

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Members: Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr A. Wood

Officers: C. Austin (administrative and community engagement assistant), A. Mullins (support services manager)

24/172/TCP Public Forum

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

24/173/TCP Apologies

Cllr G. Turner – work commitments

It was noted Cllrs C. Aldridge, S. Cockerell and P. May had resigned from the committee.

24/174/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025 were **ADOPTED**.

24/175/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

Cllr M. Denney arrived at the meeting at 7.01pm

24/176/TCP Dispensations

There were none.

24/177/TCP Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 March 2025

Barfleur Twinning Association

Cllr P. Evans said he had not received a response to the invitation to the mayor of Barfleur to attend the VE Day 80 celebrations. However, he was willing to travel to Barfleur with the twinning association in October to try to reinstate the

twinning connection. He said an invitation had also been sent to the mayor of Cruelly in France because there had been a twinning association between the two football clubs for over 40 years, which had now finished. He said the council had been in contact and said they were very interested in initiating a twinning association.

The support services manager said if this was pursued, the town council could support the set-up of the twinning association between Lyme Regis and Cruelly, but it was better if the twinning association was detached from the council. She said generally the mayor would be the president of the association.

Town Council Magazine

The support services manager presented a copy of the May edition of LymeLiving to the members.

Stampede by the Sea

Cllr P. Evans said the art trail had been very popular since its installation in the town. He said he had received an email correspondence from a resident, which suggested the town council purchased the "Flock to the Seaside" sculpture as it featured painted seagulls, to highlight the seagull problem in Lyme Regis.

Sculpture Trail

The support services manager said Woodroffe School had sent photographs of the sculptures in development, and she would send them to members. She said the maquettes would be on display at the Jubilee Pavilion from Thursday 17 April and over the Easter weekend.

24/178/TCP Update Report

Tourism microsite

Members were concerned the latest website statistics from the tourism microsite showed a drop in visits to the site.

The support services manager said it would be investigated by Dorset Council and compared to the main Visit Dorset website statistics, to understand whether it was specifically related to the webcam. She said she would provide members with more information when it was available.

24/179/TCP Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee - Objectives

Sporting Lyme

The support services manager said there was a typing error on the Sporting Lyme event target completion date and it should read September 2026 as it was planned to hold the event between May and September 2026.

Improve noticeboards

The support services manager said officers had thought about locations for free-standing noticeboards and had found two suitable locations: a wall-mounted noticeboard at Bell Cliff and a free-standing noticeboard at the Anning Road playing field.

Members were in favour of these proposed locations.

24/180/TCP To receive the minutes of the Party in the Park Working Group meeting held on 26 March 2025

Proposed by Cllr G. Caddy and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, the minutes of the Party in the Park Working Group held on 26 March 2025 were **RECEIVED**.

24/181/TCP Additional Free Parking Days

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to agree the two additional non-charging days in Lyme Regis car parks in 2025 as suggested by Lyme Regis Business Association, the association has requested Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October 2025.

24/182/TCP Static and Mobile Vendors' Concession

Members were satisfied that as there was no feedback from the wider membership of Lyme Regis Business Association, there appeared to be no objections.

Some members still had concerns about concessions conflicting with existing businesses and said full consideration would be taken when approving a concession.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to re-introduce a static and mobile vendors' concession and to invite applications.

The support services manager suggested this was advertised before the Full Council meeting so applications could be considered at that meeting, therefore this recommendation would be retrospectively considered by the Full Council.

24/183/TCP Sporting Lyme – Delegation of Members

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** Members delegate Cllrs G. Caddy, M. Denney, C. Reynolds, A. Wood and D. Holland to work on the organisation of Sporting Lyme

24/184/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Members noted the report.

24/185/TCP Additional Seafront and Beach Concession

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr D. Holland, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential information relating to an individual within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

24/186/TCP Exempt Business

a) Additional Seafront and Beach Concession

Some members were concerned with setting a precedent for considering late applications. They said they had turned down other applications because applications had arrived after the deadline.

A member asked why the applicant had missed the deadline.

The support services manager said the applicant had not been aware of the deadline or advertisement of the concessions.

Members **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to refuse the additional application for the fitness and exercise concession.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.