

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**7 APRIL 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Peat (in the Chair); Councillors Deacon, Mrs Grady (Minute 68), Harrison (Town Mayor) and Hinchcliffe.

**Officer:** Mrs Plant (Deputy Clerk).

**65. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES:-** None.

**66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. Cllrs Deacon and Mrs Grady declared a personal interest in respect of the additional watering of the 'Veg Out in Barney' boxes and took no part in the voting thereon.

**67. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF MINUTE 68 BELOW)**

**Resolved** – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at Minute 68 below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**68. FLORAL DISPLAYS 2014/15 TENDERING PROCESS**

Submitted – Pursuant to Minute 64/Feb/14, a report on the receipt of quotations for the 2014/15 floral arrangements in the Town, including the fact that one of the businesses invited to tender did not submit a quotation. Comparative quotation figures from previous years were supplied to aid Members' deliberations. In accordance with the previously approved method of consideration, details were supplied of the businesses that had submitted a quotation. The associated cost of watering the 'Veg Out in Barney' boxes was also submitted for consideration.

**Resolved** – (a) That the quotation from Elm Ridge Gardens Limited, Darlington, in the sum of £2,564 (+VAT), to provide the Council's 2014/15 floral displays, be accepted.

(b) That the 'Veg Out in Barney' boxes are not to be included in the overall floral display watering service.