



Minutes of meeting

held on 25 May 2005 @ Lilybank House

Present: Joyce F, June J, Cath P.

Items discussed:

Raft Race

A great success – especially with the gazebo which June bought at the last minute. That gave a nice ‘shop’ effect. With green wristbands, bookstall and competition, we made £186. (Competition drawn by Liz at the Ferry Fayre) was won by Alex. £12 prize. Thanks to everybody. Ye done brilliantly, guys. Joyce has written to rotary to thank them for organising it.

Money Matters

Looking healthy !

Insurance

Chestnut Fund from BTCV has been delayed until they have more information about our various groups. Joyce has now supplied this and has paid the insurance which apparently CAN be claimed back retrospectively. Decision will now be made on June 29th.

Premises

Full set of keys has now been cut and we have access whenever we like.

- Andrea and Joyce set up computer/printing equipment whenever.
- Joyce to write to thank Stevenson College for donating the computer.

Publicity

Alexis seems to have contacts/ideas for a sail/banner for GreenFerry. She'll need the logo in individual A4 letters + graphic to be cut out as stencils. Need to measure gazebo properly. Banner would be great for Ferry Fair parade. Go4it.

High level flowers:

Joyce now has CDs and photographs to begin explaining the irrigation system for hanging baskets to traders (and other GreenFerry members!). Now she will:

Tasks:

- ask traders to agree to irrigation pipes;
- finalise starting date with Quentin;
- organise any extra brackets to be put up;
- take orders for hanging baskets; and
- check if traders will 'adopt a tub' for watering (free watering can!)

30 baskets have been ordered from Ballantyne meantime though Robert would like a firmer order asap.

Street level flowers:

Cath and Joyce met with Dougie and Alec (council) to identify possible sites for tubs. Joyce then ordered 10 D-shapes from Iain (Coopercraft) to get things going. Iain says we can use his premises to seal them and paint (and he'll do it if necessary).

Joyce recently collected two bags of polystyrene dumped at Cockhill Woods. Will use these for base for some tubs. Glad to be recycling, helping the environment!

Tasks:

- Permission to come from Alec
- Tubs meantime to be sealed and painted;
- Then to be secured in place (Kenny) – not forgetting police station.
- Stones needed to line the tubs
- Move planers from Scotmid to Priory church between benches. (Alex to confirm.)
- Order plants and compost from Ballantyne
- Buy more watering cans @ £2 from Pound-stretcher
- Decide community planting day

High School project(s)

Valerie from QHS has been in touch to ask for help to encourage a third year boy (Wayne) who is very keen on developing a garden there. Joyce will investigate funding from Grounds for Awareness, Gardening Club, Sportsman events. .

High School have changed their grass-cutting regime following the emergence of cuckoo flower along with the daffodils. They plan to leave the lower bit wild and foster a spring meadow.

Police Station

Diane, community beat officer, will get police to water tub if we site it at the police station (after their renovations).

Fire Station

Joyce is making contact with Fire Station to see if they'll put up a bloom display using buckets, boots, and old helmets. They should have plenty of water!

Cans

- Cath still to write to QIB.

Drama project

- June and Joyce to meet Malcolm and Norman at the Hawes next Thursday to discuss joint drama/arts project for Arts Festival in September.

Constitution

Andrea has Inland Revenue/charity status in hand.

Calendar

Photograph collection going well..

UK Volunteer of the Year

Joyce has been invited to the City of Edinburgh's Celebration of volunteers (14 June) to receive a certificate for all her volunteer efforts. (It's a team!) She hopes to use the opportunity to talk to Donald (council leader) about better support for Culture and Leisure so *they* can better support the bloom groups!

Date of Next Meeting:

TBA

Well done all. We're not short of ideas!