

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting
held on Monday 3 April 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Irven, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Moss, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Terrett, Cllr Westcott and Cllr Whetlor.

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

In the absence of Cllr Campbell, Chair of Council, Cllr Whetlor, Vice-Chair presided over the meeting.

23/01EX To receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, section 85 (1)- Cllr Whetlor proposed that '**apologies from Cllrs Campbell, Ellwood, Summers, and Richards are accepted**'. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

23/02EX 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: 1464.

Name	Minute No:	Description of Interest	Personal / Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllrs Irven & Murphy	23/03EX	Directors of WCCT (Watchet Connects Newsletter)	Personal	Cllrs remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting.
Cllrs Irven & Murphy	23/04EX	Member of FOSL and WLF	Personal	

23/03EX Watchet Task Force:

To consider recommendations from the working group arising from the 'Watchet Task Force' meeting held on Thursday 30 March 2023, *circulated to members via Appendix 1* – Cllr Murphy presented the following report of actions to date (attached) and Cllr Terrett presented signage proofs for members' information. The following recommendations were put forward for approval:

1. **To note the record of the meeting**
2. **To endorse the current actions outlined in the report, including the signage proofs.**
3. **To allocate the spend from the agreed ear marked reserve of £15,000 as follows:**
Signage, including banner – up to £2,500
Town Floral Display – up to £1,500
Social media - up to £2,000
£6,000

The Clerk is delegated to work with the Watchet Task Force appointed representatives to allocate the spend and report back to Full Council at the appropriate meeting.

4. To agree to an article being printed in the next edition of the 'Watchet Connects' newsletter highlighting the positive work to date by the Watchet Task Force.

Cllr Irven proposed '**that the 4 recommendations are approved**'. Seconded by Cllr Moss. Carried.

23/04EX Library Re-dedication Event:

(i) To consider the recommendations from the Watchet Library Group - *circulated to members via Appendix 2* – working group members presented the minutes of their last meeting outlining the itinerary for the event, including the following recommendation:

Cllr Johnson proposed the '**approval of the arrangements and date of the rededication ceremony to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Watchet Library which will be held on Friday 5 May 2023 from 3.30pm – 5.00pm and a budget of up to £500 is set**'. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm

Signed: 

Dated: ~~17~~ 17/4/23