

# FILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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**Minutes: Saturday 8 February 2020**

1. **Attendees:** Jackie Burton, Beryl Brand, Brian Smith, Pat Smith, Betty Eelsden, Helen Johnson, Susan Isherwood, Anne Kenyon, Peter Sellek, Mike Waines, Janet Hillier
2. **Apologies:** Dave Mikkelson, Sylvia Mikkelson, Darryl Collins, Annemarie Gäbler, Andy Robinson
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 11/10/2020** were approved

#### 4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

- **#30WILDLIFEHOMES** - we have been invited to host a wildlife box individually designed and made of recycled/reclaimed materials. One of 30 places on a mapped trail that people can visit around Bristol. DM has agreed that we host a hedgehog box. Others asked if we could host other type boxes as well and we will ask this question. More details here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/thewildlifecompany.co.uk/>

#### 5. Filton Town Council's Proposal for Councillors on the Community Garden Committee.

FTC are now clear on who is on this Filton Community Garden committee; being Councillors Anne Kenyon and Darryl Collins who have voting rights. FTC are to make correct the error on their website. Cllr Andy Robinson is keen to be involved in the garden work and was to have attended this meeting to introduce himself but sent his apologies.

#### 6. Mural

We have heard from the SGS College tutors who explained they have a new technician who can help with the wall. Students are making stencils and expect to start work after February half term.

- Betty asked to send feedback to SGS that we would like the colours to be stronger as they look very pastel.
- Peter suggested that with future funding we might extend the mural to the other exterior walls of the tennis court facing into the garden.
- HJ suggested a large arrow pointing in the garden direction would be helpful.

#### 7. MUGA

At the last FTC meeting DM put forward to FTC that it would be wrong to locate the MUGA on the tennis courts plot for many reasons including disturbance to Springfields residents as well as ruining the murla and destroying the garden beds around the perimeter where the tennis walls would be taken out. He said a better

solution would be to situate it in the cycle speedway oval area and move the outdoor gym back into one of the courts. DM will be on the working party discussing the proposals to be put to SGS Council, however there has been no contact since from the Clerk - DM is chasing it up. The committee unanimously support and have confidence in DM's suggestions

#### **8. Mulberry Tree**

A mulberry tree has been offered by a local resident to the garden. It is growing in her garden planted 5 years ago. We had thought this might be a suitable statement tree for in the top corner of the garden. We looked at a photo of the tree at the meeting and it was decided by all that it is too large and difficult to transplant and we should graciously decline the offer.

What tree would be suitable as a statement tree was discussed and thought it should be to encourage wildlife. Suggestions included: Lime, Rowan, Hawthorne (HJ said a friend had bought a 3m / 3 year old tree from Chew Valley Trees - something like this might be suitable) and Cherry (Betty pointed out they don't live long). Anne is going to contact the Wildlife Trust to ask their advice.

#### **9. Community Garden Fete**

Arrangements made so far for the fete on 28 June 2020 include: Punch and Judy (booked), Karate club to do teas, FACE to do an activity stall as usual, Twinning to have a stall as usual and hook a duck by Beryl. AnneMarie is likely to agree to baking once more and Peter? to be requested to bring the steam land train. Thoughts on a charity to invite this year, only Marie Curie was suggested.

#### **10. Work to do in the Garden**

DM and Sylv have been keeping the garden tidy. DM has painted the roses fence, completed spreading wood chips on the paths and behind the pond, trimmed the grass edges and oiled the owl sculpture. HJ to tidy up the grass bed. Summer planting schedule to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **11. A.O.B**

- **IYN Award certificate** - HJ is still chasing up the whereabouts of the certificate with SW in Bloom.
- **A fence panel is down** at the back of the rockery and we will see if neighbours fix this before we attempt to.
- **Hedgehog routes** - HJ suggested we leave holes in fences for hedgehogs to travel through.
- **Twining** - Betty commended Twinning on their community bed.

**Date of Next Meeting 14 March 2020**