

## Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 @6pm

**Present:** Cllrs Whetlor, Richards, Terrett (Chair), Brake and Moss

**In attendance:** Annie Robinson – Deputy Town Clerk

- 24/40A      **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))  
Cllr Terrett proposed that '**apologies given by Cllr Young are accepted**'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/41A      **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.**
- 24/42A      **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024** (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 Recreation and Tourism Committee meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 are a true and correct copy**'. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.
- 24/43A      **Committee Clerks Report** – Update from Committee Clerk – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 2*).  
The Committee Clerk presented the report on the following topics:  
i)          **VE/VJ/Somerset Day** – correspondence sent to local schools and organisations confirming WTC Council support for activities.  
ii)         **Watchet Memorial Ground** – start date for repairs to pathway damage confirmed.  
iii)        **Mental Health Bench Plaques** – Walkabout date confirmed.  
Cllr Terrett thanked the Committee Clerk for her work
- 24/44A      **Markets- 2024 Trader Feedback Response**  
i)          Market Questionnaire and Report - feedback and responses – Update by Committee Clerk – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 3*)  
Members noted the report and questionnaire responses and thanked the Enquiries and Community Vehicle Coordinator for her work. A discussion ensued. Cllr Richards noted that a broader variety of stalls would be favourable. Members questioned if a food court could be created and that a new Market Plan could be researched. Cllr Terrett proposed that – '**the Deputy Clerk, with support from the Enquiries and Community Vehicle Coordinator, should research Marketing planning, Marketing opportunities, board and banner placement, Market leaflet design, gutter strips for stalls and report back to the Committee at the next meeting for approval and recommendation to Full Council for budget spend. The Committee also approves engagement with WSR to add Market details on their Social Media**'. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

- ii) To approve amended Market policy for 2025 - (*Paperwork to be circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 4***). Members noted the amendments to Market policy. Cllr Richards proposed that – **‘the amended Market Policy for 2025 is approved’**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- iii) Traders Social Evening – to approve recommendation to host Market Traders Social, confirm date and time of event and approve budget of up to £50.00 – Verbal update by Committee Clerk. Members noted the recommendation. Cllr Richards proposed that – **‘the Market Traders Social Event to be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Watchet Visitors Centre with a budget of up to £50.00 is approved’**. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried.

24/45A

**Esplanade bookings**

- i) Emerald Ant CIC – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 9.00am – 6.30pm  
Members noted the application. Cllr Terrett proposed that – **‘the Emerald Ant CIC booking on the Esplanade on 31<sup>st</sup> August is approved, subject to all necessary paperwork being submitted’**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

24/46A

**Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion

- Vehicle parking on the Esplanade
- RBL
- Market Management structure

Meeting closed at 6.23pm

Signed.....

Date.....*20/2/25*