

## **Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Committee held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 6.00pm**

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

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

24/60A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))  
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'apologies given by Cllr Brake and Cllr Campbell are accepted'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

24/61A **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	24/66 i E	Member of the Twinning Society	Personal	Remained in the room, took part in discussion and voted.

24/62A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1)) - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1*)  
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the Recreation and Tourism minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 meeting are a true and accurate record'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.

24/63A **Play equipment Inspection report – (paperwork circulated prior to the meeting Appendix 2)**

(i) To note the Annual play inspection report and short, medium & long term action plan for all play areas and approve the following:  
Members noted.

1. Approve quotation to supply skate ramp paint – Henry Davey - (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting via part of Appendix 3*)  
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'the quotation to supply paint for the Henry Davey Park be approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.
2. Approve quotation to supply and deliver 9x Tiger Mulch kits to repair wet-pour surface at Memorial Ground Outdoor gym – (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting via part of Appendix 4*)  
Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the quotation to supply and deliver 9x Tiger Mulch Kits to repair the surface at the Memorial Outdoor Gym be approved'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
3. Approve quotation to supply and deliver grass matting to repair 3 x surface areas at the Henry Davey and Memorial Ground play areas – (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting via part of Appendix 5*)  
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the quotation to supply and deliver grass matting on surface areas in the Henry Davey Park and the Memorial Ground Play areas be approved'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
4. Approve the invoice cost of £300 from County Play Inspections for undertaking the annual inspections - (*paperwork circulated prior to the meeting via part of Appendix 6*)

Cllr Richards proposed **that 'the quotation of £300 from County Play Inspections for the annual inspection be approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.

Clerk informed Cllrs that a resident's survey had been undertaken to ascertain which play equipment would be most useful in the immediate community and that a meeting has been organised with a playground equipment provider for 15<sup>th</sup> April to discuss all Watchet Town Council's play areas and in addition Somerset Council asset transfer play area Kingsland. An addition play equipment provider has been contacted to provide a comparison.

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**Somerset Council Urban Tree Challenge Fund** – report from the Clerk - *to be tabled at the meeting*  
Committee Clerk presented the Urban Tree Challenge Funding paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting and supporting Clerks report and recommendation. A discussion ensued. Cllr Terrett proposed **that 'the recommendation in the Clerks tabled report to continue to apply for tree stock via the Woodland Trust be approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

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Relocation of Cleeve Hill floral trough and Welcome to Watchet Sign – update from the Clerk - *(paperwork circulated prior to the meeting via part of Appendix 7)*  
Town Clerk informed members that the licence to remove the floral trough and welcome sign from Cleeve Hill and re-site at Bay View, Doniford Road has been approved and received. The Ground Staff will be relocating the planter and sign in the forthcoming weeks. Members noted.  
Cllrs also noted that all Welcome to Watchet signs should be reviewed.

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**Esplanade:**

(i) **Approval of bookings: if required**

- A. Watchet 1940's Home Front Group – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Cllr Richards proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- B. Onion Collective – Maritime Mayhem – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024  
Cllr Richards proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- C. West Somerset Brass Band – Brass Band Concert – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 & 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Cllr Richards proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- D. Watchet Coastal Community Team – Biodiversity Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Cllr Richards proposed that **'the committee approve the bookings as applied for on the proviso of all relevant documentation being received'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor.
- E. Watchet/St Renan Twinning Society – French Breakfast – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Cllr Richards 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

- i) WACET - Flowers Summer 2024

Meeting closed at: 6.24pm

Signed.....

Date.....

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