

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Members: Cllr B. Bawden, Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr P. Evans, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr P. May, Cllr C. Prichard, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr D. Ruffle, Cllr J. Trevena, Cllr G. Turner

Other members: Cllr S. Larcombe

Officers: C. Austin (administrative and community engagement assistant), A. Mullins (support services manager)

24/80/TCP Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis that Cllr P. Evans is chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee.

Cllr P. Evans was duly **ELECTED** as chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Caddy that Cllr C. Reynolds is vice-chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee.

Cllr C. Reynolds was duly **ELECTED** as vice-chairman.

24/81/TCP Terms of Reference

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis, the terms of reference were **RECEIVED**.

24/82/TCP Public Forum

K. Gollop

K. Gollop said he had been approached by a family who had visited the town for nearly 40 years who had complained about the state of the town, which he was covered in dust, rubbish and vegetation. He said he would also approach Dorset Council (DC) with these issues. He raised the following issues: lack of road sweeping, gutters full of vegetation, houses not being lived in or looked after on Coombe Street and Ozone Terrace, the derelict phone box at the bottom of Bell Cliff, the area underneath the Bell Cliff advertising boards not being swept for years, the state of the steps near the Jane Austen Gardens, the

unsightly and smelly bins on Gun Cliff, and businesses putting tables and chairs outside where they could be storing their bins.

It was noted members were aware of the issues that needed to be put right and the bus shelter at Bell Cliff would be referred to the Town Management and Highways Committee.

K. Gollop was advised to report issues to DC, although some areas were the responsibility of Highways England.

Cllr B. Bawden left the meeting at 7.50pm.

24/83/TCP Apologies

Cllr C. Aldridge – prior commitment

24/84/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024 were **ADOPTED**.

23/85/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

23/86/TCP Dispensations

There were none.

23/87/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 April 2024

Members noted the report.

23/88/TCP Update Report

Sculpture trail

The support services manager said she was still waiting on a date for the installation of the Juggler sculpture.

Party in the Park

The support services manager encouraged members to support the event by helping to steward and promote it.

It was acknowledged this was a good opportunity for members to meet the electorate and to create some positive PR. The staff were thanked for organising and promoting the event.

23/89/TCP Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee - Objectives

Beach Wheelchair

The support services manager said the replacement beach wheelchair would be delivered on Friday. She said the front desk team already had ideas on how to publicise the beach wheelchairs and the replacement wheelchair would be a good photo opportunity for members.

Members asked how much beach matting was available for accessibility.

The support services manager said beach matting was provided near the trampoline concession and on Monmouth beach, although it could only go so far as the beach was tidal. However, the beach wheelchairs were designed to be driven across the sand.

23/90/TCP D-Day 80 Commemorations

The staff and Cllr P. Evans were thanked for their hard work organising and advertising the events.

It was noted the Lympstone Military Wives Choir had said their performance at Woodmead Halls was their best concert yet and they would like to perform at Lyme Regis again.

23/91/TCP Sculpture Trail Working Group Membership

It was suggested the sculpture trail working group was combined with the gardens working group.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr D. Ruffle, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to integrate the sculpture trail working group into the gardens working group.

23/92/TCP eat:Lyme Regis

Members discussed issues which arose during previous events and noted the business group was not in favour of the event.

Some members said the public enjoyed the event and the council should consider the public view.

The support services manager said DC always consulted with the town council before permission was granted for any event. She said DC did not feel the previous event ran smoothly. She said the event organisers had gone ahead with the organisation of the event, including accepting payment from traders, without the go ahead from DC. She said the DC ward member, Cllr B. Bawden had offered to meet with the organisers, but the organisers had not accepted this offer.

Members agreed it was important to take the views of the business group into consideration because they were working hard to improve the relationship between the council and the local businesses.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the council does not support eat:Lyme Regis.

23/93/TCP Free Parking Days

Members discussed the suggested dates in December and which events would benefit most from free parking.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to agree the non-charging date in Lyme Regis car parks as Monday 23 December 2024.

23/94/TCP Request for Funding – Fireworks

Members asked why the Regatta and Carnival Committee could not apply for the funding through the grants' process.

The support services manager said the community grants were not available to grant-giving organisations, although she suggested it could be considered for a term grant when applications were invited later this year.

Members had concerns about using unbudgeted expenditure but acknowledged both residents and visitors enjoyed the displays, and they brought crowds of people into the town.

The support services manager reminded members they did not have to award what was requested and it was up to members to decide how much financial support they gave.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to contribute a total of £4,000 towards the cost of the summer and autumn fireworks' displays.

23/95/TCP Grant Review, Lyme Arts Community Trust

Members noted the report.

23/96/TCP Grant Review, The Hub

Members noted the report.

23/97/TCP Grant Review, Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride

Members noted the report.

23/98/TCP Grant Review, Bridport and District Citizens Advice

The support services manager said the Citizens' Advice Bureau was looking to bring an energy advice bus service to Lyme Regis and officers had suggested the Woodmead car park to accommodate this service.

23/99/TCP Grant Review, B Sharp

The support services manager reminded members about B Sharp' annual Busking Festival on Saturday 6 July 2024.

23/100/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.