

## LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

### TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

##### Present

**Chairman:** Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds

**Members:** Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr P. Hicks, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr S. Williams

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

**Absent:** Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr S. Larcombe

##### 17/47/TCP Public Forum

##### Chris Boothroyd

Mr Boothroyd invited members of the committee to a meeting on 23 November 2017 at Woodmead Halls regarding proposed healthcare changes over the next year. He said Virgin had the contract on Lyme Regis Medical Centre for all community services across three practices. He said the meeting would update people on work-in-progress by the health and wellbeing group, under the auspices of LymeForward. Mr Boothroyd said the purpose of the meeting was to gather feedback and lay the foundations for public pressure. He said the key issues were medical health provision to children and families, the frail and elderly, and patients discharged from hospital. He said this was underpinned with problems of location in terms of transport, access to services, and proximity to the Devon border. Mr Boothroyd said the health and wellbeing group were a strong group, with members including a retired surgeon. He said although it was not a statutory responsibility for the town council, it was important councillors were engaged with this issue and supported the cause where necessary. Mr Boothroyd said he would be prepared to present the information to an informal meeting of councillors or anyone interested, outside of a committee meeting.

##### 17/48/TCP Apologies

Cllr R. Doney – family matters

Cllr J. Broom – holiday

Cllr D. Hallett – illness

Cllr P. Ridley – family matters

Cllr J. Scowen – family matters

##### 17/49/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. Hicks, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017 were **ADOPTED**.

**17/50/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were none.

**17/51/TCP Dispensations**

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

**17/52/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 October 2017**

**Grant Agreement Review, LymeArts Community Trust**

Cllr G. Turner asked for the names of the trustees to be provided to members. He also asked how much it would cost for the council to purchase the Marine Theatre, in accordance with any existing lease arrangements.

The deputy town clerk gave a summary of the terms of the lease and the restrictions within it. He said the trustees' names would be provided to members.

**17/53/TCP Update Report**

The administrative officer said the front cover of the Lyme Regis guide 2018, the winning photography competition images, and the Visit Dorset adverts would be emailed to members.

**17/54/TCP Jubilee Pavilion Future Management and Use**

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she believed a decision on the future use of the pavilion should be deferred as discussions were now taking place regarding the possibility of the town council taking over the management of the tourist information centre (TIC) from West Dorset District Council (WDDC). She believed there was potential for the TIC to operate from the Jubilee Pavilion.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she would like the opportunity to discuss this further with WDDC and to report back to the Strategy and Finance Committee.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she believed the council should retain the volunteers, even if the TIC was located at the pavilion. She suggested advertising for new volunteers, speaking to existing volunteers about continuing and maybe taking on the co-ordinator role, and speaking to former volunteers.

Members discussed the use of the touch screen. The deputy town clerk said the technology was outdated and the money required to update it and integrate it with the new tourism website would be better spent on other technology.

The deputy town clerk said there were other potential uses for the touch screen, such as an outside events' screen.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that alternative uses for the touch screen at the Jubilee Pavilion be looked at but that a solution to link it to the current tourism website is not pursued; that the events' screen and projector are left turned on and active for the time being; and that the position with regards to the volunteer co-ordinator and volunteers be noted and reviewed regularly, having regard to progress with other issues.

**17/55/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises**

Members requested a covering report for this item in future, to better explain the ongoing consultations.

*The meeting closed at 7.34pm.*