

**Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 27 April 2023 @
6.00pm**

Present: Cllr Johnson, Cllr Richards, Cllr Summers, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Clerk

In the absence of Cllr Terrett, Cllr Whetlor chaired the meeting.

23/104A To Receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))

Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'apologies given by Cllrs Campbell and Terrett are approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

23/105A 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
None given				

23/106A To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 March 2023 (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - (circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1))

Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 March 2023 are approved as a true and correct record'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried with 1 abstention.

23/107A King's Coronation event:

- (i) Kings Coronation Event Working group update report – recommendations to be approved by Full Council – *verbal update report*
Cllr Whetlor informed members that everything is going to plan and there were no further updates.

23/108A Applications to Somerset Council for Esplanade events:

- (i) Street Licencing application and Certificate of Lawful Development application - *Update from Deputy Clerk on progress – members to note*
The Deputy Clerk informed members that the WTC Street licencing application has been approved with effect from 18th April 2023 – 17th April 2024. The Certificate of Lawful Development to allow the events of the Esplanade to continue is now visible on the Planning portal and we should have a decision by 30th May 2023.

23/109A Play equipment inspection report

- (i) To retrospectively approve additional cost of replacing toddler swing seats – Memorial Ground – *Update from Committee Clerk - (paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 2)*
The Deputy Clerk updated the following~~:
- On Thursday 13th April one of the two defected baby swings was condemned by the ground staff. In light of this, the Deputy Clerk has raised an order with the company who provided the most recent play equipment.
- A discussion ensued. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the recommendation for retrospective approval for the purchase of two baby swings to the value of £550.00 is accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

23/110A Summer floral display planting

- (i) To approve quotation for Summer planting Watchet Town floral displays - (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 3*)
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the quotation of £850.00 for the Summer planting is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

- (ii) To approve the use of WTC watering equipment to maintain floral displays for Summer 2023 - (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 4*)
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the committee approve the request for the use of WTC watering equipment to maintain the floral displays'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

23/111A **The Esplanade:**

- (i) **Approval of bookings:**
A. Watchet Scouts – Big Help Out Event
Cllr Richards proposed **that 'the booking is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.

23/112A **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion

- Memorial Ground Play Area Picnic bench
- Liaise with Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.11pm

Signed..... *L. A Whetlor*

Date..... *18/5/23*