

## Minutes of the Recreation & Tourism Meeting Thursday 20th February 2025 @6pm

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

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

- 24/47A      **To Receive Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))  
Cllr Terrett proposed that **'apologies given by Cllr Johnson are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried. 1 Against.
- 24/48A      **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. **Cllr Whetlor declared a personal interest in item 24/50(iii) Appendix 2 – took part in discussion and voting.**
- 24/49A      **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025** (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41 (1) - (*paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1*). Cllr Brake proposed that **'the minutes of the Recreation and Tourism Committee meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January are a true and correct copy'**. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried. 1 Abstention.
- 24/50A      **Committee Clerks Report** – Update from Committee Clerk – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 2*). The Committee Clerk presented the on the following topics:  
(i)      **VE/VJ/Somerset Day** – School Competition.  
(ii)      **Market Stall Planning** - Update  
(iii)      **Vehicular Right of Way Esplanade** – Update on current regulations regarding vehicles on the Esplanade and the locking of the Esplanade gates. A discussion ensued.  
Cllr Whetlor proposed that – **'the issues regarding the locking of the Esplanade gates and vehicular access is brought to E, P & T with input from the Recreation and Tourism Committee'**. Seconded by Cllr Moss. Carried. 1 Abstention.
- 24/51A      **Knights Templar Gazebo hire waiver request** – Update from Committee Clerk (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 3*).  
(i)      To approve request from Knights Templar School to waiver costs of Gazebo hire for a charitable fund-raising event. The Committee Clerk updated members. A discussion ensued. Cllr Whetlor noted that the Committee must be careful regarding setting a precedent. Cllr Terrett proposed that – **'the hire costs for the Gazebo's are waived on this one occasion, however, Knights Templar School should be advised to apply for a grant from Watchet Town Council in 2025 to cover possible future costs.'** Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/52A      **Welcome to Watchet Leaflet**  
(i)      To approve proofreading of leaflet- Update by Committee Clerk (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 4a*) The Committee Clerk updated members and reiterated that all proof reading comments, and corrections should be sent to herself and that none had been submitted to date.  
(ii)      To approve quantity and costings for leaflets to be debited from the precepted 2025 budget of EP&T Committee. Update on decision to Full Council required (*Paperwork*

circulated to members prior to meeting via **Appendix 4b**) Deferred to Full Council on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

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**Leaf Electric Vehicle Charging on the Esplanade:**

- (i) To approve new Esplanade booking confirmation letter – (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via **Appendix 5***) The Committee Clerk update members. A discussion ensued. Cllr Richards noted that all drivers of the Leaf Electric vehicle should be instructed to park by the Community Book Shop window and not in front of the Esplanade Lane gates. Cllr Richards proposed that – **‘the new Esplanade booking confirmation letter is approved’**. Seconded by Cllr Brake Carried.

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**Esplanade Bookings**

- (i) Channel UK Events CIC 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
(ii) 1940’s Homefront Event 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
(iii) Watchet Summertime 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025  
(iv) Eat, Drink & Arts Festival 21<sup>st</sup> June

Cllr Terret proposed that – **‘All Esplanade bookings are approved subject to the necessary paperwork being submitted and approved.’** Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

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

- Mental Health Plaques Report

Meeting closed at 6.23pm

Signed.....



Date.....

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