

## Move 2 Improve Minutes 18th September 2008

Present: W Leszke, C Ross, P McNeish, J Adams J Hardie, M Stewart, I Matthew

M. Williamson, M Johnson, Elspeth Dewar Apologies: B Campbell

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved - M Stewart Seconded - J Hardie



1. **Available Funds.** Update of funds from Treasurer and a review of outstanding bills.

2. **2008 Season: Watering and Basket Collection.** Golf Club will stop watering baskets by end of September. Baskets will be collected at beginning of October.

**Flower Power Results.** Results to be published in next months comment. Also PM to initiate Move to Improve news on the Local Groups News page, on a regular basis.

**Take a Pride in Perthshire Results/Judges Remarks.** Aberfeldy won a Silver Award this year. Judges comments were positive and encouraging but there is still room for improvement if Aberfeldy is to achieve the visual impact required for the benefit of tourists, businesses and residents.

**Moness Car Park.** CR, MS and JH met up with Pete Butters and his band of willing school children to work on the car park gardens. It was an encouraging start and future sessions would be arranged for bulb planting etc. PB to e-mail Susan White (P&KC) and Paul Summers asking for new shrubs to replace the ones that have died.

**Helpers.** More helpers were needed for planting projects which are growing in number every year.

**Autumn Plans.** Basket trees in the square, the M2I train, the BW Memorial tubs and others are to be planted up with winter displays within the next few weeks.

3. **2009 Season. Hanging basket ordering/watering.**

**New plants and designs for next years baskets was discussed.** MW and JA to order and organise their distribution. WL said price to businesses should stay the same for another year. MW to ask golf club if they would continue on with the watering next summer. MJ suggested that local residents might like to buy one or two baskets from us to hang outside their houses.

**Portfolio.** MS and IM are already preparing next years portfolio for the TAPP competition.

**New Displays and Ideas.** East entrance project still in abeyance until a project manager can be found. Ideas for next years displays were discussed as follows:

- A panel depicting a story or stories synonymous to the town to be situated at the entrance to the lower birks. MS to produce drawings and prices at the next meeting.
- Large flower bed in stone work laid out in foliage and flowers at the entrance to the upper birks.
- Flower bed at Appin Place banking opposite Breadalbane Terrace incorporating old stone from Breadalbane Academy including the school motto or badge. PB happy for this to be a school project.
- Hanging baskets on the railings outside the RBS and in front of the Birks cinema to give lower visual impact. PM to find out cost of horizontal planters.
- Rotary interested in putting wooden planters on the bridge in Bank Street.
- The Fountain to be brightened up with more colourful planting and low planters.
- More hanging basket trees situated at various locations.

4. **AOCB.**

**Xmas Market – 6 Dec 07.** It was decided to man our usual tombola stall with perhaps a whisky draw. PM to find out costs for a M2I banner which can be displayed on the stall.

**Putting Green.** WL has contacted Euna Scott reference the corner bed being planted up with the design of the Red Hackle for 2009. Response was not favourable but in view of the fact that Pitlochry have a bedding design outside their tourist office it was decided to pursue the matter further.

**Golf Club Conservation Area.** MW said that the Golf Club were keen that an area beside the 12th Fairway and the Avenue be preserved as a conservation site, and asked M2I to give their support and backing to the project which would help the golf club with funding. Committee agreed their support and would back the project. but could not commit to any physical work required.

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER AT 2 RANNOCH ROAD**