

**LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL**

**TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2017**

**Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds

**Members:** Cllr R. Doney, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr J. Scowen, Cllr S. Williams

**Other members:** Cllr D. Hallett, Cllr O. Lovell, Cllr G. Turner

**Officers:** Mr M. Green (deputy town clerk), Mrs A. Mullins (administrative officer)

**17/1/TCP Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The mayor, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis opened the meeting.

Cllr R. Doney nominated Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds as chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee, seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe.

There being no other nominations, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds was duly **ELECTED** as chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds nominated Cllr R. Doney as vice-chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee, seconded by Cllr Brian Larcombe.

There being no other nominations, Cllr R. Doney was duly **ELECTED** as vice-chairman of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee.

**17/2/TCP Terms of Reference**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr R. Doney, the committee **RECEIVED** its terms of reference.

**17/3/TCP Public Forum**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**17/4/TCP Apologies**

There were none.

**17/5/TCP Minutes**

Under minute number 16/87/TCP, Cllr B. Larcombe said he wouldn't know the location of water meters so he doubted he said it, and asked for this to be removed from the minutes.

Proposed by Cllr R. Doney and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, with the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2017 were **ADOPTED**.

**17/6/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were none.

**17/7/TCP Dispensations**

There was no grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

**17/8/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 April 2017**

**Accessibility**

Cllr S. Larcombe asked for an update on the lift at the Marine Parade Shelters as it had been out of order for some time.

The deputy town clerk said an urgent meeting was being arranged with the lift manufacturer to resolve the issue.

**Lyme Voice**

Cllr B. Larcombe asked if members would see the survey questions before they went out.

The deputy town clerk said they could be circulated through the members' briefing.

**Publicly-accessible seafront WiFi**

Cllr J. Scowen asked why the council was considering extending the reach of the proposed system if it was causing a delay in installation.

*Cllr G. Turner left the meeting at 7.24pm.*

The deputy town clerk said the delay was not due to proposals to extend the system or the potential for match funding; it was due to the requirement to place the order earlier in the year, which had not been possible.

Cllr J. Scowen asked when the system was likely to be installed.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds asked Adrian Ragbourne, from the Coastal Communities Team (CCT) to respond.

Mr Ragbourne said a site meeting was taking place the following week and it was hoped the system would be installed by October half term.

#### **17/9/TCP Update Report**

##### **Showers on the beach**

The deputy town clerk said the new valves had been installed but this had not resolved the problem. He said the supplier was intending on carrying out a site visit to try and find a solution.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she hoped any costs, such as wasted water, would be paid by the supplier.

The deputy town clerk said the water meter was read before the showers were installed and was being monitored. He said the showers were currently turned off and would remain so until the supplier could visit.

Cllr O. Lovell requested water meter readings for the showers were supplied to the relevant committee.

##### **PA system on the seafront**

It was reported the extension of the system would cost £330.

#### **17/10/TCP Use of Seafront Beach Hut for Photography Project**

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds invited Andy Webster to talk to members about his proposals and he answered members' questions.

Cllr B. Larcombe asked Mr Webster if he would be prepared to sign a disclaimer agreeing the council would not be responsible for any complaints which may be made. This was not agreed by the committee.

Some members were concerned families would be prevented from using beach huts if they were being used for this purpose.

Mr Webster said he didn't require six consecutive days and he would manage use of the huts in conjunction with the Blue Sea Café.

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve the use of a Cart Road beach hut by a photography student in connection with a portrait project, subject to availability and adherence to the terms and conditions of hire, with the full cost of hire payable.

#### **17/11/TCP Grant Agreement Review, LymeArts Community Trust**

Cllr S. Williams believed it was made clear to LymeArts Community Trust (LACT) that full audited accounts should be made available to the council, but so far members had not seen any figures.

Cllr J. Scowen, the council's representative on LACT, said he had seen the monthly management figures and he understood they would be circulated to members.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she would ask if the figures could be circulated to members.

#### **17/12/TCP LymeForward Grant Review Meeting**

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds confirmed the proposed town council projects for LymeForward in 2017/18 were agreed at the recent LymeForward steering group meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve LymeForward developing engagement with the business community, supporting the development of the business group, promoting a safer neighbourhood, developing Lyme Voice as a consultation vehicle, and improve facilities in Langmoor and Lister Gardens as part of a grant application to the Coastal Communities Fund as town council projects for LymeForward in 2017/18.

#### **17/13/TCP Grant Agreement Review, B Sharp**

Cllr B. Larcombe said although participation figures had been provided, it was still not clear how many young people from Lyme Regis were registered with B Sharp.

Cllr B. Larcombe said as the town council's grants were intended for projects rather than running costs, he asked if the retention of any paid staff was dependent on that funding.

Cllr D. Hallett asked why the skatepark was involved with B Sharp's activities.

As the council's representative on B Sharp, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she would put these issues to B Sharp and report the information back to members.

#### **17/14/TCP Grant Agreement Review, The Hub**

Members were concerned that if The Hub was booked for one-off events, the local groups which met there regularly were unable to use the venue. Members agreed the local groups should be given priority.

Cllr O. Lovell said as Lyme Regis Development Trust was using a space in The Hub as its offices, it should be paying a rent to The Hub.

As the council's representative on The Hub, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she would take up these issues with Diane Earle and report the information back to members.

**17/15/TCP Photography Competition for 2018 Lyme Regis Guide**

In response to a member question, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said the council would not have to pay to use Simon Emmett's photographs in the guide, as he had given them to the council.

Proposed by Cllr J. Scowen and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve running a photography competition to gather images for the 2018 Lyme Regis guide, with the judging to be carried out by a panel.

**17/16/TCP Request for Twinning with Richmond, Queensland, Australia**

Cllr B. Larcombe said if Lyme Regis was interested in twinning with a town due to their common interest of fossils, he suggested Solnhofen in Germany. He said beyond fossils, there was nothing to link Lyme Regis with Richmond.

Cllr R. Doney said it could be difficult to maintain meaningful links to ensure the twinning was of benefit to the two towns. If there was a will to pursue this twinning, he suggested consulting with Lyme Regis Museum, with a potential to link with Richmond's marine fossil museum.

Cllr S. Williams said the council shouldn't be involved in facilitating the twinning; there needed to be a separate group of people to take it forward.

Cllr O. Lovell suggested a public appeal to find people who would be interested in taking forward the idea of twinning with Richmond.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr J. Scowen, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to put out a public appeal to find people who would be interested in taking forward the idea of twinning with Richmond, Queensland, Australia, to discuss the idea with Lyme Regis Museum to establish if there is any value in developing a relationship with the museum in Richmond, and to write to the ambassador for Richmond to inform her of the latest position and establish what she would expect from the twinning of the two towns.

**17/17/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises**

Members noted the report.

*The meeting closed at 8.47pm.*