

PAROISSE DE SAINT SAUVEUR La Salle Paroissiale, Le Neuf Chemin, St Saviour, Guernsey GY7 9FG

Floral St Saviour meeting

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Minutes of a meeting held 30th January 2016 at St Saviour's Community Centre

Present: Andrew Courtney (Chair), Vic de Garis, Geoff Chapman, Sue Chapman, Bonamy Martel, Marybell Norman,

Vicky Kinnersley

Apologies: Michaela Guilmotto, Lena Chesney

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Purpose	The purpose of the meeting was to plan activity and associated expenditure for the year	
Budgeted income	There are three sources of income, totalling £7,400:	
	 £2,500 Floral Guernsey Grant £2,500 St Saviour's Remede £2,400 St Saviour's Community Centre 	
Rectory	Andrew and Vic had obtained a quote from Queux Patio for installing 5 hanging baskets and 4 wall mangers with irrigation at the Rectory. The Rectory is a fine Parish building and we would like to enhance it for the benefit of all. It is on the Floral St Saviour walking (and judging) route. The cost is £1,200 (of which £900 one-off and £300 ongoing for a summer planting). Agreed.	Andrew
Douzaine Room and Community Centre wall mangers and window boxes	Andrew and Vic had obtained a quote from Queux Patio to install 5 window boxes and 4 wall mangers now that the new Constables Office and Douzaine Room are complete. The existing irrigation system will be extended to cover. The cost is £1,300 (of which £620 one-off and £680 ongoing for a summer planting). Agreed.	Andrew
Church	Existing planters cost £400 for one planting.	
Sensory Garden	Sue presented a plan to complete the hedge and purchase perennials to provide permanent, year round structure supplemented with annuals to fill spaces. Sue was thanked for her effort and a budget of £900 was agreed, including Hydrangea for the bed between the Herb Garden and WI Hut. The annuals will be sown from seed or bought as plug plants and raised in Vic's greenhouse (as was successfully done last year). Woodchips will be used as a mulch, Andrew has been in touch with Ric at Wakefield Services who will provide woodchips free when available.	Sue
Herb Garden	After discussion about the value of the Herb Garden versus the effort required to maintain it, it was agreed this area would be used for composting. The area is close to the main source of garden waste. The fence will be removed and a hedge planted for screening. The compost bays will be built from wooden pallets. No budget should be required.	
Border between Herb Garden and WI Hut	Vic and Jeff proposed that a digger be brought in to lower the level of the bed at the Herb Garden end (advice from Nigel Clark is that Hawthorn trees can be buried as long as their tops remain above ground) and also push the very poor, rubble laden soil back toward the hedge. Jeff has done a great job of removing the old fence and clearing	

	brambles back to the boundary hedge. Metal fence posts will be ground off at the base. Queux Patio will supply free spent compost but we will pay for delivery. We will plant a double row of hawthorn trees to complete the existing hedge, remove the single tree which is unspectacular and plant 12 Hydrangea bushes which will be low maintenance, should grow to about 2m and carry flowers throughout summer. Sadly, the 5,000 crocus bulbs have all been dug up and eaten by rats. Budget of £100 set aside to clear the rubbish and £200 for hire of a digger and carting in spent compost from Queux Patio.	Vic and Jeff
Formal bed	Andrew advised that Sharon and Jane are working on a plan and using Phil Merrien (Parks and Gardens) for planting advice. The scheme will provide a framework of perennial plants with annuals to provide colour. A budget of £900 was agreed.	Sharon and Jane
Large ports by Floral St Saviour HQ building	Marybell is happy to continue to work with the Rainbows on creating the displays. A budget of £100 was agreed.	Marybell
New front bed by road	Andrew explained that Environment Department had insisted that the existing wall at the entrance be removed, this means the sewage emptying point will be moved to the south and a small bed incorporating granite will be created as a traffic calming measure. Andrew has drawn up a design and planting plan to reflect the character of lower St Saviour. A Tamarisk tree has already been purchased and we can split Agapanthus already at the Community Centre. Grey pebbles will be used as a mulch. No budget required.	Andrew
New pedestrian entrance near the working area at the bottom of the field	Andrew advised that he is working with Les James on the design and building of this entrance. Les has ideas about how to get the work completed at no labour cost and will use up the surplus kerb stones to use as steps. No floral budget is expected yet but this may change.	Andrew
Sous L'Eglise	Andrew explained that no major expenditure is expected this year. He and Vic had met the lady that runs the Guernsey Conservation herd and she is willing to put two heifers in the meadow in April, contained by an electric fence. This should prove beneficial to the environment as well as being a popular draw with visitors to the meadow. Areas of poisonous plants will be fenced off. We should cut these plants down (wearing protective clothing) to control the spread as they line the stream banks and cannot be treated with weed killer. Brambles also need to be tackled this year as they are starting to encroach in many areas, this will be done by hand during working parties. Wildflower seed costs £50 and we need some 6' bamboo canes and tree ties, say £100. Budget £150 agreed.	Andrew
Ste Apolline's Chapel	This is an area which we are keen to continue supporting. It is maintained by Liz Pirouet-Douglas. No funds had been requested for last year but it may be that plants are required. A budget of £200 was agreed.	Andrew
Church Information Board	Vic showed the design of an Information Board that is proposed for the Church which shows some of the history. Obtaining permission requires a Planning Application, which Helen Glencross from Heritage Department is co-ordinating, and also a Faculty from the Church, this might be a long process but it is being started. The Constables are funding the costs from Dog Tax as a Parish improvement.	Vic
Sundry items of expenditure	Second planting of all window boxes and wall mangers – Andrew proposed that we should have year round planting, if funds permit. The cost of a second planting would be £1,400. Agreed.	Andrew
	The ride-on mower should be serviced, it has not been done since purchase some 3 or 4 years ago. T&C Services were recommended, no	Andrew

	cost known but allow £300.	
Any other business	Andrew advised that Jeff had suggested the Community Centre would benefit from a tree and Christmas lights to celebrate Christmas. Andrew had tabled the idea at both a Community Centre and a Douzaine meeting and obtained agreement by both. Andrew will also approach Maylands to see if they would contribute. Andrew has obtained a quote for a 3m Bay tree (to be placed in front of Maylands to the left of the entrance during Christmas and moved to be near the Floral St Saviour HQ building for the rest of the year) plus tree lights and 40m of commercial grade exterior white lights to string along the roadside front of the building. No budget required.	
	Vicky suggested that we should see if we could sell the shredder she donated as it is not used, this would raise some funds.	
	Andrew showed an example of a walking route leaflet which he has produced and is hoping to obtain sponsorship from L'Auberge du Val for printing. It is hoped this will draw people into the Parish and encourage them to enjoy the lovely walks and areas that we have created.	
	Meeting closed 10:45	

Summary budget

£1,200
£1,300
£400
£900
£0
£300
£900
£100
£0
£0
£150
£200
£1,400
£300
£7,150
£250