

**Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure Committee  
held on Thursday 14 October 2021 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Ellwood, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Irven, Cllr Richards, Cllr Terrett and Cllr Whetlor

**In attendance:** Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

21/116A **To receive Apologies for Absence:** None received

21/117A **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

Name	Minute No:	Description of Interest	Personal / Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr Terrett	21/118A (b & c)	Member of the Watchet Live Committee	Personal	Cllrs remained in the room and participated in the discussion and voting
Cllr Whetlor	21/120A (ii)	Member of the Watchet Conservation Society Committee	Personal	

21/118A **The Esplanade:**

(i) **Approval of bookings:**

- a. West Somerset Morris Men – Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'retrospective approval is granted'**. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.
  - b. Watchet Live, Carnival Parade Day
  - c. Watchet Live, Wheelbarrow Race
  - d. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, coast to coast cycle challenge
- Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'permissions are granted subject to relevant risk assessments and COVID regulations in place at the time of the event being received'**. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.
- e. **Signage** – Cllr Whetlor gave a verbal report that signage in line with a possible review of current byelaws were being looked at. After a brief discussion members requested that signage currently in place is assessed as it is out of date, and a request made for the Town Council to erect its own signs, for e.g., 'do not feed the seagulls', subject to design approval. Cllr Whetlor responded that under her ward member role she would take this back to the relevant SW&T Officers.

21/119A **Memorial Ground:**

- (i) To revisit quotations for x2 new picnic tables – Cllr Whetlor reported that she had recently attended the Memorial Ground with the Groundsman to inspect the picnic tables currently located outside the play area, alongside the pavilion. This Committee had recently discussed replacing these as they were considered in need of repair, a Councillor had kindly made some repairs which would suffice in the short term. It is evident that these seats were still of some value but not for the usage they would get in their current position. Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the picnic tables are relocated to the Henry Davey playing field as a temporary measure until sufficient funding is sourced for their replacement, and 2 new recycled plastic picnic tables are purchased as replacements at a cost of £1,152.42'**. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.
- (ii) Signage for Public Space Protection Order – Cllr Terrett presented a proof for signage (attached) and proposed that **'the design is approved and x4 700x1220mm signs are purchased for each entrance of the ground with a budget of up to £600 including poles, and fitting'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.

21/120A **Henry Davey:**

- (i) Refurbishment programme – **Appendix 1** had been circulated to members prior to the meeting:
  - Painting of interior – Football club have done this at their own cost
  - Broken guttering – repaired in house by Grounds staff
  - Repair damaged render to the exterior of the building and repair and replace roof tiles- quoted in an email from a local builder – labour and materials - £475.00



- Painting of Exterior – quotation from local contractor- labour and materials - £675.00

After a brief discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the refurbishment programme is approved and a budget of £1,150 is allocated'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

- (ii) To consider the approval of a commemorative plaque from the Watchet Conservation Society – proof circulated to members via **Appendix 2** – a brief discussion ensued whereby Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the Committee agree in principle to the design of the plaque, but as the Town Council own and maintain the ground on behalf of the residents of Watchet, the Committee would like to see some reference to this in the text and also the Watchet Town Council logo displayed on the plaque replacing the 'scratch the surface' logo of which has no relevance in this case'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
- (iii) Skate Park Project Working Group – *no update*

21/121A **Matters for the next meeting:**

- Liaise with the Clerk

Meeting closed at 6.55pm

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Dated: .....  
8/11/21