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Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 2pm in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs W Burke, S Griggs, C Harrower, I Hill.

In attendance: Mr John Vanderwolfe (Town Clerk), and Mrs J Hubbard (Assistant to the Town Clerk).

80	Apologies: Cllrs' D Knowles (family), S Bush (work). All resolved to accept the apologies.
81	Code Of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
82	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st February 2022, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
83	Matters Arising Cllr I Hill said that she and Cllr W Burke had visited Pinnex allotment site to view the main access path to view the potential issues. She said that in general, they found the path to be in reasonable repair throughout, but pointed out that there was a need for some shoring up with boards in on one section and recommended the addition of a wooden hand rail to assist users on the steepest section. Cllr Burke agreed that a wooden hand rail would help solve the issue in the steepest section. It was agreed to secure costings for the works. Cllr I Hill asked the Town Clerk if a working party had been established for the Eastern Urban Extension Community Centre. The Town Clerk said he had received the names of the interested councillors and would now arrange a meeting with the councillors after the Easter break. He confirmed that he currently had five names.
84	Democratic Period There were no members of public in attendance.
85	Spring Seminar Report Cllr I Hill read out her report, she said that she had very much enjoyed attending the seminar held at Beer and found it very inspiring. She said that one of the speakers who was a judge for the competition regaled some interesting stories of how different entrants responded to the judge's comments. For example one entry explained to the judges that the dandelions were nurtured in their flower beds on purpose as they were beneficial for wildlife and provided a valuable source of food for bees. Cllr Hill said that there was a growing trend of working with what you have in terms of your entry, and as long as you could offer an explanation for the wild foliage, this would now be acceptable.

	<p>Cllr Hill said that the talk on gardening for health and well-being was very informative, with the emphasis being on the importance of access to green spaces for all the community. Climate change and gardening within flood plains was also covered.</p> <p>Cllr C Harrower reiterated the importance of native plants and said that wild plants should be nurtured rather than being removed for aesthetic reasons. She was very interested in the talk on gardening for the disabled and gardening for rehabilitation.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke confirmed that he would be digging over the town's flower beds in preparation for the summer bedding plants for Tiverton in Bloom 2022 during the week commencing 23rd May 2022. Both Cllr Hill and Cllr Harrower offered to assist in the preparation and planting of the flower beds.</p>
86	<p>Sale of hanging baskets update</p> <p>The Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard gave an update of the sales of hanging baskets for 2022. She informed the members that there had been a small number of traders who had declined an order of a hanging basket this year, the reason being the higher cost.</p> <p>However the majority of traders had sponsored hanging baskets with a total of 80 baskets purchased to date. Pre-payment had been received from all but 3 of the traders currently. The baskets would be installed in the last week of May in readiness for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.</p>
87	<p>Receive quotations for Christmas lighting</p> <p>The Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard presented 3 options for the town's Christmas lighting for 2022 in the form of 3 supplier quotations. The members reviewed the options in depth before opting for option 3. Option 3 (Gala Lights) was the lowest price option but offered a good standard and selection of lighting.</p> <p>It was agreed to consult with the chosen supplier in relation to the lighting at the Market Precinct. The administration office would now set up a meeting.</p>
88	<p>Town Centre Noticeboard: permission to purchase a new board.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that the current notice board sited in the town centre was in very poor condition and suggested that the council install a new wooden notice board and remove the existing one. It was suggested that a figure of £2,500 be set aside for this project.</p> <p>Cllr W Burke proposed to accept the recommendation this was seconded by Cllr S Griggs.</p> <p>All agreed to accept.</p>
89	<p>Town Centre Seating update</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that he had tried to secure Section 106 funding for the new noticeboard but was unsuccessful. He said that town centre seating might prove more successful but that he would have to apply for each seat as an individual project. The members discussed possible locations for the seating.</p> <p>The Town Clerk said he would contact MDDC to liaise with them on locations.</p>
90	<p>Next Meeting: Monday 23rd May 2022 at 2pm.</p>