

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Wednesday 22nd February 2024 at 6.00pm

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

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Town Clerk, Annie Robinson, Deputy Clerk

24/52A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'Apologies given by Cllr Campbell and Cllr Richards are accepted'**.
Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.

24/43A **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
Martin Brake	24/58 A & B	Member of Carnival Committee	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion.

24/54A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17th January 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 held on 17th January 2023 are a true and correct record'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.

24/55A **'Welcome to Watchet' leaflet**
(i) To endorse the prototype design of the leaflet – *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 2)*
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the Committee thanked Watchet Visitor Centre Manager for their efforts, however if Recreation & Tourism are funding the leaflet in future, they must have input on design and layout in the leaflet's next iteration within a sufficient notice period to allow for changes and proof reading for the 2025 edition'**. A discussion ensued.
Cllr Whetlor Seconded. Carried.

24/56A **Esplanade Street Trading Request:**
(i) Request from local trader to trade on the Esplanade in Winter months – *verbal update from committee Clerk.*
Cllr Irven gave a verbal update on a request from a local trader who wishes to trade on the Esplanade out of Season. A discussion ensued. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'research and consultation takes place with Town traders to establish if winter months trading is wanted and that other sites in addition to the Esplanade be explored and that the requesting trader should independently explore other sites and Licences required'**.
Cllr Terrett thanked Cllr Irven for his continued efforts and work.
Cllr Whetlor seconded. Carried.

Member of public arrived at 18.15.

24/57A **Wednesday Market:**
(i) Minutes of the Trader Social meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 3)*
Members noted the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr Westcot & Cllr Murphy arrived at 18.40.

- (ii) Recommendation for entertainment bookings throughout the Market Season – *verbal report from Committee Clerk*
The Clerk recommended a budget of £1000 from market profits is ringfenced for booking entertainment on popular market days throughout the season. A discussion ensued.
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the recommendation of the clerk is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

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Esplanade:

- (i) **Approval of bookings: if required**
- A. Watchet Live Carnival – Carnival Wheelbarrow Race – 26th May 2024
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- B. Watchet Live Carnival – Watchet Carnival – 27th July 2024
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- C. Watchet Phoenix Centre – outdoor tabletop sale dates 2024
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received and that the Phoenix Centre are advised to contact the organisers of the events already approved by this committee on dates which clash, and it will be to their discretion to approve'**.
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- D. Churches Together in Watchet & Williton Single table 29th March 2024
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.

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Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion

- Liaise with Clerk
- Esplanade Street Traders

3 members of the public arrived at 18.20.

Meeting closed at 18.21pm

Signed.....


Date..... 21/3/24