardens - ok
 - j) Dinard Garden - need to check for any missing plants. New fence. Some of the path has been weeded
 - k) Harbour Heights – the Achillea have been sorted
 - l) Tubs at Burger King/Piazza/bus station
 - m) Manor Road and cinema bed – weeding needed
 - n) Mountwise roundabout – more weeding needed

o) Station Bed – has been weeded

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Working Parties:

Day	Date	Place
Sunday	11 th Feb 8.30am	Mountwise roundabout
Wed	14 th Feb 9.30am	Burger King beds
Sunday	18 th Feb 9.30am	Manor Road
Wed	21 st Feb 9.30am	Dinard
Sunday	25 th Feb 9.30am	Chester Road
Wed	28 th Feb 9.30am	Eothan
Sunday	3 rd Mar 8.30am	Mountwise roundabout
Wed	6 th Mar 9.30am	Bolowthas
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Any other business:

- We need to do an audit of the bulbs we have planted around town. Could all members take photos of any bulbs which are flowering in the tubs at: Burger King, Piazza, Central Square, Bus station, Wave house, Chester Road, Bolowthas, Sainsburys top and bottom, the cinema bed and in the 'ashtray' on Fore Street. Please send photos to the Bloom Whatsapp.
- The Bloom website needs updating. Lesley will organise a meeting with interested members.
- We have been asked to hold an information stall at 'Connecting on the Court' on Saturday 25th May, 10 to 4.30. Helpers required.
- The RHS Spring Seminar will be at Rosemoor in Devon on Thursday 21st March, cost £25 each. Anyone interested in going please let Lesley know asap.
- Newquay TC have asked us to develop the garden around their Marcus Hill offices.
- The parade for St Piran's Day is on 5th March starting at Beachfield at 4pm. All welcome.
- If anyone has surplus plants they are always needed for our plant sale and to enhance our project areas. Sarah has some Hebe bushes, Barbara has native Hellebores and Cerinthe seeds for Dinard. Terry has donated a big collection of Agapanthus.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 1pm at Barbara's house

