
Environment Service

**NewquayCouncil****To:** Environment & Facilities**CC:****Date of Meeting:** 18th of January 2024**Time of Meeting:** 7 pm**Location:** Council Chamber**1 Any recommendations to the committee to be agreed at the meeting**

- 1. Hanging Baskets & Planters: Recommend to give delegated authority to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 1 other member of the Committee and the Environment Service Manager to finalise the display and locations for the 2024 season using planters, hanging baskets or a mixture of the two within the 2024 Hanging Baskets budget of £7,320**
- 2. Mount Wise Shipping Container Cover: Recommend purchasing a cover to span the central gap to create an all-weather outdoor workspace. This will allow the ES to work outside and carry out tasks such as sanding, painting, machine maintenance and other tasks throughout the year. It will be installed, maintained, and cleaned by the Environment Service. The cost of the cover is approximately £100. The budget line applicable for the expenditure is Open Spaces – Materials.**

HANGING BASKETS & PLANTERS – Following the recommendation above I would like to expand further on this below to give members context.

For background information the Summer 2023 Quantities were 97 Total baskets installed.

- 22 Half-moon baskets.
- 75 Full baskets (40 of which funded by Newquay BID).

There is the potential to install planters and seating throughout the town centre in addition to the hanging baskets. An initial survey identified Bank Street, Fore Street, and the main precinct to be the best locations with up to approx. 20 planters able to be installed.

A planting scheme like the sensory garden, low maintenance, high visual/environmental impact, with all year-round interest, is advised.

Newquay BID Contribution

Newquay BID's current position is: *"The BID's stance at the moment is to focus on our current commitments as we have several large projects that we are invested in for 22/23. We would consider working in partnership with NTC for our 23/24 term if it is seen as a benefit to drive footfall into our businesses."*

BID is committed to purchasing **40** baskets for the 2024 summer season.

Planter Research

The following is a list of costs from Street Design, as recommended by Truro City Parks Department.

Bexley planter/bench in FSC Mix 70% redwood left natural on mild steel galvanised brackets.

1500mm long x 340mm wide **£264.00**

1800mm long x 340mm wide **£317.00**

2000mm long x 340mm wide **£352.00**

The cost to add plants and soil per planter **£100**

Example: One 1500mm x 340mm planted **£364.00**



Above: Grenadier planter without seating.



Above: Grenadier planter with seating.

2024 Display

40 baskets will be provided by Newquay BID, who is contributing £2,400 towards the cost of the business baskets. These baskets are likely to be placed on the new Hanging Basket posts installed in Bank Street by the Town Council.

The remaining budget for the Town Council display for 2024 is **£7,320**. If Committee opt for the most cost-effective option this equates to 20 1500mm long x 340mm wide planters at locations throughout the Town. Highways have provisionally agreed they are satisfied with planters being installed.

2	General update on any activities since the last meeting
<p>Grant Application – We have been successful in our Woodland Management grant application form DEFRA. The grant amount is £1500</p> <p>The grant will allow us to produce a woodland management plan to implement new schemes at Priory Woods for the next 30 plus years.</p> <p>Marcus Hill – Renovated the memorial bench outside of the foyer.</p> <p>Alexandra Gardens – The team has installed new three benches and two picnic tables on the parcel of land opposite the town council’s toilet block. The new benches and picnic table were purchased using section 106 funding.</p> <p>North Quay – We have installed five new benches at North Quay and have carried out PR with Sally Lowes. The new benches are composite benches purchased using section 106 funding.</p> <p>Fore Street Toilets – we have removed <i>Hedera helix</i> (common Ivy) from the roof and walls of the toilet building.</p> <p>Calshot Close – Installed the large metal container at Clashot Close ready for the Wellbeing Garden Volunteers to maintain and plant. Two plaques have been installed showcases partnership working by NTC, St Columb Minor Wellbeing Service, and Cllr Fitter.</p>	

The planter will be planted with edible herbs and soft fruits for the public to help themselves to.

Library Garden Fence – The library garden fence damaged towards the end of the summer has been repaired and installed.

The Killacourt – Extended the drainage area at the top of the site by removal planting and introducing a French drain. This has helped to reduce the amount of water entering the area adjacent the shops.

Train Station – The team and I removed all Heras fencing belonging to Morgan Pascoe and installed fencing belonging to the town council and opened the newly tarmac area. We also removed several tons of stone, litter and other items not wanted on-site to help with the site's appearance.

The kerb installed by Morgan Pascoe was re-surfaced by ES as this was previously left in-complete and posed a H&S concern.

Priory Woods – John Blackburn from the Duchy College has agreed to carry out bat surveys of Priory Woods as part of his lectures. The first survey will be carried out in May.

Christmas Light Switch On – The team and I assisted with the lights switch on which included the installation of road closed signs and diversion routes for the event.

Newquay Football Club/Mount Wise Allotments – Carried out a one-off cut of the top verge to help tackle the overgrown vegetation.

Mount Wise Allotments – I attended the MW Allotment AGM and discussed water issues, committee structure and positions, and other topics. The Leisure Group will continue to research a bore hole and explore further options/solutions to help with rainwater retention and capturing.

3 A look forward to making the committee aware of any up-and-coming issues to be planned for

Killacourt Path Edging – The edges are in bad condition; however, it is repairable. This issue is expanded upon in a separate report in Exempt Business.

Phase Two Trencreek – I would like to invite members to a site visit of Trencreek Allotments, in preparation for the site's development, and to gain members thoughts and opinions, whilst showcasing the sites transformation over the past year.

7 Any decisions taken under delegated authority by Officers or WP

Black and Gold Hanging Basket Posts – Under delegated authority, it was agreed to approve Absolute Groundworks the contract to remove 30 hanging basket posts.

Bringing the total to **£1,572**

This is on top of the **£7,100** cost to remove 30 posts.

I have reached out to both Cllr Gardner and Highways to see if there is a work around. Once I have a response, I will update members via email.

Approval & Clearance of Report

Report Sign Off	Signature/Name	Date
Working Party (when required)		
Chair of Committee (when required)		
Deputy Chief Executive (always required)		
Finance and Procurement Manager (always required)		
Chief Executive & Town Clerk (always required)		