



whitchurch town council

MINUTES: AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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PRESENT

Councillors: C. Doyle A. Gilmore M. Phipps C. Purt M. Ridgway
Proper Officer: Mike McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: J. De-Wyrall G. Ebbs A. Hall Public: N/A

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by Committee Chairman, Cllr Phipps

1. Apologies

No Apologies were received for this meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Councillors' Disclosure of Ordinary or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in relation to the agenda items in this meeting were received.

3. Minutes

After a proposal by Cllr Phipps, seconded by Cllr Purt, the minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee Meeting held on 19th June 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

4. Public Participation

It was resolved that Standing Orders were suspended (Proposed Cllr Phipps, seconded Cllr Doyle – all in favour), whilst members of the public were invited to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of business being transacted at the meeting and about any other matter for which the Council has a responsibility.

No questions or comments were raised by Members of the Public, including non-Committee WTC Members.

There being no further items, Standing Orders were reinstated. Proposed Cllr Phipps, seconded Cllr Doyle – all in favour

5. Action Point Update

Completion of actions from the Amenities & Events Committee Meeting of 19th June 2024 were noted, namely:

- a. **Declaration of Climate Emergency (WTC/AE/03/2425)** – adopted by Full Council, 17th July 2024 **(WTC/FC/20/2425)**
- b. **Market Rights – JDL Mini Markets (WTC/AE/04/2425)** – first event Saturday 28th September

6. Advisory Group updates: Heritage Advisory Group

No update was given by Committee Lead for the Heritage Advisory Group, Cllr A. Gilmore

7. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

*Following a proposal from Cllr Phipps, seconded by Cllr Doyle, it was **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters. At the Chair’s discretion, non-WTC Members were allowed to remain for the Confidential Business session of the meeting.*

8. Confidential Action Point Update

The Committee discussed a verbal update from the Proper Officer on actions from previous meetings:

- a. Whitchurch Civic Centre (including CCTV) / Leasehold Premises
- b. Heritage Centre Repairs / Heritage Centre considerations

A summary of the updates received being separately noted.

9. Remembrance Sunday (10th November) & Christmas Lights (23rd November) 2024

The Committee discussed a verbal update from the Proper Officer on arrangements for forthcoming events, which will now form part of public ‘messaging’ for each or carry further action prior to implementation (separately noted).

10. Budget 2025/26 Pre-discussion

The Committee discussed preparatory actions to ensure efficient consideration of plans and budget preparation at its November meeting. This included any increase in operational budget lines necessary to deliver revised service aspirations (though also acknowledged specific challenges in relation to the WTC Estate), together with specific projects which could be considered for catalytic or other funding through WTC Reserves or other funds (separately noted).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair: _____

Date: _____