

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs Irven, Richards, Summers, Terrett (Chair), & Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

Before the meeting commenced Cllr Terrett, as existing chair proposed that ***'Standing order 4.C.v is invoked to allow Cllr Irven to attend the meeting to replace Councillors unable to attend'***. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/113A **To elect a Chair of Committee**
Cllr Whetlor proposed that ***'Cllr Terrett be elected at the chair of the Recreation & Tourism Committee'***. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

23/114A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that ***'Apologies given by Cllrs Campbell and Johnson are accepted'***. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

23/115A **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
Cllrs Irven & Summers	23/121A (B)	CCT Directors	Personal	Cllrs remained in the meeting but abstained from voting.
Cllr Whetlor	23/121A (D)	Vice president of Band	Personal	Cllr remained in the room and took part in the discussion and voting.

23/116A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 April 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 27 April 2023 are approved as a true and correct record'***. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried with 2 abstentions.

23/117A **Appointment of Committees:**
(i) Asset Management Committee – to appoint 1 member to join the Chair of Committee
Cllr Whetlor proposed that ***'Cllr Richards is appointed to join the Asset Management Committee along with the Chair'***. Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

23/118A **Watchet Task Force:**
(i) Recommendation from the Watchet Task Force to review the provision of litter bins on the Esplanade - *discussion*.
A discussion between members took place following a recommendation from the Watchet Task Force to consider options for the provision of litter bins on the Esplanade. Cllr Irven proposed that ***'delegation is given to the Deputy Clerk to obtain the costs for the supply, installation and***

emptying of an additional recycling bin from Somerset Council also requesting better signage and the addition of braille to the existing bins. A recommendation is made to the Watchet Task Force to approach traders to see if there are any provisions that can be put in place to reduce the amount of litter from businesses being disposed of in the public bins initially, and discuss the potential for business bin sponsorship in the future'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/119A

Applications to Somerset Council for Esplanade events:

- (i) Certificate of Lawful Development application - *Update from Deputy Clerk on progress – (paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 2) - members to note*

Members noted the granted Certificate of Lawful Development. Cllr Terrett thanked all involved for their hard work getting the application through.

- (iii) To discuss trader enquiries to trade on non-market days - *Update from Deputy Clerk*
The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been an increase in trader enquiries to use the Esplanade for ad-hoc trading using their own gazebo and no need for electric provision. A discussion ensued. Cllr Irven proposed that **'the market management seek more information from interested self-sufficient traders regarding demand, dates etc and bring back to a future meeting along with a draft policy for approval'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

23/120A

Memorial Ground Play area

- (i) To approve the purchase of a replacement picnic bench, follow the removal of one vandalised – *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 3)*

Cllr Richards proposed that **'a replacement picnic table is purchased to the value of £668.44 plus VAT including delivery charge and upload social media coverage to inform the public'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

23/121A

The Esplanade:

- (i) **Approval of bookings:**

A. Onion Collective – Maritime Mayhem event

Cllr Richards proposed **that 'the booking is approved on proviso that all required documentation is received'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

B. Watchet Task Force – Steam train event

Cllr Terrett proposed **that 'the booking is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried with 2 abstentions.

C. West Somerset Brass Band – various concerts

Cllr Terrett proposed **that 'the booking is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

D. Watchet Town Band – various concerts

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the application has been withdrawn and will be submitted at the June meeting.

23/122A

Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Liaise with Deputy Clerk
- Additional Market research
- Esplanade maintenance

Before the meeting ended Cllr Terrett thanked Cllr Irven for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.34pm

Signed.....

Date.....

22/06/23.