

COLNE IN BLOOM
WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016, 10.30 AM
COLNE TOWN HALL

Present

Cllr Dorothy Lord	Audrey Drinkwater	Susie Mann	Janet Crabtree
Alice Mann	Ann Walker	Alex Green	Sue Pollitt
Sue Birchenough	Heather Greaves	Pat Hall	Louise Cooper

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1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Jenny Cadwallader and Annette Kilcoyne.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><i>Colne in Bloom have received a donation in memory of Derek Mann, one of our long standing volunteers who sadly passed away last year.</i></p> <p><i>The card reads:</i></p> <p><i>To Colne in Bloom,</i> <i>Please accept the enclosed cheques to the sum of £165 given in memory of Derek Mann, who during his time in Colne was a keen supporter of Colne in Bloom.</i> <i>With Best Wishes</i> <i>Susie, Alice, Karen and Joanne.</i></p>	
3.	<p><u>Finance and Funding for 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise reported we have received funding from 9 Councillors. • Dorothy reported that Lee from XLCR has agreed to sponsor Colne in Bloom to the sum of £5k, this is great news and puts the group in a position to be able to fund the summer planting for 2016. • Louise provided the group with a breakdown of what was spent on summer plants and flowers for 2015. Alex will be meeting with Peter to organise summer planting for 2016. • Dorothy has emailed LBS regarding sponsorship and is waiting for a response. Dorothy has also been speaking to Country Holidays and will contact Boundary Mill. Other possibilities include David Fishwick and Barnfield Construction. • Dorothy will book a date for the Sainsbury's bag packing. • As funding is limited this year, Dorothy asked the group if they still wanted to enter the North West in Bloom competition. The vote was unanimous and Colne in Bloom will be entering the competition again this year. • The theme for this year's competition is 'Greening a Grey Britain'. Ideas for a new project include the area at the bottom of Spring Lane, which is called Hyde Park and was visited by the Queen during her Coronation year. • Dorothy introduced Audrey Drinkwater to the group. Audrey is part of the Localities Team based in Elliot House. She has worked for the Council for a number of years, but has mainly dealt with projects in Nelson, as Rebecca Ramsey is on secondment to Blackburn Audrey is introducing herself to Colne. • Heather has been looking into the Lancashire Environment Fund. Alice and Heather agreed to get together as a sub group and look at funding. Audrey will provide contact details for 	<p>AG</p> <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>AM/HG</p>

	<p>the LEF and will also meet with Heather and Alice to discuss funding and help where she can.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Areas that may be used for a funding bid include, Primet Hill, Court Yard in the town centre (the NHS own this and may have alternative plans) Bus Station, St Johns Church, area opposite Town Hall, Craddock Road near the steps. Louise will put this as an agenda item for the next meeting. 	LC
4.	<p><u>Summer 2016 Planting Decisions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alec will organise a group to go and see Peter. We also need the number of baskets required for the precinct. • Carlos would like us to plant the window boxes in front of the restaurant. Obviously they will pay for the flowers used, Dorothy will also ask if they are willing to sponsor us. 	AG DL
5.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey reported a new scheme in Pendle called Pick up for Pendle. Peter Smith has secured £500 in funding to pull volunteers together to pick up litter around Pendle. Anyone who is intending to organise a litter pick should contact Peter and he may be able to inform other volunteers that are willing to help. • Keep Britain Tidy are organising a national event for the Queens 90th birthday, Clean for the Queen. They are encouraging people to have clean up event during the weekend of 4 – 6 March 2016. • Waterside NAG are organising a litter pick for the 29 January 2016 at 9.30 am. • Alec reported the spare trough liners are at Michael's allotment waiting to go to Peters. • The bracket at Colour Bank is broken. Dorothy will ask Gouchy to fix it. • Sue will make a start on hanging basket sales for the new businesses. Louise will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. • Alice reported the bus shelter outside Bank House has been vandalised. Bus shelters are now the responsibility of Colne Town Council. • Ann and Janet went along to the Mayor's reception at Nelson Town Hall along with the other in bloom groups. • Sue asked if there was going to be another Easter event, if so we can do a cake stall. Dorothy will double check with the Town Clerk. • Louise will put Audrey on the mailing list. 	ALL DL LC DL LC
6.	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Colne in Bloom meetings are held at Colne Town Hall and start at 10.30 am. The list of dates are as follows:</p> <p>Wednesday 24 February 2016 Wednesday 23 March 2016 Wednesday 20 April 2016 Wednesday 18 May 2016 Wednesday 8 June 2016 Wednesday 22 June 2016 Wednesday 6 July 2016 Wednesday 20 July 2016 Wednesday 27 July 2016 Wednesday 7 September 2016 Wednesday 12 October 2016 Wednesday 9 November 2016 Wednesday 7 December 2016</p>	