

Meeting Notes | 3 March 2022

Time: 5pm
Location: Via Zoom

Present: Sean Smith, Adrian Cole, Amanda Raynham-Dobb, Peter Luck, Jaynene White, Jerry Tucker, Eve Easterbrook, Li Selman, John Hesketh.

Apologies: Stuart Nye, Debbie Mulford-Joy, Zoe Harris

01/2022 Welcome and Introductions

Adrian welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the draft forward plan he had sent out with the agenda. Emphasised the need to keep the ball rolling with these projects so that we can identify where extra help would be needed.

02/2022 Review and update of projects

2.1 Wildflower Border

Primary school's environmental group will be involved
Roskilly & Henwood willing to provide labour for digging out bed and supplying seeds
Scout group will be involved
Final layout needs to take account of access to trim hedges behind
Information board to explain what is in bed and who looks after it

Ask
Are all the species in the seed mix native to Cornwall?
Layout and location of bed needed

Actions
What is the timescale for digging, planting etc? (JH)
Gap behind bed for access – how much? (Eve)

2.2 Mine Hill Wilding

Many thanks to Jaynene for all her work.
Has bought seeds (reimbursed from parish council)
Seeds planting shortly (weather and work permitting)

Ask
Scope for communal compost area?
Where would it be? (and with easy access for people wanting to use it. Back of parish hall?)

Actions
Suggestions for location for compost area (All)

2.3 Merrymeet

Residents Association leading on growing and planting
Meeting with Cornwall Council to agree where can work safely and what support CC can offer
Grassed area near playground is parish council owner and can be used.
Bee and bird boxes will be installed. Bee highway.

26 March working day

Strip of ground along A390 for planting

Possible trees of remembrance. 30-40 possibly.

Cormac can supply toolkit trailer to remove waste

<https://www.cormacltd.co.uk/news/2014/august-2014/toolkit-trailer-to-the-rescue/>

Ask

Visibility at junction from Menheniot to A390 needs to be improved

Actions

Does MRA want publicity to promote 26 March working day? (Sean to John)

Outline timetable of actions and approximate costs (Sean)

2.4 Tree of Life

Initiative from Menheniot Green to encourage more tree planting

Every new entrant into school (approx 20) will receive a sapling

Plant at child's home or relative or friend.

Looking at providing alternative site at Merrymeet and cricket club

Ask

Is this scheme just for September 2022 intake? Or every year? (and is there a time limit?)

Can we ask planning applicants to make space for our trees?

Actions

Consent form for children taking tree home (Adrian)

Source trees and agree species

2.5 Holy Well

Church owns well and surrounding wall

Parish council owns grassed area in front

19 March is working day to clear out and clean well

Church, Old Cornwall Society, Gardening Club and Scouts working together

Li's husband will design grassed area in front of well

Ask

Some small funding may be available from parish council

Actions

Does Church want publicity to promote 19 March working day? (Li to John)

2.6 Trelawney Community Garden

Grass cutting was included in the parish council's maintenance specification (checking what bids are now)

Annual budget for other maintenance embedded in parish council's finances

3.0 Parish Council & Menheniot Green

MG open to everyone who wishes to contribute practical help

Ringfenced maintenance budget agreed from 1 April 2022 to reimburse volunteer costs for MG projects.

Parish council supports all of these projects and wishes to promote recognition through the Royal Horticultural Society's It's Your Neighbourhood scheme.

Free to enter and all groups benefit from a visit by the RHS judge who assess your work

Actions

Write to each project lead and get approval for IYN scheme (John)