

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM COMMITTEE**  
**HELD AT WEEPING CROSS DEPOT**  
**2 MAY 2024**

**Present**

Keith Roberts (Chair), Pam Moseley & Kath Owen

**In Attendance**

Danny Powell & Stuart Farmer (Acting Operations Manager), Drew Ganley (Countryside & Greenspace Team), Amy Jones (Amenities Team) & Michelle Farmer (Committee Officer)

**Apologies**

Mary Davies, Margaret Thrower, Jane Mackenzie, David Vasmer; Darren Woods (Logistics Team), Helen Ball (Town Clerk)

**15/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2024 had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

**AGREED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2024 be agreed as a correct record.**

**16/23 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no Matters Arising for consideration.

**17/23 WEEPING CROSS OPEN EVENINGS**

Work was still ongoing in preparing for two Open Evenings: one on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May for the Business Chamber and the main Open Evening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May for the public. Publicity for the Open Evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> May had been completed. The event had been advertised on the Town Council website and social media pages. Tickets were now available via Eventbrite with a total of 200 tickets available with tours starting at 5.30pm to 7.15pm. It was asked if any accessibility needs had been put on the ticket sales. The bike shed located at the depot would also be available for the public to use.

**AGREED – That the Office Manager would update Eventbrite asking people who were buying tickets to inform us of any accessibility issues.**

**18/23 HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM JUDGING**

Danny & Stuart informed members that they had made slight alterations to the proposed bloom route. It was proposed to remove Church Road Recreation Ground from the route and go to Stanley

Lane Rec Ground instead due to the tree planting and wildflowers in this location. This location was also more accessible with the pathways and solar lighting.

Committee were asked to confirm whether they wished to visit Radbrook School as they would be visiting Radbrook Recreation Ground showing the white line marker machine and there was ample community engagement on the route without having to visit the school. It was agreed that Radbrook School would be removed from the route.

Stuart informed Committee that the proposed visit to Shrewsbury Town Football Club would also need to be removed as this was no longer able to happen. It was suggested that they visited the new nursing home on Oteley Road, Lime Trees. This was agreed by members and staff would approach them asking to participate.

It was agreed to contact Jess Richards from the Arts Trail to see if she would be in agreement to meet the judges at the Dingle to discuss the new installation that would be in place in the Dingle Pool.

Keith asked if there would be rickshaws again and it was confirmed that they would be contacted.

The square was confirmed as booked for the day and it was agreed that the following would be contacted to see if they were available on the day; Town Rangers, Town Ambassadors, STC Youth Manager, Street Pastors, Food Hub and the Town Crier.

It was agreed that it would not be necessary to meet Robert Milton at St Marys Church.

Drew confirmed that himself and the team would be at the Cemetery to meet, and he was already putting together a crib sheet for the day.

It was hoped that the judges would meet Margaret Thrower at the Dingle, but staff would be contacting Leanne Garvey to see if she would also be able to attend.

The bloom route and timings would be finalised by the next meeting, but the proposed route was:

- Weeping Cross Depot & Greenhouse – Tree Nursery
- Emstrey Island
- Oteley Road – New Housing Development POS & SUDS
- Lime Trees Care Home – Oteley Road
- Meole Island
- Cemetery Island
- Cemetery – Gods Acre Volunteers
- Longdon Road
- Stanley Lane Allotments – Meole Allotments Management Committee
- Stanley Lane Recreation Ground – Meole Village Residents Association
- Radbrook Recreation Ground - White-lining Machine
- Copthorne Park – Friends of Copthorne Park
- Castle – Conservation Management Plan
- Castle Street
- St Marys Church – Stain Glass Window Restoration Project
- Bear Steps
- Grope Lane
- Unitary Church on High Street – Food Hub

- Square – Town Crier/Youth/Rangers/Rickshaws
- Quarry & Dingle
- Livesey House

Staff had started to work on the Portfolio.

**AGREED: That the following be contacted:**

- Lime Trees Care Home
- Jess Richards
- Rickshaws
- Leanne Garvey
- Town Rangers
- Town Ambassadors
- STC Youth Manager
- Street Pastors
- Food Hub
- Town Crier
- Derek Furlong

### **19/23 TOWN OF FLOWERS COMPETITION**

Members were informed that the Town of Flowers application form had now been completed. The Town of Flowers Competition would be advertised on the Town Council website & social media pages, and it was agreed that the form would be issued out to all Councillors to distribute in their wards.

The school grounds application form had also been completed and this would be issued out to Primary schools this week.

Drew asked if there should be a QR code on the posters for the above competitions and it was agreed that this would be looked at for next year.

The Allotment competition was also being worked on but not yet ready to send out to Allotment secretaries.

### **20/23 DRAFT BLOOM ROUTE**

This item was discussed under Bloom judging Day.

### **21/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**21.1 Painting in the Quarry** – Amy asked if the signs and bins were being painted in the Quarry. Stuart & Danny confirmed not as yet, and Mark Harris would be dealing with this as lots of painting needs completing in the Quarry.

**21.2 General update** – Amy confirmed that planting was on track with heliotrope potted up along with 2,500 Marigolds and 26,000 plugs.

Danny stated that Whitchurch Town Council had approached us for bedding plants as well as hanging baskets.

Danny was currently collating the hanging baskets orders and at present the number requested do not appear to be much different from last year.

**21.3 Upton Magna Garden Club** – It was confirmed that Stuart & Danny would be providing the Upton Magna Garden Club with a short presentation on the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**22/23 FUTURE DATES**

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July