

Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Meeting Thursday 24th October 2024

Present: Cllrs Whetlor, Terrett, Brake and Young

In attendance: Annie Robinson – Deputy Town Clerk

- 24/16A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'apologies given by Cllrs Richards and Moss are accepted'**.
Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/17A **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. None.
- 24/18A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - *(paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1)*)
Cllr Terret proposed that **'the minutes of the recreation and tourism Committee meeting 19th September 2024 are a true and correct copy'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/19A **Mental Health Bench Plaques:**
(i) To consider recommendation to participate in Mental Health Awareness and Help initiative using bench plaques and seek budget approval - *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 2)*
The committee clerk presented her report and members noted the recommendation. A discussion ensued. Cllr Whetlor and Cllr Terret both noted the importance of supporting mental health causes. Cllr Whetlor proposed that – **'the recommendation is approved to purchase an increased number of six sets of plaques up to £270.00 in cost, to be added to Council owned benches in strategic positions. In addition, the Committee Clerk is delegated to research signage for loneliness/ talking benches.'** Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried
- 24/20A **Winter Floral Displays:**
(i) To approve quotation of £430.00 for Winter Floral Displays for WTC planters – *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 3)* Members noted the quotation and commented on the contractor's consistently excellent work. Cllr Whetlor proposed that – **'the quotation for £430.00 for Floral Winter Displays for WTC Planters is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/21A **Tree maintenance:**
(i) Memorial Ground tree condition report – to consider quotation for removal of dead trees and trees causing heave on the memorial Ground path - *(paperwork tabled at the meeting)*
Members noted the report and quotation from the contractor and the recommendation to remove five trees. Cllr Whetlor proposed that – **'the quotation of £580.00 be approved subject to all necessary safety precautions being taken and Committee approval of a small sign being displayed to advertise the Contractors company. In addition, the Committee Clerk is delegated to confirm any repairs needed with the Groundsman regarding the Memorial Ground's pathway due to heave and the purchase of replacement trees'**.
(ii) Consider quotation for Tree Audit - *(paperwork tabled at the meeting)*. Deferred.
- 24/22A **Esplanade:**
(i) **Approval of bookings:**
A. **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance** – Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge 10.05.2025
Members noted the request. Cllr Brake proposed that – **'the request from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for use of the Esplanade for the Coast-to-Coast Cycle Challenge 10.05.2025 is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.
- 24/23A **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion
- Research 'Loneliness' bench signage
 - Replanting trees at Memorial Ground
 - Approval of tree Contractor's sign

Meeting closed at: 18.24

Signed.....

Date.....

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