

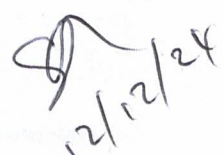
Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Meeting Thursday 21st November 2024

Present: Cllrs Whetlor, Terrett, Brake, Johnson, Richards and Young

In attendance: Annie Robinson – Deputy Town Clerk

- 24/24A **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'apologies given by Cllr Moss are accepted'**.
Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/25A **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.
- 24/26A **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2024** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1*))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'the minutes of the recreation and tourism Committee meeting 21st October 2024 are a true and correct copy'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/27A **Committee Clerk's Update Report** – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2*). Members noted the Committee Clerks update report and thanked her for her work.
- 24/28A **Loneliness 'Chatty' Bench Plaques:**
(i) To consider Mental Health Awareness initiative with 'Chatty' Bench signage and seek budget approval – Update from Committee Clerk - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 3*) The Committee Clerk updated members on new information received regarding the number of Mental Health Bench Plaques recommended to be bought in total and updated members on the RFO's recommendation to purchase two packs of plaques and report outlining budget implications. A discussion ensued. Members noted bench locations that were agreed appropriate. Cllr Whetlor stated that a new report should be written and submitted to Full Council regarding the number of plaques to be purchased. Cllr Johnson proposed that – **'the Mental Health Bench Plaques and Chatty Bench Plaques report should be rewritten and submitted to Full Council to request an increased budget to purchase a larger number of plaques'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/29A **Watchet Memorial Ground:**
(i) To approve the purchase of three replacement 'Holm Oak' trees for the Memorial Ground up to the price of £300.00 – verbal update from the Committee Clerk. The Clerk updated members. Cllr Johnson proposed that – **'the recommendation from the Groundsman to purchase three Holm Oak Trees up to the price of £300.00 is approved'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
(ii) To consider quotes received by the Groundsman for tarmac repairs to the Memorial Ground pathway due to heave – (*paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 4*)
Deferred to December Committee Meeting.
- 24/30A **Esplanade Bookings:**
• Watchet Street Fair Group – WCCT – Street Fair 2025 dates for approval - (*paperwork tabled at the meeting*) The Committee Clerk updated members and noted that paperwork for public liability and insurance and risk assessment was still outstanding. Cllr Richards proposed that – **'the bookings requested by the Watchet Street Fair Group are approved, subject to all necessary paperwork being completed'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/31A **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion
• Tarmac repairs to Memorial Ground pathway due to heave
• Repairs to outdoor gym area flooring

Meeting closed at: 18.31



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