

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018

Present

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds

Members: Cllr J. Broom, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr S. Williams

Officers: Mr M. Green (deputy town clerk)

Other members: Cllr S. Miller

18/46/TCP Public Forum

Chris Boothroyd of Lyme Road spoke in his capacity as director of LymeForward. He explained that LymeForward was mandated to give an annual report and forward plan to members of this council. He understood that the report and plan was in the process of being forwarded to members by the town clerk for consideration at the January meeting of this committee. He requested that any questions be asked of him, either now or later.

He also reminded members of the DROP event planned to take place on 28 November 2018, to which all town councillors were invited and which would consider issues about health provision vitally important to the future of the local community.

18/47/TCP Apologies

Cllr R. Doney
Cllr D. Hallett – holiday
Cllr P. Hicks
Cllr S. Larcombe
Cllr P. Ridley – holiday
Cllr J. Scowen
Cllr G. Turner

18/48/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr S. Williams, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2018 were **ADOPTED**.

18/49/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

18/50/TCP Dispensations

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

18/51/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 August 2018

Webcam

Cllr J. Broom suggested that if the problems were associated with existing hardware, the necessary budgetary provision should be made and the required new parts bought and installed.

Army Cadet Force

Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds said the first meeting of the ACF was due to take place at the Tunnel on 17 December 2018 and there might also be positive news about funding in the near future.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr S. Williams, she felt the location was ideal, that the owner of the Tunnel had been tremendously helpful and supportive and that the facilities, including the rifle range and outside space, made it a perfect location for young people from both Lyme Regis, Charmouth and the surrounding area.

18/52/TCP Update Report

Open-air cinema

Cllr S. Williams said much more information was required before a further open-air cinema event could be permitted to take place in the gardens.

18/53/TCP Wedding Brochure

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr S. Williams, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that the proposal from The Marketing Consultancy to produce a printed and digital wedding brochure to advertise the Guildhall as a wedding venue at no cost to the council be accepted.

18/54/TCP Town-Wide WiFi

The deputy town clerk explained about a previous attempt by another local organisation to introduce publicly-accessible WiFi in Lyme which had cost in excess of £70k and which had never worked successfully for a variety of reasons. He also explained the background to the request to extend the current seafront system to the Monmouth Beach area. He advised that dedicated leased lines could be provided to improve speed and capacity, but these were much more expensive than a normal shared WiFi connection; in the region of £600-800 per month per line, excluding any additional installation costs.

Cllr S. Miller explained that he was attending on behalf of Cllr R. Doney who was unable to be present. He felt that the proposal to extend publicly-accessible Wifi was premature and required further analysis and justification. He said there was no current rationale to proceed and the council should not do so.

Members were unanimously of the view that there was no demonstrated need or justification to extend publicly-accessible WiFi to other parts of Lyme Regis.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** not to support the extension of publicly-accessible WiFi to any other areas of Lyme Regis.

18/55/TCP Community Minibus

The chairman introduced the report and explained that there were two possible options available to the council; to buy the vehicle outright or to manage the booking and use of the vehicle and to bear all the costs associated with its use by the community, including insurance and maintenance.

Members thanked Richard Clist for his very generous offer but were of the view that the practical difficulties associated with booking, administration, storage and use meant that it was not sensible for the council to get directly involved.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to thank Richard Clist for his kind offer of a minibus for use by the local community but to decline getting directly involved in either its acquisition or its management, hire and maintenance.

18/56/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.