

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Members: Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Officers: C. Austin (communications officer), A. Mullins (assistant town clerk)

25/21/TCP Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

25/22/TCP Apologies

Cllr M. Denney – illness
Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold – holiday
Cllr G. Turner

25/23/TCP Minutes

Proposed by Cllr C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr A. Wood, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2025 were **ADOPTED**.

25/24/TCP Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

25/25/TCP Dispensations

There were none.

25/26/TCP Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2025

Fire Co-responder Service

Cllr M. Ellis declared an interest as her husband is a retained firefighter.

A member said they had received an email from Edward Morello MP which explained he had received no response from the South Western Ambulance Service.

South West Ambulance Service held an event at Woodmead Halls which was well attended and members of the public raised concerns regarding large gaps in the cover of the Lyme Regis area.

There had been a meeting held between the fire co-responders and the South Western Ambulance Service's community first responder, which discussed where the two services could cover the gaps. The fire service had offered the fire station as a training facility.

Lyme Business Awards

The chairman thanked the council for supporting for this event. He said it had been good publicity to sponsor the event and support the businesses in the town.

Party in the Park

The assistant town clerk said a meeting of the working group had taken place prior to the meeting of this committee. She said a draft plan had been discussed and the event for 2026 would run over two separate weekends. The working group had taken on board the feedback from the outdoor cinema evening in 2025 and decided to move the cinema event forward to a Saturday in May with a date to be confirmed. She said it had been agreed to keep the party event in the seafront gardens with entertainment, food vendors, and music options were to be explored.

The chairman said the football club grounds would be unavailable due to drainage works to be completed.

Bursary Scheme for Local Young People

The assistant town clerk said there had still been no response from St Michael's Primary School.

25/27/TCP Update Report

Tourism Website

The assistant town clerk said the figures for the website had dropped but due to the introduction of the AI overview on Google, this was a common occurrence across the entire tourism sector. She said many businesses and organisations had reported less website visits because web users were reading the AI overviews rather than clicking on the websites.

Barfleur Twinning

The chairman said he would be visiting Barfleur in October and would be meeting with the mayor of Barfleur, which was entirely separate from the twinning association's visit. He said he was hopeful the twinning could be revived.

LymeLiving

The assistant town clerk said to honour the 200th anniversary of the Lyme Regis lifeboat, the council would work with the RNLI and publish a feature every month in the LymeLiving magazine in 2026.

Copies of the latest edition were given to members at the meeting, ahead of the release date on Friday.

Mini-Ghoulf

The assistant town clerk encouraged members to attend the event. She said the decorations had been ordered and she hoped the lights in the gardens would be functioning again in time for the event.

Members suggested attending in Halloween costumes.

A member suggested having collection buckets at the event to help raise money towards the assistant town clerk's London Marathon fundraiser.

Youth Council

A member said there had been a lack of communication from Woodroffe since the passing of Mr Loveland, however, she believed the school were working on a solution to continue this initiative.

25/28/TCP Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee – Objectives

Members noted the report.

25/29/TCP Budget Proposals 2026-2027

Members identified this committee's objectives for 2026-27, as listed in the report. There were no new suggestions made.

25/30/TCP Reader and Ripple Sculptures

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr C. Reynolds, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that a formal letter of thanks is sent to Michael Fairfax for gifting the Ripple sculpture to the town and to approve the replacement of the Reader sculpture in wire with a wooden book on a steel rebar frame.

25/31/TCP Sporting Lyme

The chairman said he was delighted with the developments for this project. He said there was a lot of work involved, and he praised the administrative staff for their hard work. He encouraged members to be actively involved in supporting the events.

25/32/TCP Grant Review, Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy

Members noted the report.

25/33/TCP Grant Review, Turn Lyme Green

Members noted the report.

25/34/TCP Grant Review, Waffle House

Members noted the report.

25/35/TCP Grant Review, Lyme Regis Foodbank

Members noted the report.

25/36/TCP Managing Consultation Exercises

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.