

**Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure Committee
held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr de Renzy-Martin, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Richards, Cllr Terrett and Cllr Whetlor (Chair)

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

20/43A To receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*apologies from Cllrs Campbell and Irven are accepted*'. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

20/44A To receive Declarations of Interest: None at this point

20/45A The Esplanade:

(i) **Approval of bookings:**

a. Watchet Summertime - after a brief discussion Cllr Johnson proposed that '*permission is granted on the proviso that the Risk Assessment and associated documents submitted are compliant to enable the application to be signed off by Cllr Terrett as the Deputy to the EH&S Designated Officer who is absent from the meeting*'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

(ii) **Condition of the Esplanade:** Cllr Whetlor reported that she has brought this matter to the attention of SW&T Council under her capacity as Watchet ward member, as residents have complained about how unsightly the weeds and general condition is. She concluded that this matter is in hand, as it is crucial that the Esplanade is cleaned up before the rededication of the Watchet Library event on the 5 May 2020, and as all members are aware the repair of the sea wall has taken precedence.

A short discussion then took place on the lack of enforcement of unauthorised vehicles on the Esplanade, where Cllr Whetlor responded that this matter is also in hand.

20/46A Memorial Ground:

- (i) **MUGA - the Clerk** gave an update informing members that the Clerical Officer had met with 2 companies on site to quote for a new MUGA, and she is meeting another company with the Ground staff in attendance on the 12 March 2020. Two quotations received to date are in the region of £60,000. Having completed paperwork for Section 106 funding, it has not met the criteria although it was stressed that the new MUGA would be enhancing the area around the Community Centre. The Clerical Officer is now in the process of applying to Sport England and it is nearly ready for submission. Five supporting letters have been received from different organisations that use or would like to use the MUGA in the future for sport and recreation, including a letter of support from the Watchet ward members, which will be included in the application evidencing the need for a new facility. The Clerk concluded that the timescale after the application is submitted is an 8 week period, and the application is subject to 50% match funding by Watchet Town Council, of which has been agreed through setting Ear Marked Reserves at the February Full Council meeting. If all goes according to plan, there is a 8 week installation time, seeing the new facility installed by August 2020.

20/47A Signage on all Council owned leisure and recreational facilities:

- (i) Cllr Terrett who has been the lead on this project produced two quotations for signage (attached). He also reported that he was still awaiting design proofs, and he had been advised by the signage specialists that the signage on the Memorial Ground should be condensed into one large panel containing all the relevant information. This was still in the design stages as he was awaiting a map that could be adapted in relation to the Dog Exclusion Order on the pitch areas. After a brief discussion, Cllr Terrett was thanked by members for his work on this project and Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*providing Active Signs could match the design and price; they would be the preferred supplier as a local West Somerset business*'. Seconded by Cllr de Renzy-Martin. Carried

20/48A Matters to report for the next meeting:

- Liaise with the Clerk



Meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed: 

Dated: 9/3/2020