

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 6.00pm

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

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

Before the meeting commenced a minute silence was upheld as a mark of respect and remembrance following the sudden passing of Cllr Summers.

23/37A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
None received.

23/38A **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 Whetlor & Terrett	23/43A (i)	Members of WCS	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting.

23/39A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2023** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1)*)
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the minutes of the meeting on 23rd November 2023 are a true and accurate record'**. Second by Cllr Brake. Carried with 2 abstentions.

23/40A **Watchet Task Force:**
(i) To discuss recommendations from WTF – *if required*
Cllr Terrett informed members that the WTF meeting for December was deferred until January. Nothing to report at this stage.

23/41A **Wednesday Market:**
(i) Approve budget to host Market Trader Social, and confirmation of date/time of event – *verbal update from Deputy Clerk*
The deputy Clerk informed members that a provisional date of 6th February 2024 at 6.30pm has been proposed to the Market traders for the annual Trader Social and the date is proving popular. The Deputy Clerk recommended a £50.00 budget taken from the 2023 market profits to purchase refreshments for the event. Cllr Johnson proposed **'the committee approve a budget of £50.00 for the purchase of refreshments for the Market trader Social and note the date for attendance'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

23/42A **Esplanade:**
(i) **Approval of bookings:**
a. Watchet Street Fair (sub-committee WCCT) – 2024 dates for approval
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

23/43A **Additional municipal floral maintenance:**
(i) Request from Watchet Conservation Society - *(paperwork tabled at the meeting)*



Cllr Johnson proposed that ***'the item is deferred until the Committee receive full details of the WCS request in writing'***. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

23/44A

Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- WCS additional municipal floral maintenance request
- Liaise with Clerk

Meeting closed at 6.13pm

Signed.....


Date.....
17/1/24