

Meeting of Culter in Bloom

At Pop In 2/9/14 at 7pm

Present Kim Coleman ,Bill Cooper, Francoise and Donald MacDonald, Christine Mackie, Carol Page, Malcolm Sharp, Erik Stien.

Ethel Cook attended .(she will be involved with Kennerty Area upkeep)

Apologies Jean and Sandy Cook, Catherine Lacy, Anne Watson

A.O.M.

- War memorial - ACC have trimmed hedges, laid gravel and improved the access path, although this is already damaged by recent rainfall . However both plaque and memorial are now more visible .Erik has purchased 2 barrels Locating and planting Sep 13/14.Bill to assist.
- Flag pole no longer a priority due to cost and lack of funding support.
- Village entrance sign Due to a mistake by Loftus Signs we now have 2 new signs The larger one will be retained for public events and after discussion two possible locations to be tried at Eastern entrance for the smaller one before final installation in autumn Malcolm/Erik

Chairman's Report

- In referring to the In Bloom judges ' visit ,Erik thanked all who helped .
- Erik has visited Dyce and he circulated photographs of their planting ,information notices etc Discussion followed regarding any ideas we might consider to be more pro active in our initiatives, e g working with Culter Christmas Lights Committee, organising regular tidy up sessions through the summer .
- After discussion it was decided that 4 tier planter to be re instated next year and better public information be displayed on our work e g Pop In.
- Hanging baskets – we await information from ACC on whether brackets should be modified next year .
- Constitution to be reviewed .Erik.Catherine and Carol to discuss and report back with proposals .

Secretary's Report

- A letter of thanks for our work in litter clean up received from ACC.

- Carol to investigate possible grant to fund anti litter work .

Treasurer's Report

- Circulated and discussed
- New Barrel train ready ,cost about £500
- Community Orchard may be funded by Barretts .

Summer Planting Review

- Fuchsia in baskets vulnerable to dry conditions – some dead. Geraniums possibly more drought resistant Memo to contact ACC early next year to ensure watering begins immediately after planting . Also fill points in baskets with reservoirs to be clearly identified
- Barrels should be clustered for a better effect .Erik to seek opinion of affected householders in suggested area (Priory Hill to Coronation Rd).
- Planters ,in particular begonias ,have made a lovely display .Many positive comments by villagers .
- ACC to be contacted with regard to possible siting of new railing boxes at pelican crossing
- Statue area needs regular weeding. Volunteers needed.
- Coronation Park trees have suffered wind damage. ACCto be contacted .Erik

Community Orchard

- Work cannot commence until mature trees felled but planting window available until Feb/March 2015
- Volunteer Alisdair Green enthusiastically offered to help.
- Two volunteers sought to plan layout and planting etc .Catherine?

Autumn Planting

- Due to later availability of plants from ACC, clearing and planting dates changed – Catherine to circulate reminder of usual areas for clearing Clearing Week beg Oct 13 Planting Nov 1st
- Barrels to be emptied and soil replaced. From Oct 6th Malcolm to assist .

John Rugg or George to be asked for use of trailers. Ban Con may be contacted re top soil .Erik

- Hanging baskets to be removed end Sept . Bill

Christmas Meal Booked 7pm Friday Dec 12th Numbers to Carol Please by next meeting

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH