

**Minutes of the Watchet Community Centre Management Committee
held remotely on Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr Bowden, Cllr Irven, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Westcott, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Committee Clerk

In the absence of the Committee chair, Cllr Whetlor presided over the meeting.

- 21/01D** **To receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))**
Cllr Whetlor proposed that *"the apologies given by Cllr Campbell and Cllr Johnson are accepted"*. Seconded by Cllr Murphy. Carried.
- 21/02D** **To receive any Declaration of Interests under Watchet Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 9 July 2012) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 Si No: 146.**
Cllr Murphy and Cllr Irven declared a personal interest in all items under 21/03D Youth Provision, as Directors of WCCT. Cllr Westcott declared a personal interest in all items under 21/03 Youth Provision as his son is an employee of the Youth provision. All councillors remained in the room and took part in the discussion and voting.
- 21/03D** **Youth Provision**
(i) Update report of Youth club activities during pandemic – (appendix 1 issued prior to meeting).
Members noted the report.
- (ii) Youth provision services invoice April – October 2021 - (appendix 2 issued prior to meeting).**
Cllr Murphy proposed that *"the April 2021 – October 2021 invoice is approved and duly paid. Further invoices will be reviewed nearer the time"*. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- (iii) Young Somerset Youth Services – Youth provision meeting – (appendix 3 issued prior to meeting).**
Members noted the report. The Committee clerk is to include Cllr Terrett in any further correspondence on this matter as Watchet Town Council representative for Watchet Strives Wants.
- 21/04D** **Maintenance**
(i) New replacement curtain pole quote – (appendix 4 issued prior to meeting). The Committee clerk gave a verbal report regarding damage to the curtain poles in the Centre. The youth provision has agreed that 50% contribution will be made toward the replacement poles, as the original damage was caused by members attending the Youth Club. Cllr Whetlor proposed that *"the quote is accepted, and the poles are purchased with a 50% contribution from the youth provision"*. Seconded by Cllr Murphy. Carried.
- (ii) Anti-climb paint –** The committee clerk gave the following report:
5ltr tin of anti-climb paint purchased, the cost allocated to grounds maintenance budget and not to the WCC account as it can be used for Henry Davey and other council buildings. The ground staff have applied the paint this week and laminated warning/indemnity signs will be displayed.
- (iii) Update on car park entrance tarmac works – (appendix 5 issued prior to meeting).**
Tarmac work commenced on 27 January and these are now complete. Members noted. Cllr Irven commented on a job well done.
- 21/05D** **Pandemic lockdown restrictions – impact on re-opening centre.**
Nothing to report at this stage as the main lockdown Government update is not now due until 22 February 2021. Any update regarding amendments to opening of the Centre will be put before

the H&S Designated officer and a full report will be given to the Committee before any re-opening is to take place.

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Verbal update report from the Committee Clerk on any outstanding matters

The Committee clerk reported the following:

- Quarterly SLA with the youth provision has been arranged for 2 March 2021 @ 1.30pm via zoom. Committee clerk to report back to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Watchet Village agent has approached the council with a new Food Pantry Concept Food banks supply many families in need, using donated food which meets certain criteria including being non-perishable and within 'use by dates'. A Food Pantry would complement this approach by supplying unwanted foods from local shops or growers which might otherwise go to waste.

The first pantry for Somerset West & Taunton has been identified in the Taunton area, and more information about this will be available as it is confirmed. SWT can only move to expand geographic coverage as quickly as its partner (Fare Share) is able. A pantry is typically 30-50 households, but the scheme size will be determined by food availability and SWT will only open a new pantry when it can be sustainable, so families are not let down. The pantry team would be looking to reduce waste, top up deliveries and ensure a good mix of foods. They would also talk to allotment groups and potentially recruit new gardeners and volunteers. This is to provide an ongoing sustainable solution to tackling food deprivation, rather than solely relying on food banks.

The Watchet Village agent is exploring whether Quantock Foodbank, Watchet CCT and Watchet Town Council would like to consider possible support and/or involvement in and providing a suitable site for Watchet & Williton, for example using the community centre as a hub with the other partners helping provide organisation and volunteer support.

Cllr Irven, (as Chair of Council), has been invited to a meeting with local organisations on 25 February 2021 to explore whether WTC and the Community Centre might play a part. Cllr Irven will provide the committee with a report following the meeting.

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Matters to report for the next meeting:

- Food Pantry update
- Quarterly SLA update

The meeting closed at 7.04pm.

Signed:


Dated:
9/3/21