

KINGSBRIDGE IN BLOOM
Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 4th June 2015
Quay House

Present: Graham Price (GP), Grenville Taylor (GT), Gill Matthews (GM), Chris Barnwell (CB), John Speed (JS), Robin Griffin (RG), Anne Balkwill (AB), Jackie Case (JC), Bryn Hayden (BH), David Dain (DD), Jan Finbow (JF)

1. **Apologies:** Robin Griffin (RG)

2. **Matters Arising :**

3. Jan A to tidy stone bed.

4. Website now up to date

5. BH Suggested planting plans should be in Portfolio. GP said they will be in back as Appendices

6. GM inventory ongoing

3.Chairman's Report (GP)

I am aware that many other cities, towns and villages in Britain in Bloom are really struggling to maintain their entries this year because of the severe cut backs in funding by the Authorities. The ones mainly affected are those who have relied heavily on the Authorities to do much of their work.

SHDC have also suffered severe cut backs but we are fortunate that most of the Grounds Maintenance Team are still intact and we have again secured the excellent support of our usual team of Matt and his assistant Shaun.

On behalf of the KIB team, I would also like to thank KTC .

I cannot emphasise too highly what a great team we have and the dedication of the group seems stronger than ever which has enabled us to move forward with what is likely to be our best year so far.

I have had the judge contact me to try to change our agreed dates for our judging in July but have said no to any further changes and they have subsequently agreed to come on one of these two dates. Likely to be July 10th pm but still to be confirmed.

We are on target to the master plan and have had to work around a lot of issues to achieve this.

Proposed judging route is done and with any amendments needs to be firmed up with committee approval at this meeting, so that participants can be informed in good time

Planting is on schedule and we should be well on towards completion by the end of the week. I am aware that some other planting adjustments are in hand on the Embankment and the Rec.

Baskets and some displays now in place and need to be kept well watered.

The two new main displays for our WOW factor are near completion and financially on target.

I have said before that it has not been an easy task to raise funds this year. It is also not easy to manage finances when we do not have a clear indication of what our plant spend will be but this year we have been rather more frugal so hopefully we will be OK. I have made the Treasurer aware of the perceived spend that we will need to take us to the end of the 2015 campaign.

Other Issues

Portfolio in the next week

Signage ordered

National Judging Monday 3rd August (no other details yet)

Judges will be Jeff Bates and Sue Wood *staying at Ashleigh House*

Compost area in Recreation Ground GP costing fencing £1000 paid for by SHDC. Work starting tomorrow.

Regional Judging 10 th July, Friday starting at 3.30 , Judges will be Kim Parish, Jane pergano

ItsYour Neighbourhood judging not yet confirmed but after 10th July Judge Richard Taylor

Judging route the same for both competitions.

Round Up will not be used by KTC because of chemicals, decision made by Council.

Portfolio, Wayne bringing it in tonight or tomorrow.

Signage ready for collection.

4.Treasurer's Report (GT) has changed - need to replace with new report.

GT went through report.

Summary of Known Financial Position since Oct 2014				
Income				
100 Club/MPD Net Income*		£987.00		
General donations (includes small sponsors/tied e.g. Tescos)		£2,453.90		
Shop Baskets/Displays paid (to pay Potters)		£760.00		
Donations tied to major New Displays				
FINE SHINE LIMITED FINESHINE 00000000056935936 089250 10 13MAR15 13:46		£80.00		
WILLS MARINE LTD WILLS MARINE 26121322839125000N 536137 10 02MAR15 12:13		£100.00		
TOAD HALL CO TOAD HALL COTTAGES 797827250490423001 402610 10 24MAR15 09:40		£750.00		
Bartons				
Fire Service				
Expenditure – Displays				
Pre season displays	£1,347.80			Already paid

General displays	£362.81			Already paid
Expected bill from Potters for KIB baskets	£2,000.00			
Expected bill from Potters for additional plants (beehives etc)				
Expected bill from Cantrill	£1,200.00			
Estimated Miscellaneous Expenditure**	700			
Expenditure tied to major New Displays				
KERNOCK PARK PLANT 400000000175439841 FAO CHRIS HARNETT 205040 10 07MAY15 13:46	£714.00			Already paid
Resulting Position				
Current bank balance			£7,510.99	
Balance NOT committed to major new displays			£7,294.99	
Balance not committed to known costs above			£2,634.99	
NOTES				
* Income from MPD is 50% to 55% of gross income				
** Purchase of merchandise, admin costs, web hosting, judging				
The above figure indicates a (roughly) estimated surplus at the end of the season. Since there are large unknown expenditures and related income at unknown timing, there is potential for a cash-flow problem, even though our overall financial position is acceptable.				
Breakdown of General Donations				
Donations (WI – bulbs, Skylark collection)			£33.23	
Donations (Tin)			£24.04	
Donation (Dorey)			£100.00	

Donation		£13.13		
Donation		£20.00		
Kefford donation		£50.00		
Tescos donation		£100.00		
SOUTH HAMS D C 23662		£232.60		
Herring Shoes		£200.00		
donations IM Leverett		£193.95		
500114 – KERC		£300.00		
KINGSBRIDGE KSCC DONATION 630855029561714001 402610 10 17APR15 16:59		£300.00		
Healthwise donation		£250.00		
WI		£25.00		
LADY MARY JEPHCOTT 23941523816112F7SW 405162 10 01MAY15 16:18		£25.00		
Donation IM Leverett		£100.00		
KEBC		£50.00		
R&G Auto Repairs		£50.00		
Kisky (Creeks End)		£250.00		
Donation (tin)		£36.95		
TANN – Donation		£100.00		
Breakdown of Major Display Sponsorship				
FINE SHINE LIMITED FINESHINE 00000000056935936 089250 10 13MAR15 13:46		£80.00	(?)	
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Monthly Draw winners Judy Hales, Wendy Baker, Derek Rix. Numbers are up to 70.

5.Publicity Report (GM)

1. Feature on Beavers seed planting submitted to the Gazette but not printed.
2. Feature on Town Square revamp submitted to the Gazette but not printed.
3. 'Around the Clubs' items in Gazette published most weeks.
4. Monthly Draw promotion material sent to all our supporters encouraging them to join and encourage others to join.
5. A follow up email sent with news update and thanks for responses which will also remind those who have done nothing yet!

6. Photographic record of the year continues, a selection going on the website.
7. Feature for The Post on the Town Square revamp published. Community Garden feature this month too.
8. Photos sent to John Speed for his article for The Post in July about watering.
9. A list of people interested in taking part in the Carnival, on Sat 25th July, is being compiled. So far this is: Gill, Chris, Jan A, Jennie, Bryn, Sally, Jackie, Angela, Graham, Marie, Jan TG, Mary, Brian, Marilyn, Judy. This is a total of 15 so we will go ahead.
10. I have downloaded the entry form.
11. Liaised with John about using the powered bowser for the carnival.
12. Salt Quay Moorings (sheltered housing) have asked for a short talk to their residents preferably on Friday afternoon.
13. The 'Royal Ascot Ladies Day' fund raising event, in Frogmore, has asked for a 10 minute talk from KIB on Thursday 18th June.
14. Working party sign taken out with collecting tin. £36.95 collected so far in this.
15. Publicity for Garden competition continued: posters in Tesco, Morrisons, Costas, Coasters, TIC, top car park, Quay House, bus shelter board. Also mentioned in all features for paper. Jan will be emailing previous entrants.

£31.43 from sales on the Town Square. Collected a tin from ?. Will check if we can have boxes in shops.

Fair Week entry forms being completed. Stall at Fair Week going ahead

6. A.O.B

1. Report on hoses - keys - for filling bowsers **JS**. Discussed tap problem, suggested a lockable tap outside Quay House.

WATERING K.I.B.

As most people are now aware, the use of a hose to fill our bowsers from the tap in the wall adjacent to the toilet block on the Town Square is no longer allowed. However, we can use the tap in the disabled toilet. This requires the use of an adaptor on the tap and a longer hose than we have used previously, together with a key to open and close the tap. I have made up 2 hoses to suit. One is on the powered bowser identified by a brass fitting and one is hung on one of the other bowsers. At present, we only have one key which will be placed on the lower of the shelves to charge the batteries. I have ordered some more keys and will advise when they have arrived. In the meantime could anyone using the key make sure that it is not lost! When disconnecting the hose in the disabled toilet, please keep the ends of the hose upwards to avoid water running out of the hose onto the toilet floor. Excess water can be directed into the grille outside.

Meanwhile, I hope to tidy up the charging area and keep all spares and equipment on some shelves or in a small chest of drawers. If anyone has a small set of drawers or shelves about 3ft long and 2ft

high that they do not want please let me know. I can saw shelving down to size if necessary.
If anyone needs to know how to use the powered bowser please let me know. I am of course training up the regular team in the next week.

2. Heads (house agents) are allowing us to use the tap in their car **JS** park area at the top of Fore Street. A key will be required.
3. Tidying up bowsers. **JS**

GT brought to our notice the planting plans and updated

JF Garden Comp on track

DD Road signs being planted up, need plants for top of car park bed - GP has some plants.

DD need WP for railway bridge in a week or two. Milk churns falling apart. Will look into purchasing some better ones or paint them.

DD need a new mower as old one has fallen apart. Viking Mower £289 from Cornwall Farmers. GP proposed we buy a mower, John Speed seconded it. AB suggested KTC pay for it, will look into it.

JC Cleared boxes and planted them, very successful session.

AB needs about £40 for bacopa etc to trail in cascade planters

BH square planters need painting. Suggested we clean and paint them, BH to organise.

BH suggested a draft copy of Portfolio should be circulated.

GP planting at Schooner tomorrow, plaque and information being prepared.

GP plants for Fire Service Bed have arrived and will be planted tomorrow.

AB worried about planters for Age Concern have been in corridor for a week.

GT Need to regularise IYNs, need a policy to ensure we are fair to all.

GT Schooner, will we have a large bill for replanting it next year?

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st July at 6.30 pm at Quay House

