

RAYLEIGH IN BLOOM SUB COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD on 23rd November 2017 at 9.30am
THE PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD,
BULL LANE, RAYLEIGH

Present

Chairman: I Ward

Councillors: Mrs M Spencer, J Lawmon

In Attendance: Doris Norwood – Holy Trinity Church
Miss Kelly Wingfield – Rayleigh Library
Dave Sharples – 5th Rayleigh Scouts (arrived 9.42am)
Mrs K Cumberland - Town Clerk
Mrs P Allard – Committee Clerk
Miss K Gaiger – Committee Clerk

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs M Spencer declared a non-pecuniary interest as an Anglia in Bloom judge.
Cllr I Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Rochford District Council

40 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

41 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs C Pavelin, E Dray, B Smart, Mrs Diane Ewing, Mr & Mrs A Oliver and Mr E Byford.

42 SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes

43 NON-SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

There were no non Sub Committee members in attendance

44 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD on 18th September 2017 previously circulated to members of the Town Council.

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record.

45 ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Members noted that the Sub Committee Chairman and Committee Clerk attended the Anglia in Bloom Seminar on 9th November 2017 at Grove Theatre, Dunstable and received a summary of

the Seminar's content and reports of the Anglia in Bloom feedback on categories entered by the Town Council and the Church. Members were given the results of Britain in Bloom.

One of the improvements that was mentioned in the Town Category, was to ask banks to supply bins for paper receipts. A member suggested that bins be supplied by the Town Council with a Rayleigh Town Council sponsorship logo for Rayleigh in Bloom on front. Prices could be investigated and forwarded to the next RIB sub committee meeting. Emptying of the rubbish bins was a concern and it was agreed to ask the District Council whether they could empty the bins and whether there would be a charge.

Further to minute 101.1 of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th October 2017 members noted that 100 adhesive window stickers, at a cost of £135, have been received and will be distributed to sponsors and community venues, to show that Rayleigh achieved a Gold award in Anglia in Bloom.

RECOMMENDED that i) prices for outside wall mounted litter bins be presented at next RIB sub committee meeting ii) ask the District Council whether they could empty the bins and whether there would be a charge and iii) the rest of the information be noted

46 RAYLEIGH IN BLOOM PRESENTATION EVENING

Members noted that the Rayleigh in Bloom Presentation evening took place on 11th October 2017 at Rayleigh Baptist Church and a suggestion was made that if any awards were received from Anglia in Bloom for the Town, Cllr Mrs M Spencer should present them as she is a judge for the campaign.

RECOMMENDED that any AIB Awards for the Town should be presented by Cllr Mrs M Spencer

47 COMPETITIONS

47.1 2017 Competitions

Further to minute no 34 i) of the Rayleigh in Bloom Sub Committee meeting held on 18th September 2017 members noted that the Community Competition "Rayleigh Through the Eyes of the Public 2017" closes on 31st January 2018 and to date, no entries have been received. It was suggested that all public community areas, camera clubs, noticeboards, and all social media sites will be targeted with a reminder of the competition and closing date. The Library would get involved by boosting entry forms to various clubs within the vicinity and Cllr J Lawmon would include it in his ward monthly newsletter.

RECOMMENDED that i) the Community Photographic Competition is relaunched in community areas of interest, camera clubs, and all social media sites and ii) the rest of the information be noted.

47.2 2018 Competitions

Members noted the following competitions due to be launched in 2018. Further to min.no. 34 (ii) of the Rayleigh in Bloom sub committee meeting held on 18th September 2017, members noted that investigations are still pending regarding the safety, legality and cost of decorating paving slabs.

An alternative competition was discussed to ask Primary Schools to Create an Insect. It could be any size and be made from any materials and should be from individuals rather than one entry per class. The Community Competition was also discussed and it was agreed to involve Communal Craft groups, as well as various other organisations, and the theme would be a Craft Project, based on the British Garden and its insects. It would be judged in two categories, Adult and Junior. As in previous years, the entries would be displayed around the King George V Playing Field on the Town's judging day.

Best Public House Floral Display
Best Shared Garden
Best Industrial/Commercial Floral Display
Allotment Competition
School Garden
Best Front Garden - Lawn & Paved
Best Back Garden
Nursery, Pres-School, Key Stage 1 and 2
Senior School Project.
Community Competition

Remaining competitions will be discussed at the next meeting to be held in 2018.

RECOMMENDED that i) the Primary School Competition to be "Create an Insect", ii) the Community Competition to be a Craft Project, possibly involving British Garden Insects and iii) the rest of the information be noted.

48 3 YEAR CONTRACT – FLORAL PROVISION, MAINTENANCE & WATERING

Members noted that tenders have been received for the contract relating to the floral displays and flowerbeds located around the town and will be awarded in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the above information is noted.

49 EVENTS/PROJECTS

Members noted that the Friends of Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival will take place from 30th November to 3rd December 2017.

Members discussed organising weeding sessions for the campaign next year or whether it was legal to spray weedkiller. Members agreed they would contact the District Council regarding the legalities and whether they would do it and how often.

No other events were given.

RECOMMENDED that i) the Town Council contact the District Council regarding legalities and whether they would do it and how often and ii) the rest of the information be noted.

50 WORKING PARTY REVIEW

Members noted that over a period of time there has been a lack of attendance from several members of the working party. Members agreed that letters should be sent to existing working party members to see whether they wish to continue or nominate a new representative for the

working party. A member suggested that at the beginning of the Agenda, after Councillors it should say Invites have been sent to the following organisations (not a named person)

Members agreed to target organisations to enhance the input for the working party and the Rayleigh in Bloom campaign. Cllr I Ward stated that he would contact the Rayleigh Horticultural Society to discuss getting more involved with the campaign. Cllr J Lawmon suggested that Councillors could get involved within their ward and see if they or residents had any ideas for their area regarding cultivation or projects. It was agreed that Cllr Lawmon could purchase some bulbs for the Eastwood Road “Welcome to Rayleigh” sign.

RECOMMENDED that i) at beginning of Agenda, after Councillors, it should say Invites have been sent to the following organisations(not a named person) ii) existing working party members are sent a letter to ask whether they wish to remain on working party, or could nominate a new representative, iii) Ward Councillors are approached to see whether they had any ideas/projects for their ward from residents iv) the Town Council to provide some bulbs for areas of cultivation, requested by Cllr J Lawmon and v) the rest of the information be noted.

51 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that the next meeting is to be advised.

RECOMMENDED that the above information is noted

Meeting closed at 10.27pm

Chairman’s Signature Date.....