

**Minutes of the Watchet Community Centre Management Committee  
held at the Watchet Visitor Centre on Thursday 22 July 2021 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Brake, Cllr Irven, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Westcott, and Cllr Whetlor

**In attendance:** Jo Grellier, Committee Clerk

Cllr Irven opened the meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair.

- 21/30D      **To elect a Chair**  
Cllr Whetlor proposed "**Cllr Brake is elected as Chair**". Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried unanimously. Cllr Brake was elected Chair of the Committee for the
- 21/31D      **To receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))  
Cllr Brake, as chair proposed "**apologies given by Cllr's Johnson, Campbell and Corlett-Shaw are accepted**". Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 21/32D      **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 Westcott declared a personal interest in item 21/33D as his son is a member of the youth provision staff and Youth representative for Watchet Strives. Cllr Westcott remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting.
- 21/33D      **Youth Provision:**  
(i)      **Covered area for youth** – report and quotes from Committee Clerk (*appendix 1 issued prior to meeting*)  
The Committee Clerk gave the following verbal report:  
The quotation was referred to the Tourism & Leisure Committee in June and approval has been given to proceed on the proviso that the WCCMC make 25% contribution (£450.00) taken from the youth provision budget as previously agreed by this Committee. The contractor has been contacted and works will hopefully begin within the next 4/6 weeks.  
(ii)      **Graffiti Project** (*appendices 1a & 1b circulated to members prior to the meeting*)  
The Committee Clerk gave the following verbal report:  
The newspaper article did not portray the press release which is disappointing as it is paramount that the public and youth are aware the effort the Council are putting in to improve the provisions for the youth, and their understanding of how WTC help them. However, it was agreed by members that the artwork was fantastic.  
Cllr Irven added "**Watchet Connects will be doing an additional press release to acknowledge the Councils participation in current projects in Watchet**"  
Cllr Whetlor asked: "**what part of the mural is dedicated to Cllr de Renzy-Martin?**" The Committee Clerk agreed to chase the Watchet Strives representative for a response on this.
- 21/34D      **Pandemic lockdown restrictions – impact on re-opening centre** - update from committee clerk following new roadmap. (*paperwork issued at meeting*),  
  
The Committee Clerk reported the following:  
  
Booking numbers increasing gradually from regular and casual users  
Current government guidelines are as follows:  
  
**What will change in England on 19 July?**  
**Social distancing**  
  - No limits on how many people can meet
  - 1m-plus rule removed (except in some places like hospitals, or before passport control when entering the country)

- Face coverings no longer required by law

**Events and gatherings**

- Nightclubs can open
- Pubs and restaurants no longer table-service only
- No limits on guests at weddings and funerals
- No limits on people attending concerts, theatres, or sports events
- No restrictions on communal worship

The Committee Clerk tabled a recommended amended 'Precaution Agreement' for approval. A long discussion ensued. Cllr Murphy proposed "***we adopt the recommendations to amend the precaution agreement with the clause regarding hand sanitiser amended to "it is recommended to use the hand sanitiser provided"***". Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

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**Verbal update report from the Committee Clerk on any outstanding matters**

The Committee Clerk reported the following:

- The emergency lighting has now been fixed with the additional lights in the toilet facilities as previously approved.
- Slow uptake on bookings likely to increase gradually as the centre opens up fully, but taking the precautionous approach is favourable with the users.
- Confusion with Youth Club that the MUGA does not form part of the WCC facility, and so not offered as part of their Service Level Agreement. The mixed committees (WCC/MUGA) may need to be addressed at a later Full Council meeting.

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**Matters to report for the next meeting:**

- Pandemic lockdown restrictions – impact on re-opening centre
- Shelter update
- Committees – WCC/MUGA

Meeting closed at 6.12pm

Signed: .....  


Dated: .....  
