

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
HELD AT WEEPING CROSS DEPOT
9 JULY 2026

PRESENT

Pam Moseley and Kath Owen

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Farmer (Chairman), Michelle Farmer (Committee Clerk) and Darren Woods (Logistics Team).

APOLOGIES

Jane Mackenzie, Margaret Thrower, Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Peter Jenks (Amenity Space Assistant Team Leader – plant production), Mark Bowen (Amenity Team Leader) Amy Jones (Amenities Team), Danny Powell (Operations Manager), Max Ball (Communications Officer),

12/26 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Meeting held on 18 June 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Meeting held on 18 June 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

13/26 BLOOM ROUTE & JUDGING DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairman and Operations Manager confirmed there was one change on the driving route. They would no longer be stopping at Abbey Foregate for the Regreening project as this would not be taking place now until August, but they would still drive through the area. They would not be going over the same ground twice which was good. They would also no longer be visiting the Beekeepers Association due to the roadworks put in place by Shropshire Council. Michelle had spoken to the Beekeeper's who fully understood the situation, and we hoped to involve them in next year's route.

Timings for the day had now been completed, and members present were given a copy of the route and times. It was suggested that the members of the Bloom Committee meet at the Museum this year and that Pam would also be at St Barnabus as well as the Museum. Members of the Committee who were not present

would be told of the times for meeting. All STC staff involved in the day would also be advised of timings

Sally Nicholson and Chris Neeve would be in the vehicle ahead of the judge's car as per previous years and would be keeping an eye on the timings to ensure they did not run over time.

The floral train was still being worked on but would be available on the day of judging in the Square.

Max and Sam would be taking photographs throughout the day.

Michelle confirmed that the judges visiting this year would be Joe Hayden and Stephen Middlehurst. 3 of the 6 school planter competition winners had confirmed that they would be in the Square to meet the judges and received their certificate and gift.

Shrewsbury Ambassadors and Shrewsbury Street Pastors had also confirmed their attendance in the Square to meet the judges and the Youth Stay Safe Open Day would also be in the Square.

The judges would also be shown the Knife Angel which would still be in situ for judging day.

The Town Crier had confirmed he would be attended and would greet the judges on their arrival in the Square.

ACTIONS:

- **Michelle to arrange final numbers for the Museum and food choices**
- **Michelle to continue to chase the planter competition winners**

14/26 BLOOM PORTFOLIO

Michelle confirmed that the portfolio was complete and currently at the printers. She would arrange to give a copy to each of the Bloom members.

The winners of the front and back cover photo competition had also been contacted, and a date would be arranged with them to have their photographs taken in the location of their pictures and be given a copy of the portfolio.

15/26 COMMUNICATIONS

Max was finalising the presentation to show the judges at the beginning of the tour at Love 2 Stay. This would be finished in plenty of time for judging day.

The Bloom website was live for people to view, and it complimented the Town Council website also so there was no duplicated information over two sites.

This was the last Committee meeting before judging day on 22 July.