

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

E42/23: To receive an update on Abergavenny In Bloom

1. AMBEROL PLANTERS

Circulated is the spread sheet for locations of all the planters requested from Amberol, and the purchase order for authorisation under Finance for submitting to Amberol.

The branding listed on the quote from Amberol seemed excessive so for comparison, a local company has been approached for costing of branding on the square and promenade planters.

ITEM	AMBEROL	DYNAMITE
CREST	£23.35 AND £15.60	£12.24
WORDING	£25.05	£11.11

The difference in column two between the crest/logo costs is down to printed acrylic affixed by specialist fixings as they will be mounted below the water reservoir line, along with the cost of a vinyl cost. The wording cost is vinyl. Column three is for vinyl signs only, includes mounting on items when they arrive. The printed acrylic plaques will likely last the lifetime of the planter, vinyls may need replacing at least once during the lifetime of the planters.

To confirm, the planters we order will be black plastic as this is recycled and recyclable, unlike our current blue plastic planters.

2. JUDGES ARRIVAL 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

RHS have taken the Town Clerk's details as point of contact and will send details to her once travel arrangements have been confirmed (one judge is coming over from Jersey so may involve airport collection). It is likely they may stay at The Angel Hotel as it is central. They will stay B&B, so dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> July would be a good idea to offer, as well as lunch of some sort after the judging route has been completed.

Based on this, resources will be needed to facilitate either bringing in a buffet lunch to the building for all taking part in the judging route and talks,

but dinner on the Sunday once they arrive (again, depends on their arrival time) may need volunteers to play hosts.

### 3. JUDGING ROUTE

Nigel Leaworthy is able to do a walk around to check the proposed route once it has been decided upon, to see what help or assistance is needed from MCC. This may be more than originally planned as the Town Team are down by one person at present.

It would be useful for Councillors to join us on this walk around so an area can be taken on and prepared or the community group supported in their preparations.

### 4. PORTFOLIO

Sometime in June a portfolio will need to be submitted to the Wales in Bloom judges, for our early July judging. This needs input from all our Friends and Community Groups, including the 'Its Your Neighbourhood' entrants. We can now embed links in the portfolio, which enables the sharing of video and larger files so that we can make the most of the 30 page limit.

The same portfolio can be used for the Britain In Bloom judges, but we can tweak it to include items around celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the NHS which is likely to happen in between the two judging dates.

### 5. RE-HOMING OLD PLANTERS

We now need to rehome the blue square planters. Russell Walker has said to move them once is easier. Already, we have had requests from the following:

Friends of Bailey Park – 4 planters

7Corners – 1 planter

Abergavenny Community Orchard – 4 planters