

**Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure Committee
held on Thursday 17 March 2022 @ 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Terrett and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

21/143A **To receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Whetlor proposed that *'the apologies from Cllrs Ellwood Irvn and Richards are accepted'*. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

21/144A **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

Name	Minute No:	Description of Interest	Personal / Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr Whetlor	22/147A (ii)	Member of the WACET Committee	Personal	Cllr remained in the room and participated in the discussion and voting

21/145A **The Esplanade:**

(i) **Approval of Bookings:**

- a. Watchet Coastal Community Team – Steam Coast Express Event- as all the paperwork was in order and in the absence of the H&S Designated Officer, Cllr Campbell proposed that *'permission is granted, and the application is signed off by Cllr Terrett deputising for the H&S Officer'*. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

21/146A **Play Equipment:**

- (i) Annual Play Equipment Inspections – short- and long-term action plans had been circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 1-** after a brief discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed that the *'short-term action plan as presented is approved and the long-term plan monitored and noted'*. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

21/147A **Tourism Matters:**

- (i) To consider representation on the 'Taunton Area Cycling Campaign, (TACC)- *deferred from Full Council meeting on 14 February 2022 and raised by Watchet ward member* – members discussed this, and Cllr Whetlor proposed that *'there was no merit in having representation on TACC but would consider exploring a wider Somerset Campaign Group'*. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.
- (ii) To consider a request from the trader's organisation (WACET) for the Councils Grounds staff to water their flower troughs free of charge during the tourist season- members considered the request, Cllr Campbell proposed that *'this request is approved'*. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.
- (iii) Confirmation to hold the Council Fun Day on Friday 19 August in collaboration with the Watchet Summertime organisation – Cllr Johnson proposed that the *'Council Fun day goes ahead on this date and the office staff are delegated to progress it'*. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

21/148A **Queens Platinum Jubilee:**

- (i) Update and recommendations from the working group- *an up-to-date costings report was circulated to members prior to the meeting-* Cllr Whetlor reported that there had been some difficulty in sourcing the right sized recyclable flower trough to sit on the area around the jubilee stone and proposed that *'a raised granite stone similar to those in the Memorial Garden is sized and matched to the jubilee stone and the original plaque already approved fitted to it'*. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.



21/149A **Henry Davey:**

- (i) Wheeled Park – *working group update and recommendations*– group members reported that the tender document approved at the last meeting had been published and interested parties were registering their interest to the Clerical Officer

21/150A **Matters for the next meeting:**

- Liaise with the Clerk

Meeting closed at 6.45pm

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Dated:
