# Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Working Group:

# On Tuesday 28th February 2023 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

**Members present:**

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)

Aimee L Walker (ALW)

Linda Parker (LP)

Les Hirst (LH)

Mark Ambrose (MA)

Angela Wardle (AW)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

William Calderbank (WC)

Carol Thompson (CT)

Mike Royds (MR)

Glenda Royds (GR)

Sarah Rhodes (SR)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

**AGENDA:**

1. **To receive apologies.**

Lisa MacDowell, Taylor Proctor, Marilyn Jones, Lindsay Fairhurst, Mike Burgess, Jemma Harden, Vicki Henshaw and Anne Tattersall.

1. **To receive declarations of interest.**

None.

1. **To approve the minutes from the last meeting on 24th January 2023.**

Done.

1. **To update on the wreath making / willow weaving event**

LP reported that Creative with Nature are already booked for the date chosen for this event but can pursue other companies if the group want to put this on as an event. Members agreed that this should be pursued and so LP will look into booking other companies.

1. **To agree the purchase of extra lights for Santa Express and an illuminated reindeer for the roof**

DC asked LP if Steve was happy with this. Members discussed the logistics of securing lights onto the roof. ALW volunteered some lights that the Ashcroft is no longer using. Members agreed that they would arrange a time to go up and look at the truck to work out what extra lights were needed.

1. **To agree the purchase of 4 banners to advertise the duck race and to ask does any member want to dress up as a duck on Jan 1st.**

DC reported that we still need sizes to purchase additional waders and then those, together with XXXL waterproof gloves will be purchased for volunteers. LP informed members that she has supplied a fishing net for catching ducks. DC informed members that a larger catching net will also be purchased (approx. 15-20ft long). DC asked members if a cleaning and numbering session could be organised to check the ducks at a later date. Members agreed to purchase at least 4 banners. DC will check with the Kershaw’s for permission to puta banner up at Tong Lane. AW suggested asking the Co-op if their railing could be used.

1. **To update on plans for the May 7th Coronation Event held in conjunction with The Ashcroft**

DC confirmed that the stage has been booked. ALW confirmed that 4 acts have been booked and one will compare the event. DC confirmed that the barriers have been booked and suggested that areas should be separated for sitting and dancing. ALW will look into costs of sourcing an outside bar. LP has asked the ukelele group if they can attend and is awaiting them getting back to her. DC will check with Jemma to see ifher theatre group will be attending. DC to contact local schools and Whitworth Community Choir to ask if they can attend. DC said that we need to advertise stalls, ALW has a list of previous bookings. MB is in contact with The Grid and will pass other details onto RH. DC spoke regarding PA leisure and has suggested asking them if can charge £2 a ride instead and waive pitch fees/donations for all their stalls & equipment. ALW has booked Bombay Brew and Woodfired Pizza. RH has contacted vendors re ice cream. Members agreed to use Ice Dream Experience and charge them a £50 pitch fee. ALW confirmed that the Funbus is booked. RH asked members which promotional poster they would like to use as we need to start publicising the event. Members agreed to use the poster produced by RLT so that it would have the widest reach possible. DC thanked Jemma for all her hard work in creating the other poster. ALW will ask RLT to produce a banner for the event and also to do some publicity for booking stalls. ALW confirmed that the event is already on RLT’s Facebook page and WTC and the TLC can be added as joint hosts. DC asked if we could confirm with Mike Burgess to see if he is available to photograph the event, ALW could ask RLT if he is unavailable. DC will send an email to Christmas Tree bracket householders asking for permission to fly a Union Flag from their bracket for the Coronation. LH has a ladder and can assist with this. RH has ordered 32 Union flags. RH asked how much bunting needs to be ordered. Members agreed to purchase 20 packs of 10-foot union flag bunting. SR will look into possible coronation crafts for the kids. SR also suggested a fancy dress competition. MA expressed concern about the number of volunteers on the day. RH asked everyone present if they are able to attend on the 7th. DC said that Lindsay has offered to do facepainting or glitter. DC will check if Vicki is also available on the day to assist with this. DC will also email volunteer marshals that have helped at previous events to see if they can help with the set up on the day. DC will contact RRG to see if they can support the event. MB will look into coronation balloons, ALW confirmed that the Ashcroft has helium for these. DC asked members to email in if they had any further ideas regarding the event.

1. **To update members of the progress with changes to the Operation Xmas Trees**

DC reported that letters are going out to get email addresses and contact details for easier administration of the trees. RH said that the TLC will need to decide on prices and numbers of brackets that can fitted as soon as possible. LH suggested putting a piece in the Whitworth Valley News in May if residents want a new bracket.

1. **Are any members interested in being a part of the Sports Council?**

DC informed members that the Sports council meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the swimming baths if any members would like to attend. DC also informed members that the Skyline walk are currently recruiting volunteers.

1. To set a date for the next meeting

Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm at the Ashcroft

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8:15pm.