

COLNE IN BLOOM
WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016, 10.30 AM
COLNE TOWN HALL

Present

Cllr Dorothy Lord
 Annette Kilcoyne
 Alec Green
 Louise Cooper

Johnathan Drinkwater
 Alice Mann
 Sue Birchenough

Pat Hall
 John Hamer
 Sue Pollitt

Hugo
 Susie Mann
 Jenny Cadwallader

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1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Heather Greaves.</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>																
3.	<p><u>North West in Bloom – Judges Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An excellent report all round. • The group were also pleased that the parks had scored so well especially when there are only 2 park keepers and 1 senior park keeper that serve the whole of Pendle. • Dorothy thanked the landscaping teams, park keepers, waste services and the Environmental Action Group and of course everyone that has volunteered, for their help and support throughout the year. • Lee has suggested using the extension to the LNR as part of the ongoing projects. • Louise will compare last year's report to this year. • <i>UPDATE: The table below compares scores for each category.</i> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Section</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2015</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2016</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Horticultural Achievement</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">90/100</td> <td style="text-align: center;">91/100</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Environmental Responsibility</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">41/50</td> <td style="text-align: center;">42/50</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Community Participation</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">45/50</td> <td style="text-align: center;">42/50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">176/200</td> <td style="text-align: center;">175/200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On both reports they wanted to see areas of on-going projects.</i> 	Section	2015	2016	<i>Horticultural Achievement</i>	90/100	91/100	<i>Environmental Responsibility</i>	41/50	42/50	<i>Community Participation</i>	45/50	42/50	Total	176/200	175/200	LC
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5. Fundraising

- There is currently £3k in the bank account. The table below shows the estimated income and expenditure for 2017/2018.

Estimated Expenditure 2017/2018

Watering	£5,200.00
Plants	£12,000.00
EAG Labour (6 days)	£1,260.00
Judges Day	£200.00
Entry Fee	£150.00
Insurance	£550.00
Account Audits	£50.00
Awards Ceremony	£324.00
Total Estimated Expenditure	£19,734.00

Estimated Income 2017/2018

Carried Over	£3,600.00
£900 from PEARL (hanging baskets in precinct, not yet paid)	£900.00
Colne Town Council (Watering)	£5,200.00
Income from sale of hanging baskets	£2,000.00
Total Estimated Income	£11,700.00

- Leaving a shortfall of £8,034.00.
- Naz has kindly been looking into a 'Just Giving' page for Colne in Bloom.
- Charity status usually takes approximately 6 weeks, although 'in bloom' groups do still struggle to receive funding. It was agreed we may need to change the name of our group.
- Alice reported that Waterside will donate £500.00
- Dorothy is currently discussing sponsorship of the railway platform by Boundary Mill Stores.
- The beer festival has agreed to sponsor the railway station garden and luggage cart for £400.00. Louise will send an invoice.
- Louise will organise a meeting with Brian Haworth from the Railway to look at what areas can be improved and if there is any funding.
- Susie will speak to someone from Fort Engineering as they are always interested in helping the local community.
- £100 from Colne Tyre Centre
- £50 from the Domino Club

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6. Outstanding Hanging Basket Payments

- The Post Office requires a receipt as they have also paid for next year's basket.
- A new invoice has been issued for Live Like the Boy.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Next Colne in Bloom meeting will be the AGM.

Wednesday 11 January 2017, 10.30 am, Colne Town Hall.