

## Hopton in Bloom Minutes Wednesday March 16th 2016 in St John's Church.

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 Lynne proposed Anita seconded and all in favour

3. Matters arising. Anita was also involved in the meeting at the Club.

4. Monthly Financial Report @ 15.03.16

Since then we have had an expenditure of **£63.29** for equipment

No income

PETTY CASH

We have had an expenditure of £23.73

Garden Trail £23.73

An income of £45.00 from Calendar Sales

We made a profit of nearly £1600 on the calendars. Suggest we print 300 next year as more people are using digital calendars.

Alison thanked Roger for the two donations from his neighbours.

5. Entry Yorkshire in Bloom 2016 Spring Judging will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 a.m. The route was discussed and it was decided to meet at St John's and turn right turn right and ask the Travellers if they want to be included. (yes they do). Chris to check dietary requirements for the judges.

List to go round to provide lunch.

Ask Adele to get sandwiches from M and S 20 sandwiches.

Anita vegetarian quiche.

Dammika to make cake.

Sue do finger salad.

Kath to make 12 scones.

Kath to make sausage rolls

Margaret will make a cake.

Gail corned beef pie

Chris to get paper plates and serviette

Lynne to make Parmesan biscuits and Soft drinks.

6. Date for Garden Trail 2016 is July 9<sup>th</sup> Format for this year.

At the meeting there were plenty of helpers, with distribution of tasks and times with a rearranged layout in the hall to ensure easy flow of people..

Alison has bought a large tea pot and water carrier to fill boilers. Trays are to be bought soon.

Ask people to open gardens.

Signs of the Open Gardens have usually been laminated sheets and Alison is to look at more permanent signs.

Kirkheaton is doing one on June 12<sup>th</sup>

7. Small Gateway in Recreation Ground.

The grant from Kirklees is being processed. Richard has a quote from Paul to make the gate and railings

8. Progress on planting for summer 2016.

Sue reported that the pink and white mix cosmos seeds have germinated. Red and orange only a few have germinated. More verbena seeds from Thompsons may be needed as they are only a few just coming. Verbena may have to be bought in.

Thompsons have fantastic deals on plug plants.

We will need at least couple of hundred cosmos. 200 in each circle and the same for the banking.

What about banking and maybe using a smaller Verbena, Sue is to get price for some plug.

We need Pink and white geraniums and smaller verbena plants and alyssum for the barrels

9. Achievements Tablet in slate or wood no further as it is too complicated

10. Telephone box. Easter display will be next until the judging and then John will renovate the telephone box hopefully when we have some dry weather

11. Website and Face book. Flyers are done for photographic comp which is also on website. Facebook continues to get hits

12. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.

Lynne we need some more waistcoats Chris to follow up- Large and Extra-large and they need new website on, Anne new plants around stones will be put in for summer

Margaret leaf containers are difficult to empty and John is to redesign them. One has been emptied and is not to be used. so please leave it empty.

Tony Garden furniture table and chairs are in the container and will be used in summer.

Kath and Dennis have seen a wonderful Bug hotel at Bodnant gardens and will make one for us. Preschool will be asked if they want to be involved with filling it.

Chris, Margaret and Sue are going to meet Martyn Bolt and Representatives from the Rail Companies with a view to do some planting at Mirfield Station to brighten it up.

The Leeds platform is up some steps so minimal maintenance planting will be essential

13. Preschool Planned Activities.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Preschool children are coming to construct an Easter Garden in St John's. Activities for next term to be planned after the Easter Break and will include Kath and Dennis and the new Bug hotel.

14. New wooden custom made planters for Croft House on to do list

15. Community Orchard is progressing well.

16. Lower Entrance to Recreation Ground will be completed in the near future as we are waiting for sunshine.

17. Payback Team in hand.

18. AOB

**Date of next meeting will be Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 in St John's**