LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2024

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Members: Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr P. Evans, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr P. May, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr J. Trevena, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Other members: Cllr M. Denney

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

Guests: M. Smith (Waffle Lyme). S. Mclachlan (Waffle Lyme)

24/119/TCP   Public Forum

There were no members of the public wished to speak.

24/120/TCP   Apologies

Cllr G. Caddy – holiday
Cllr D. Holland – prior commitment
Cllr G. Turner – work commitments

24/121/TCP   Minutes

Proposed by Cllr C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis, the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2024 were **ADOPTED**.

24/122/TCP   Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

24/123/TCP   Dispensations

There were none.

23/124/TCP   To receive a presentation from the directors of Waffle Lyme

M. Smith and S. Mclachlan presented updates about the Waffle Lyme venture. They informed members about the organisation and its aims. They said the goal of the Waffle organisation was to support the community through social infrastructure and it was not-for-profit.

The support services manager said she would have further discussions with them about how grant funding from the town council could help to support the Waffle initiative.

M. Smith and S. Mclachlan said the community projects would work around what the community of Lyme Regis needed. The option of a Post Office counter was explored, but it still needed to be approved by the Post Office.

The support services manager asked how the town council could support the application to the Post Office, because it was a top priority of the council to re-establish this service in the town.

23/125/TCP **Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September 2024**

VE Day 90

The support services manager said the group working on plans for for VE Day 90 had met earlier that day and had planned a modest programme of events to mark the occasion. An update on the progress would be bought to the next meeting of the committee.

23/126/TCP **Update Report**

Outdoor gym equipment

The support services manager said the free equipment instruction session at the outdoor gym equipment had been well attended. The members who had attended on the day said how patient the instructor had been and said they had enjoyed the session.

A member suggested the council could look into asking local fitness instructors to run outdoor sessions at the outdoor gym.

The support services manager said this could be looked into further.

23/127/TCP **Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee – Objectives**

The support services manager said there had been one more application for the bursary scheme since the report was written.

23/128/TCP **To receive the minutes of the Party in the Park Working Group meeting held on 30 October 2024**

Proposed by Cllr A. Wood and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, the minutes of the Party in the Park Working Group held on 30 October 2024 were **RECEIVED**.

23/129/TCP **Dorset Town of Culture 2026**

Members were concerned about the amount of work that would be involved in submitting an expression of interest and putting together a full application. It was noted Bridport had employed someone specifically to manage this in their town so there was concern about the amount of resources and budget which would be required.

However, members were open to considering an application for 2027.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** not to submit an expression of interest for Lyme Regis to become the Dorset Town of Culture 2026.

23/130/TCP   **Sculpture Trail**

Members noted the report.

23/131/TCP   **Managing Consultation Exercises**

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 8pm.