

**Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee
held on Thursday 20 October 2022 @ 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Richards, Cllr Summers, Cllr Ward, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

In the absence of Cllr Terrett, Chair of the Committee, Cllr Whetlor presided over the meeting.

22/35A To receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, section 85 (1)- Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'apologies given by Cllrs Johnson and Terrett are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Ward. Carried.

22/36A To receive Declarations 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: 1464

Name	Minute no	Description of Interest	Personal & Prejudicial	Action
Cllr Richards	22/39A	Member of the WWMGMC	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion but did not vote
Cllr Summers	22/38A (d)	Director of WCCT	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion and voting

22/37A To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 22 September 2022 (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) – Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2022 are approved as a true and accurate record'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

22/38A The Esplanade:

- (i) **Approval of Bookings** (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting*)
- Dorset & Air Ambulance- Coast to Coast cycle event** - Cllr Richards proposed that **'permission is granted on the proviso that a current insurance document is submitted prior to the event'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.
 - Watchet LIVE - Wheelbarrow Race** – Cllr Whetlor proposed **'that permission is granted subject to a completed risk assessment and current insurance document submitted prior to the event'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.
 - Watchet LIVE- Watchet Carnival** – Cllr Summers proposed **'that permission is granted subject to a current insurance document being submitted prior to the event'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.
 - WCCT – Watchet Street Fairs** – Cllr Richards proposed **'that permission is granted subject to a completed risk assessment and current insurance document being submitted prior to the event'**. Seconded by Cllr Ward. Carried. Members asked the Clerk to query the start up time with the organisers.

It was noted that permissions will only be given if the EH&S designated officer approves the submitted paperwork and signs off the risk assessments.

- (ii) **New recycling bin signage requirements** – there was not a report circulated from Cllr Johnson, but in his absence, Cllr Ward reported on his behalf that the signage on the new bins on the Esplanade was not clear enough for the public to be aware of where to put their recycling and this should be reported to SW&T Council for clarity. Cllr Whetlor interjected and

reported that in her capacity as District Councillor had enquired with the Street Scene Specialist/Transport Manager (SW&T Council) and continued to read out a response email defending their position and summarised as follows:

"the signage is cut into the metal work, so not something that can be changed and we do not intend to add further labelling to the bins, this is the first comment I have heard regarding poor signage as all previous comments have been positive"

Cllr Whetlor continued that the two bins in place on the Esplanade owned by WACET will have new signage and it is hoped that SW&T Council will follow suit. Cllr Whetlor was asked by members to enquire about a sign in braille.

22/39A Memorial Ground:

- (i) Watchet War Memorial Ground Management Committee Service Level Agreement review-report and recommendations from the working group circulated via **Appendix 2** – Cllr Summers proposed ***that the following recommendation is presented to Full Council at the October meeting - WWMGMC pay a one-off payment of £1,000 payable in x2 quarterly instalments (Oct – Dec and Jan – March 2023). As the WWMGMC has made it clear that they are struggling financially having lost the income from two sports team, and the Town Council has continued to fulfil its duties under the current SLA and has incurred costs for maintenance, this good will payment will be a good compromise whilst the SLA is reviewed fully to meet the future requirements of both parties, effective from 1 April 2023.*** Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried with 4 votes for and 1 abstention.

22/40A Winter Planting:

- (i) **To approve quotation for Winter Planting** – circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 2**- Cllr Whetlor proposed that ***the quotation for winter planting by NJ Nurseries for the cost for £330 is approved***. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

22/41A Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Liaise with Clerk

Meeting closed at 6.20pm

Signed:.....

Dated: 24/10/22.....

