

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 22 June 2023 at 5.30pm

Present: Cllrs Break, Campbell, Johnson, Terrett (Chair), & Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

Before the meeting commenced Cllr Terrett, as 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 Campbell. Carried.

23/01A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'Apologies given by Cllrs Johnson, Summers and Richards are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.

23/02A **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 at this stage				

23/03A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 May 2023** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - (circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 1**)
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 May 2023 are approved as a true and correct record'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried with 3 abstentions.

23/04A **Watchet Task Force:**
(i) Recommendation to the Watchet Task Force to review the provision of litter bins on the Esplanade – (paperwork circulated prior to the meeting **Appendix 2**)
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the committee recommend to the watchet Task Force that initially the task force approach the businesses that are not providing their own bins when supplying disposable catering products, to request they make a provision for their waste to alleviate the use of the public bins or agree to sponsor additional emptying during the busy season.'** Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried

23/05A **Esplanade:**
(i) To discuss recent correspondence from Somerset Council to support Esplanade maintenance resources and approve recommendation – (paperwork circulated prior to the meeting **Appendix 3**)
Cllr Irven proposed that **'the Committee approve, in principle, subject to Somerset Council providing a defined list of where the funds will be spent, a one-off contribution of £2k to be taken from the Wednesday Market profits and are open to future negotiations but this is a goodwill gesture as WTC use the Esplanade storage shed to store the Gazebos and want to ensure the sustainability of our future markets'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.
(ii) To consider sponsorship requests from West Somerset Brass and Watchet Town Band towards summer concerts – (paperwork tabled at the meeting)
A. West Somerset Brass Band
Cllr Campbell proposed **'the committee approve the annual donation of £150 towards the summer concerts'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.



Before the next item was discussed Cllr Whetlor declared a personal interest in item 23/05A (ii)B, and 23/05A (iv)B, as the Vice President of Watchet Town Band.

B. Watchet Town Band

Cllr Campbell proposed **'the committee approve the annual donation of £150 towards the summer concerts'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried with 1 abstention.

- (iii) Family Fun Day – to approve the budget and recommendations from the deputy Clerk - *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 4)*

Cllr Campbell proposed that **'the committee approve a budget of £1000 for the family fun day activities and agree to for the Deputy Clerk to book the chosen acts as detailed in the report'** Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

- (iv) Approval of bookings:

A. RNLI event – Trafalgar Day/weekend celebration

Cllr Brake proposed that **"committee accept the booking and the applicants are informed that they do not require a TENS licence unless they wish to sell alcohol"**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried

B. Watchet Town Band – various concerts

Cllr Campbell proposed that **'committee accept the booking'**. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried with 1 abstention.

Before the next item was discussed Cllr Whetlor declared a personal interest in item 23/05A (iv)C, as a committee member of the Twinning Society.

C. Twinning Society – additional Phoenix Centre booking – French breakfast

Cllr Terrett proposed that **'committee accept the booking'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried with 1 abstention.

23/06A

Watchet Market:

- (i) To approve recommendation for additional entertainment bookings - Update from Deputy Clerk *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 5)*
Cllr Brake proposed that **'the Committee approve the Deputy Clerk recommendation to book the requested singer for 3 x additional dates at a total cost of £750.00'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/07A

Dog Control Order:

- (i) To discuss correspondence from Somerset Council to review former DCO restrictions in Watchet - *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 6)*

A. Childrens Play Area and Putting Green, The Memorial Ground, Watchet

Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the committee opt to continue to exclude dogs from this area and may consider other areas that may need to be added at Full Council'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

B. Henry Davey Children's Playing Field, Watchet

Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the committee opt to continue to exclude dogs from this area and may consider other areas that may need to be added at Full Council'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

23/08A

Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Liaise with Deputy Clerk

Cllr Terrett thanked Cllr Irven for stepping in to attend the meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.56pm

Signed.....

Date.....21/9/23.