

## Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 @6pm

**Present:** Cllrs Whetlor, Richards, Terrett and Brake

**In attendance:** Annie Robinson – Deputy Town Clerk, 1 member of the public.

- 24/32A      **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))  
Cllr Whetlor proposed that **'apologies given by Cllr Moss, Young and Johnson are accepted'**.  
Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/33A      **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.
- 24/34A      **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 are a true and correct copy'**. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/35A      **VE/VJ & Somerset Day Events Report** – Update from Committee Clerk – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 2*) Cllrs noted the Clerks report. A discussion ensued. Cllrs agreed to contact organisations to liaise and planned events for above days and report back to the Committee. Schools, Churches Together and the Library are also hoped to be involved.  
Cllr Whetlor proposed that - **'the organisation and research of the VE/VJ & Somerset day's events is delegated to the Committee Clerk and Recreation and Tourism Cllrs'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
- 24/36A      **Market Staff Christmas Breakfast Request** - Verbal update from Committee Clerk - Request from the Groundsman to take Market Staff for Christmas Breakfast. Cllr Whetlor proposed that – **'the budget of £50.00 requested by the groundsman, to take Market staff for a Christmas Breakfast is approved.'**  
Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried. Cllr Terrett requested that the Cllrs thanks be given to the Groundsman and Market Staff for their continued hard work.
- 24/37A      **Watchet Memorial Ground:**  
(i) 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 3*)  
Cllrs noted the quotation. A discussion ensued on path maintenance responsibilities.  
Cllr Terrett proposed that – **'the quote for tarmac repairs to the Memorial Ground path due to heave, is recommended to Full Council for approval'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/38A      **Chatty & Mental health bench plaques:**  
(i) update from Committee Clerk following request for additional earmarked reserve to purchase Chatty and Mental Health bench Plaques at Full Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
(ii) To approve recommendation on number of Chatty bench plaques to purchase  
(iii) To approve recommendation on number of Mental Health bench plaque packs to purchase  
Both items (ii) and (iii) were discussed together. Cllr Richards proposed that – **'two packs of Mental Health Bench Plaques and one Chatty Bench plaque is approved to be purchased, with the proviso that further plaques can be considered for purchase following the advice of the plaque producers and Somerset Council in the New Year'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/39A      **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion  
• VE/VJ/Somerset Day  
• Wacet Foral Displays 2026

Meeting closed at 6.34pm

Signed.....

Date..... 23/11/25

