

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019

Present

Chairman: Cllr J. Scowen

Members: Cllr J. Broom, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, Cllr D. Hallett, Cllr P. Hicks, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr G. Turner

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

Other members: Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr S. Miller

Absent: Cllr P. Ridley

In the absence of the committee chairman and vice-chairman, the mayor, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis opened the meeting and called for nominations for a chairman for this meeting.

Cllr J. Broom nominated Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe.

Cllr D. Hallett nominated Cllr J. Scowen, seconded by Cllr P. Hicks.

Following a vote, Cllr J. Scowen was nominated as chairman for this meeting and took the chair.

18/57/TCP

Public Forum

Mr G. Davies

Mr Davies spoke in relation to agenda item 8, Footgolf Proposal for Strawberry Field, as he was the applicant. He said footgolf was a combination of football and golf, aimed at anyone from the age they could walk through to grandparents. He said the sport was developed in America and in recent years it had had great success in the United Kingdom, with one of the first facilities being introduced in Cornwall. Mr Davies said he understood there was a covenant on Strawberry Field restricting its use for recreational purposes, and as such, he believed footgolf could be the perfect offering in the space. He said the area would be used in a similar way to the former pitch and putt, using the same type of footprint and format. Mr Davies said it would have minimal impact on the land and environment as there were no significant groundworks required and the landscape could easily be reverted to its original state. He said footgolf was an activity that promoted outdoor activities and encouraged children away from games consoles. He said it was accessible to all ages, it could be played by children, families and grandparents, it would appeal to holidaymakers, it

could be used by local clubs and social groups, and even corporate days and team-building. Mr Davies said the proposed costs made it accessible at under £25 for a family of four. He said it would be a unique leisure activity for the area, as there was nothing like it on offer currently, and it would help put Lyme Regis on the map.

18/58/TCP Apologies

Cllr R. Doney
Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds – holiday
Cllr S. Williams – holiday

18/59/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr P. Hicks, the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 were **ADOPTED**.

18/60/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

18/61/TCP Dispensations

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

18/62/TCP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 2018

Members noted the report.

18/63/TCP Update Report

Members noted the report.

18/64/TCP Footgolf Proposal for Strawberry Field

Members agreed footgolf would be a good use of the area, fitting the requirements of the lease for recreational use.

However, members also agreed approval of this use should not deflect from the council's plans for a large-scale recreational project for Strawberry Field. As such, members agreed its use for footgolf should be for a limited period.

Cllr J. Scowen suggested it should not be for more than one year at a time.

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis asked what the applicant would be charged for use of the land.

The deputy town clerk suggested the operations manager was authorised to negotiate with the applicant, taking into account timescales and charges, and

for this information to be reported to the Full Council on 13 February 2019 to allow members to make a quick decision.

Proposed by Cllr D. Hallett and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to approve, in principle, a proposal to use Strawberry Field for footgolf, subject to further details being reported to the Full Council on 13 February 2019.

18/65/TCP Dorset Street Food Festival

The deputy town clerk drew members' attention to a request from the organiser of Jazz Jurassica that the food festival was not held on 31 May to 2 June, the week after Jazz Jurassica, as it might affect her ability to attract food traders to the event.

There was some concern about the event being held on the roof of the shelters and the potential for damage to be done to the surface.

However, Cllr J. Broom said the patch repairs had been done, there were no leaks, and he was satisfied events could be held on the roof without any problems being caused.

Members acknowledged the 2018 festival had been well managed and generally agreed 12 to 14 July 2019 was the preferred date.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to agree a second Dorset Street Food Festival is held in Lyme Regis in 2019 on 12 to 14 July, inclusive, and to give authority to the town clerk to negotiate a charge for use of the roof of the Marine Parade Shelters.

18/66/TCP Coastal Communities Fund Round 5 Bid

Members noted the report.

18/67/TCP Diary of Major Events

The deputy town clerk said the dates for Lyme Splash Water Polo Championship (3-4 August) and Lyme Splash (8 September) had been omitted from the diary as shown in the agenda. However, these dates had been included in the calendar of events in the 2019 Lyme Regis guide.

Cllr J. Scowen asked for a copy of the calendar of events to be sent to members.

18/68/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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