

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 6.00pm

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

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

23/27A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'Apologies given by Cllr Richards and Cllr Campbell are accepted'**.
Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.

23/28A **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
Cllr's Whetlor & Terrett	23/34A(i)	Members of WCS	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion but abstained from voting.

23/29A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19th October 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 meeting on 19th October 2023 are a true and accurate record'**. Second by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/30A **Watchet Task Force:**
(i) To discuss recommendations from WTF – *if required*
Nothing to report.

23/31A **Wednesday Market:**
(i) 2023 Market Questionnaire feedback results – members to note - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2*)
Members noted the 2023 market questionnaire feedback results.

(ii) 2023 Market Income & Expenditure figures report - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 3*)
Members noted the 2023 Market Income & Expenditure report.

Cllr Summers arrived at 6.08pm.

(iii) To approve amended Market policy - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 4*)

Cllr Summers proposed that **'the recommended amendments to the 2024 Market Policy are approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

(iv) To approve gazebo maintenance/operational purchases & costs - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 5*)

Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the Committee approve the recommendations detailed in the report to:**

- **the purchase of clear tenacious tape to the value of £10 + delivery.**
- **The committee approve the purchase of 2 x sets of disabled ramps to resolve the issues arising for mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and pushchairs, to the value of £140 including free delivery.**
- **An increase of £5.00 per day is offered to the gazebo staff and steward to acknowledge their commitment and hard work.'** Seconded by Cllr Summers. Carried.

23/32A

Esplanade:

(i) Esplanade refurbishments update – verbal update from the Deputy Clerk
The Deputy Clerk tabled photographs of the recent Shelter refurbishments, she explained that there have been some issues with the painted seats flaking, but the Maintenance company has assured that they will be back this week to rectify the issues. Members noted.

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

22/33A

Noticeboards:

(i) To approve amended Noticeboard hire policy - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 6***)

Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the amendments to the Noticeboard Hire Policy are approved'**.
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/34A

Additional municipal floral maintenance:

(i) Request from Watchet Conservation Society - verbal update from Cllr Terrett
Cllr Terrett gave a verbal update on a recent request from Watchet Conservation Society to take over maintenance responsibility of the central Esplanade seating flower displays and the small areas to the left & right of the Steps leading to the Railway track. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the item is deferred until a formal written request is received from Watchet Conservation Society detailing exactly what they require from Watchet Town Council'**. Seconded by Cllr Summers.
Carried with two abstentions.

23/35A

Precept proposals 2024-25:

(i) To consider Committee budget requirements – (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 7***)

Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the precept proposal as presented are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/36A

Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Liaise with Deputy Clerk
- Watchet Conservation Society Municipal areas

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

Signed.....


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14/12/23