

**SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023 AT 2.00PM
AT WEEPING CROSS DEPOT**

PRESENT

Keith Roberts (KR, Chairman), Gary Farmer (GF, Operations Manager), Pam Moseley (PM), Kath Owen (KO). Co-opted New members: Amy Jones (STC) and Drew Ganley (STC).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Mayor Becky Wall, Councillor Mary Davies.

Introductions and welcomes were made to Shrewsbury Town Council staff, new co-opted members Amy Jones and Drew Ganley.

22/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2023

Members discussed the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2023.

AGREED:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

23/23 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising for consideration.

24/23 NURSERY OPEN EVENING – 26 MAY 2023.

GF reported that both the Nursery facilities and Depot was being prepared for the Open Evening. Both staff and Bloom Committee members would be in attendance and to date approx. 100 plus residents had signed up for the visit.

Volunteers from Condover school would also be in attendance who provided one-to-one training of adults with special needs and visit the nursery every Thursday during the year to help students.

25/23 DRAFT BLOOM ROUTE

GF circulated and talked members through the draft proposed route. He explained this way the outline route could be adjusted if necessary.

In principle the route was supported by the Committee, a particular mention was the Market and a walk through with staff.

The walking tour of the town required the BID and Town Rangers in attendance to promote their work.

ACTION:

The route required the following action points to be addressed:

- **The route to be formulated into a table (A4 form as previous routes) with times and category criteria identified (as per the judging criteria). It would be beneficial to provide an OS plan and identify the driving and walking tours for the judges.**

- Identify key community representatives and staff to meet, greet and inform the judges of their valuable contributions. These were to include STC Outdoor space and recreational staff; STC Countryside and green space staff; STC Horticultural and Amenity Team members and volunteers and interest groups where applicable.
- Notify the warden at Carline fields, Coleham that they were on the route and would be visited.
- Invite Councillor Kate Halliday to meet and greet in Coleham, mentioning the Queen's Green Canopy planting and community resilience.
- Call and meet Karen Williams and key staff at Barnabas Centre and Councillor Pam Moseley be in attendance. Consider a possible comfort break stop and drinks at this location.
- Meet Shrewsbury Town Council staff in Abbey Gardens and the Castle Grounds.
- Meet key members of St Marys Church; Team Shrewsbury representatives; Kath Owen and the Town Crier in the Square along with resident cleansing operative from Kier contractors; meet Margaret Thrower in the Dingle.
- Further consideration was needed to include the work of young volunteers and schools, possible Coleham infants or representatives of Shrewsbury High School who had organised litter picks
- Contact Andy Hall regarding work with Young Shrewsbury
- Consider driving or walking at the end of the tour from the Dingle via Piggott's Gate.
- Consider meeting representatives of Team Shrewsbury at St Johns Hill for the lunch with the mayor and invited guests

GF had already contacted Derek Furlong at Shropshire Council to confirm the judging date, the confirmed bloom route was to follow.

26/23 COMMUNITY REQUEST

A request had been received by the Inner Wheel to celebrate 2024 as the largest international Woman's Organisation in the world which was active in 104 countries.

The Inner Wheel Club of Shrewsbury would be delighted for Shrewsbury in Bloom to consider dedicating a flower bed to mark the centenary. The request was considered by members and supported. The Eagle flower border was approved.

ACTION:

- GF to contact Inner Wheel to advise of this offer subject to a donation being agreed to support Bloom and planting.
- The Inner Wheel logo and approved text of the organisation would be permitted.

GF had contacted Marion Clegg on 25.05.23 confirming approval in principal donation fee to be discussed and agreed by Shrewsbury Town Council Senior Management Team.

27/23 NEXT MEETING

The following meetings are confirmed at Weeping Cross Centre:

Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 2pm

Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 2pm