

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

Present: Cllr Bowden, Cllr Campbell (Chair), Cllr Irven, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Westcott, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Committee Clerk

- 21/08D** **To receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))**
Cllr Campbell proposed that *“the apologies given by Cllr Murphy are accepted”*. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 21/09D** **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.**
None declared.
- 21/10D** **Youth Provision:**
- (i) **Quarterly SLA meeting – (appendix 1 issued prior to meeting).**
Cllr Whetlor commented that it was a very positive Quarterly SLA meeting held on 2 March 2020 via zoom with the Youth provision, building a good rapport. Cllr Campbell thanked Cllr Whetlor and the Committee clerk for hosting the meeting and for the detailed report. Members noted the report.
- Cllr Bowden joined the meeting at 6.40pm
- (ii) **Covered area for youth – report and quotes from Committee clerk (appendix 2a & 2b issued prior to meeting).**
The feedback from the youth from the Quarterly SLA showed that a large number of the young residents of Watchet would like an Undercover area with access to Wi-Fi.
Recommendation – Purchase a temporary shelter, fixed to the wall of the WCC, assess the behaviour, noise, litter etc.
A long discussion ensued. Cllr Irven proposed *“the recommendation is approved in principle with a budget of up to £300.00. Delegation given to the committee clerk along with the Chair to liaise with the youth provision on suitable structures and location”*. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried with 5 votes for and 1 against.
- (iii) **Youth club access for use of toilet facilities from 12 April 2021.**
Members deferred item to be discussed as part of 21/11D
- Cllr Whetlor left the meeting at 6.53pm due to feeling unwell
- 21/11D** **Pandemic lockdown restrictions – impact on re-opening centre - update from committee clerk following new roadmap – (appendix 3 issued prior to meeting).**
Members discussed the proposed recommendations from the committee clerk. Cllr Irven proposed *“All recommendations in Appendix 3 and the addendum are approved”*. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.
- 21/12D** **Maintenance:**
- (i) **Tarmac works to fire exit ramp - update photos, (appendix 4 issued prior to meeting),**
Members noted.
- 21/13D** **Food pantry update:**
- (i) **Verbal report from Cllr Irven following exploration meeting.**
Cllr Irven gave the following verbal report:
Two initial Exploratory meetings held to date. There are two possible models being considered:



1) Food Larder

- Needs a fridge & shelving in a location.
- Group to maintain it and handle EH&S with a leader.
- Semi-stand alone
- Takes donated food from allotments, food cupboards etc
- People donate food
- Anyone can come and take food away
- Somerset CCS may have some funding to help with fridges
- Glastonbury have one and can provide a template free but ask for donations Hub model

2) Food pantry

- Different set up
- Community led group eg Church, council, CCT
- Set up a membership scheme
- For £3.50 per month get £20 of food
- Tins, packets, meat, dairy veg
- Supplied by food partner – Fareshare
- Sedgemoor have 2 set ups operating
- Aim for 1 in SW&T by April, but challenge with food Partner in this area

Impact on WTC would be whether we overall offer support to schemes – full council, or whether the Community Centre might be a suitable location – Community Centre Committee.

SW&T will send templates and further information and continue discussions with potential partners and these will be brought back to WTC as appropriate.

A long discussion ensued. Further exploratory meetings and discussions to take place before any further discussion on venue. Members noted the report.

21/14D

Verbal update report from the Committee Clerk on any outstanding matters

- Contact made with Football club treasurer regarding land behind MUGA. The football club have bricked out to their boundary, so the land remaining is the responsibility of WTC. Remedial works to make safe have been done (shared screen photo). Recommendations for long term safety of area will be available by next meeting.
- Curtain poles ordered but out of stock for time being, due to be delivered by 12 May 2021 will be erected as soon as they arrive.

21/15D

Matters to report for the next meeting: – no decisions made

- Liaise with committee clerk
- Boundary of MUGA
- Youth shelter
- Standing item – Review updated Government Covid guidelines.

Meeting closed at 7.19pm

Signed:


Dated: 14/5/21