

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 20th May 6pm at the REconomy Centre

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair), Roma Church, Jeannette Willington, Sue Holmes, Keith Rennells, Shirley Prendergast, Frances Gilmore

1. APOLOGIES: Pete Taylor, David Martin, Lu Overy

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the 29th April 2019 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None not covered below.

4. PATH REPAIRS

Keith reported that he had spoken to SHDC about their tendering for the job – they are interested.

Action: Keith to keep us informed.

5. NOTICES FOR THE 3RD GATE

Keith agreed to ask SHDC to produce these (perhaps as one integrated notice).

Action: Keith to contact SHDC

6. WATER FLOW

Keith had met SHDC managers in the garden this week and pointed out where an exploratory trench needed to be dug. They are expected to return next week. Dave and Shirley confirmed that the water is **not** coming from the immersion pool whose water level has not changed.

7. POOL AREA PLAN

Keith reported that the two grant applications (to Totnes Town Council and Totnes Trust) each for £2000 would together pay for Phase 1. Keith agreed to complete and submit the grant application to Totnes Trust asap, and would ask Jeremy Logie about the timescales for decision making and subsequent payments.

Jeannette said that the monies should go into the Susie's Gate bank account (currently empty) rather than be put into the main LGA account. Keith and Andrew had already done some preparatory work (clearing brambles, removing the membrane to reveal the compacted soil underneath and purchasing timber for the fence and gate). He will list some dates when helpers are needed.

He wasn't sure when the new trees should be ordered – it might be better to wait since watering could be tricky during the summer.

There was some discussion about new seating. All agreed it should be high quality but it wasn't clear if we could afford the sort of seating Scott Woyka produced for the herb garden (see <http://www.scottwoyka.co.uk/portfolio/item/35/tremenheere-benches>)

Action: Keith to submit application to Totnes Trust

8. St John's Primary School visit

Dave and Sue agreed to be on hand in the garden on Thursday 23rd to meet the teachers and pupils and show them around the garden. Keith had hoped to be there but has agreed to visit the school to discuss their garden plans.

Action: Dave and Sue to act as guides.

9. SANDPIT

The sandpit has not yet been topped up by SHDC though Alex Whish has said it will be soon. Shirley reported that the three 'cleaners' are possible future committee members since all are parents with a strong interest in the garden. She intends to contact

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EarthWrights with a view to refixing the liner under the sand which has come away from the edging.

Action: Shirley to contact EarthWrights.

10. SHADY GARDEN EVENT

Dave reminded the committee of the Totnes Gardens event organised by Diana Cusack to be held in the Shady Garden on June 1st (see below).

11. FINANCES

Jeannette has produced accounts for 2017 and 2018 which will be published at the forthcoming AGM.

12. AOB:

Jeannette raised the question of holding an AGM since we have not had one since mid-2017.

Action: Shirley to list possible dates.

NEXT MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be the AGM, to be held at date in late June yet to be decided.

TOTNES GARDENS
Your chance to meet the
Purple Green Team



10 am June 1st
at the Shady Garden
Plants, garden bricabrac, prizes:
in aid of St Mary's Totnes Heritage Fund
11am ~ Black Hole Unveiling the
SwinBloom Pennant Award Info

By Cllr John Birch and
The new Totnes Mayor