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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2007 at 7.00 pm in the
Community Room, Shire Hall**

Present: The Chairman Councillor Mrs V Mitchell
Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher,
Councillor Mrs S White

Agenda Item	Details	Action
90.	<u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:-</u> None declared.	
91.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:-</u> Cllr Mrs MC Atkins, Cllr T Christopher, Cllr R Hayward and Cllr D Stevens	
92.	<p><u>To confirm expenditure for repairs to Christmas lights:-</u> The Town Clerk reported as follows:- <u>Material costs for repairs:-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 13 mm white rope light 90m roll x 2: £240.00 2. 100 secret joints @ £0.40: £40.00 3. Shrink wrap x 100 @ £0.12: £12.00 4. Power leads x 29 @ £3.00: £87.00 5. End caps x 35 @ £0.30: £10.50 6. LED curtain lights: £118.00 <p>The total cost of £507.50 was approved unanimously. <u>Suggested materials/lights to complete works:-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 300m of new star light festoon lighting: £2,862.59 2. Replacement of one set of icicle lights on the Punch House: £45.00 3. Four new sockets on lamp posts: £80 4. 24v LED white mini bulb strings 60m with transformer for trees in Drybridge Street: £345.00 <p>Members wished to know the following with respect to the above four items:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What guarantee is there with the new festoon lighting 2. What had happened to the lights on the Punch House 3. Why four new sockets were required 4. What was wrong with the existing lights in Drybridge Street <p>So long as satisfactory answers were obtained from Centre Great the expenditure was approved.</p>	VM

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93.	<p><u>To consider quotes and contract for winter planting scheme:-</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that quotes had been obtained from Border Nurseries Raglan, Genus – a sourcing company based in Gloucester, Millbrook Garden Centre, Raglan Garden Centre and South West Phormiums – a specialist phormium grower. None of these could source roses (apart from hedging sticks) and for these quotes were obtained from Acton Beauchamp Roses and David Austin Roses. The quotes obtained were as follows:-</p> <p><u>Cornus Sanguinea 'Winter Beauty'</u>: Border: £3.60 2l; Genus: £4.01 3l; Millbrook: £8.00 5l (40-50 cm); Raglan: £5.40 3l or £19.00 10l</p> <p><u>Cratoegus Prunifolia</u>: Border: £26.00 6-8 cm; Genus: £21.59 8-10 cm br or £39.48 10-12 cm br; Millbrook: £19.00 br; Raglan: £15.74 10l</p> <p><u>Eunymos europeaus 'Red Cascade'</u>: 3l: Border: £4.10; Genus: £2.96 7.5l; Millbrook: £12.00 (60-80 cm); Raglan: £19.50</p> <p><u>Fragaria vesca</u>: Free of charge from Bethia Smith and Vivien Mitchell</p> <p><u>Galanthus nivalis</u>: Free of charge from Alan Morris, Kenchester</p> <p><u>Iris foetidissima 'Variegata'</u>: We are too late to buy bulbs this year; the only quote is from Millbrook: £9.99</p> <p><u>Lavendula Augustifolia 'Dwarf Blue'</u>: Border: £2.60 3l; Genus: £2.76 2l; Millbrook: £3.50 2l (20-25 cm)</p> <p><u>Narcissus obvallaris</u>: We are very late in ordering daffodils and the only source for this year is Millbrook which has come up with a quote of £40 for a sack of 120 bulbs; they thought this compared well with the mixed sacks they normally sell at £35</p> <p><u>Phormium Co-ordination</u>: 3l: Border: £6.75; Genus: £8.57; Millbrook: £12.00 (30-40 cm); Raglan: £8.60; South West Phormiums: £9.50</p> <p><u>Phormium tenax 'Atropurpureum'</u>: 10l: Border: £16.00; Genus: £21.59; Millbrook: £30.00 (80-90 cm); Raglan: £17.00; South West Phormiums: £29.50</p> <p><u>Rosa rugosa 'Scabrosa'</u>: Acton Beauchamp: £8.95; David Austin: £9.95 – both excluding delivery</p> <p><u>Salvia officinalis 'Purpurescens'</u>: 2l: Border: £3.10; Genus: £3.39; Millbrook: £3.00; Raglan: £2.75</p> <p><u>Sorbus aucuporia 'Fastigiata'</u>: Border: £24.00 6-8cm; Genus: £21.59 8-10 cm br or £33.93 10-12 cm br; Millbrook: £20.00 10l; Raglan: £20.00 10l</p> <p><u>Verbena officinales</u>: Border: £3.10 2l; Genus: £1.79 1l; Millbrook: £2.00 1l</p> <p><u>Vinca minor</u>: Free of charge from Vivien Mitchell</p> <p>It was noted that of the three local suppliers, Millbrook, on the whole, came out best on reliability and price. Genus had supplied some good prices but it was agreed that if Millbrook were able to give a discount then the order should go to them (apart from the roses which should be ordered from Acton Beauchamp) on the basis that we should support local companies and there was the advantage the Millbrook would store the plants for the contractor to collect as needed.</p>	VM
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	<p><u>Contract with Mr P J Parkinson:</u> It was noted that Mr Parkinson was amenable to varying the terms of his contract and had quoted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work already completed to clear all vegetation, dig over the raised beds and change compost in the square planters. This also includes plants grown but no longer required: £650 2. The planter on Monnow Bridge was extra for summer planting: £40 3. Plant square planters, 2 small planters and window box per plans: £260 4. Plant raised beds per plans as plants are available during December: £700 5. Watering and aftercare until end of April approx: £220 6. Materials e.g. tree stakes and guards, manure, sprays etc: £100 <p>The total of £1,970 was approved unanimously This completes the expected expenditure apart from edging which MCC has agreed to source Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that she had visited all of the sites with Nigel Leaworthy (Operations Manager, Landscape Unit) and he had approved the plans. He had also agreed to provide recycled material from Wormtech that MCC would deliver to each of the sites; this would be free of charge.</p>	VM
94.	<p><u>To confirm date of next meeting:-</u> Monday, 17th December 2007 but members requested that the time be changed to 6.30 pm.</p>	Town Clerk

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