

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2018

Present

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds

Members: Cllr J. Broom, Cllr R. Doney, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr P. Hicks,
Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr J. Scowen, Cllr G. Turner

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

Absent: Cllr P. Ridley

17/56/TCP Public Forum

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

17/57/TCP Apologies

Cllr D. Hallett
Cllr B. Larcombe – another meeting
Cllr S. Williams – holiday

17/58/TCP Minutes

Cllr G. Turner asked for a copy of the Marine Theatre lease to be sent to members.

Cllr J. Scowen asked for the list of LymeArts Community Trust trustees to be re-sent to him.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017 were **ADOPTED**.

17/59/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

17/60/TCP Dispensations

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

17/61/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 November 2017

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said the council had been approached by Turn Lyme Green to run an exhibition in the Jubilee Pavilion over Easter. Members agreed this was a good use of the space.

17/62/TCP Update Report

Chamber of Commerce

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said there was very little interest in forming a chamber of commerce in Lyme Regis but she would be making contact with the two interested businesspeople in February to make one last attempt. She said she also intended on discussing it with the Lyme Bay Ladies group, which included many businesspeople.

Members discussed whether there was anything more the council could do to encourage the formation of a chamber of commerce.

Cllr S. Larcombe suggested offering some start-up funding, such as paying any membership fees for the first year.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she would find out what fees would be payable, and it was agreed a report would be brought to the next meeting to allow members to consider this further.

17/63/TCP Minutes of the WWI Commemorations and Memorial Refurbishment Working Group meetings held on 22 September and 27 October 2017

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr J. Scowen, the minutes of the WWI Commemorations and Memorial Refurbishment Working Group meetings held on 22 September and 27 October 2017 were **RECEIVED**.

17/64/TCP Jurassic Coast Magazine and Lyme Magazine

Members felt there was no need for the council to advertise in these publications unless it had something specific to promote, especially as it would only be circulated in the local area.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** not to advertise in the 2018 edition of the Jurassic Magazine and Lyme Magazine.

17/65/TCP Request for Funding to Complete a Film about the Life of Mary Anning

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said Dorset County Council (DCC) would not be providing any funding, and West Dorset District Council (WDDC) had not yet made a decision. She said the director/producer believed she had raised funds from the local community, but she would check the amount.

As the previously made resolution would require a rescission motion if members wished to make an alternative resolution, it was agreed no action should be taken at this time, and the offer of £5,000 still stood, based on the previous conditions.

The deputy town clerk said if a rescission motion was to be considered, it was important to be clear about WDDC's position before an alternative decision is made.

17/66/TCP Skate Park Contractors in Voluntary Liquidation

Cllr S. Larcombe asked if the fencing at the skate park would be fixed.

The deputy town clerk said although the fencing wasn't identified as a particular snagging issue, as the work was not carried out by Wheelscape, there was enough retention to cover the repairs.

17/67/TCP Community Week 2018

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she was concerned there would be more than one organisation running a stall or activity each day, which would split the potential proceeds for the organisations.

The administrative officer said it was intended to make Community Week a more significant event, which would benefit through having numerous stalls and activities to attract people.

17/68/TCP Litter Free Takeaways and Kiosks

The administrative officer said the deadline for submissions for the art installation had passed, and the chosen submission would be brought to the next meeting when members could consider whether to allow it to feature on the beach or seafront.

Cllr R. Doney said given the increased concern over plastics, this initiative was a real opportunity for the town to develop a reputation for reducing plastic waste, which in turn would make the town more attractive to visitors. He said he would look into which other towns had started doing this.

The deputy town clerk said as the town council and WDDC were the landlords of the majority of tenants on the seafront, there was an opportunity to have some influence.

17/69/TCP Council Publicity

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said it was intended to defer the proposal for the council to produce a monthly news sheet, as it had now been announced a new online news outlet would be launching, together with a fortnightly newspaper, called Lyme Online.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds asked Mr P. Evans to brief members on Lyme Online.

Mr Evans said Lyme Online would cover Lyme Regis, Uplyme and Charmouth, with 4,000 copies of a fortnightly newspaper. He said the offer for the council to have a regular column still stood. He said a quarterly magazine would also be produced.

17/70/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds drew members' attention to an additional consultation regarding the Dorset Police precept and encouraged everyone to take part.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis said she had a meeting the following day with PCSO Amanda King and PC Kirsti Frecknall to discuss policing issues.

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said she believed there needed to be a meeting with the Dorset police and crime commissioner Martyn Underhill.

It was agreed Cllr Mrs M. Ellis would have the meeting with the two local officers and if she was not satisfied, a meeting with Mr Underhill would be requested.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.