

**Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure Committee**  
**held on Thursday 11 November 2021 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Ellwood, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Richards and Cllr Whetlor

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

21/122A **To receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*the apologies from Cllrs Campbell, Irven and Terrett are accepted*'. Seconded by Cllr Ellwood. Carried.

21/123A **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

Name	Minute No:	Description of Interest	Personal / Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr Whetlor	21/124A (c)	Member of the Street Fairs Committee	Personal	Cllr remained in the room and participated in the discussion and voting

21/124A **The Esplanade:**

(i) **Approval of bookings:**

- a. CATURNS event
- b. Watchet Royal British Legion- Platinum Jubilee
- c. Watchet Street Fairs

Cllr Johnson proposed that '*permissions are granted subject to the relevant risk assessments and COVID regulations in place at the time of the event being received*'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

d. Signage – after a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to explore the potential with SW&T Council of Watchet Town Council designing and installing signage at their cost, subject to the relevant permissions being granted. The Clerk is to bring back signage drafts to the next appropriate meeting.

21/125A **Platinum Jubilee:**

- (i) To form a working group to liaise with community groups and discuss potential plans for the celebration- Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*Cllr Richards join the Chair of the Committee on the working group*'. Seconded by Cllr Ellwood. Carried  
After further discussion, Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*Sara Summers from the RBL is co-opted onto the working group as an affiliated member*'. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

21/126A **Tourism:**

- (i) To consider a quotation for winter planting of flowers in municipal areas- a quotation from NJ Nurseries had been circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 1** – Cllr Johnson proposed that the '*quotation from NJ Nurseries for Winter planting at a cost of £300 is approved*'. Seconded by Cllr Ellwood. Carried.

21/127A **Precept 2022-23:**

- (i) To consider budget requirements in line with the changes to the 'Terms of Reference' of the Committee – *circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2- The RFO had circulated the Committees proposed budget spend for 2021-22 together with budget recommendations for discussion prior to the meeting.* A discussion ensued whereby Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*the following recommendations are approved and a committee budget of £11,000 is presented to Full Council in the January meeting as part of the Precept 2022-23 proposals*'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried

**To note - the Committee budget balance shows an overspend of £256.00 (2.56%) this in the main due to providing the following:**

- (i) New MUGA gates
- (ii) Shelter adjacent to the Community Centre
- (iii) New website
- (iv) New signage on the Memorial Ground
- (v) New picnic tables on the Memorial Ground and play area



<b>Precept Recommendation</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Tennis and Outdoor Gym Maintenance	£500
Replacement & Repair of Play Equipment	£2,500
Fencing, Signage & Hedging/Tree Work	£2,300
Flowers for municipal areas	£1,200
Website	£200
Entertainment & Public Relations	£1,300
Market operation	£3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,000</b>

21/128A **Henry Davey:**

- (i) Skate Park – The Clerk gave a verbal report as follows: the skate park questionnaire has been distributed and the feedback so far is encouraging. The questionnaire has also been sent out digitally to all parents at Danesfield and Knights Templar schools and will be posted on the Councils Facebook page this week. When the responses have been collated, a meeting will be scheduled for working group members to discuss a forward plan based on responses received.

21/129A **Matters for the next meeting:**

- Liaise with the Clerk

Meeting closed at 7.02pm

Signed:.....  


Dated: .....  
