

**Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at
6.00pm**

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

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

23/18A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Terret proposed that **'Apologies given by Cllr Richards are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried with 5 for and 1 against.

23/19A **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				

23/20A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21st September 2023** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1)*)
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21st September 2023 are approved as a true and correct record'**. Seconded by Cllr Terret. Carried with 2 abstentions.

23/21A **Watchet Task Force:**
(i) To discuss recommendations from WTF – *if required*
Cllr Terret informed members that there has not been a meeting since the committee last met. Next meeting scheduled for 2nd November. Cllr Summers requested a copy of the WTF minutes. Cllr Terret requested that if any organisers wish to hold an event to contact Fiona at the Visitor Centre.

23/22A **Play areas:**
(i) **Henry Davey Play Area** – Baby swing purchase update – verbal update from Deputy Clerk
The Deputy Clerk informed members that at the most recent Full Council meeting the recommendation to use earmark reserves for the purchase of two baby seats to the value of £500 including delivery. The seats have now been ordered.

23/23A **Winter planting:**
(i) To approve quotation for 2023 Winter planting of floral displays - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2)*
The Committee discussed the provided quotation for 2023 winter planting. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the quotation for winter planting 2023 provided is accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/24A **Market:**
(i) Gazebo maintenance – members to note update from Deputy Clerk - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 3)*
The Deputy Clerk informed members that three gazebo feet have been reported as damaged following a gazebo hire booking. The Ground staff informed that one was already showing signs of damage. Quotation to have the feet repaired is £120 +VAT. £80 will be charged to the organiser

of gazebo booking for the repair of two feet, and £40 paid from Market profits for the third. Members noted.

23/25A

Esplanade:

(i) Repainting Esplanade benches – verbal update from the Deputy Clerk
Cllr Johnson updated that West Somerset Windows has very kindly offered to donate the paint required for the bench repainting. The Committee thanked West Somerset Windows for their kind donation.

(ii) **Approval of bookings:** - if required
None to date

23/26A

Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Dementia walking group – Volunteers
- Watchet Weeders
- Liaise with Deputy Clerk

Meeting closed at 6.21pm

Signed.....

Date..... 23/11/23.

