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

# On Monday 20th March 2023 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

**Members present:**

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)

Linda Parker (LP)

Lisa McDowell (LMcD)

Les Hirst (LH)

Lindsay Fairhurst (LF)

Angela Wardle (AW)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Carol Thompson (CT)

Mike Royds (MR)

Glenda Royds (GR)

Anne Tattersall (AT)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

**AGENDA:**

1. **To receive apologies.**

Marilyn Jones, Mike Burgess, Jemma Harden, Aimee Walker, Sarah Rhodes and Mark Ambrose.

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

None.

1. **To approve the minutes from the last meeting on 28th February 2023.**

Done.

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

LP reported that all the firms that she has contacted are booked up for Christmas 2023. All agreed that LP should attempt to book someone for Christmas 2024. Members agreed that 2 sessions of wreath making should be put on this year, with the price kept the same as in 2022.

1. **To update on the 4 banners to advertise the duck race.**

DC has spoken to the owners of the property on the corner of Tong Lane who have given their permission to place a banner on the railings. If the ownership of the property changes before New Year’s Day, then permission will be needed from the new owners. LMcD suggested keeping the banner simple so that it can be re-used each year. DC will check with Jemma on progress with the promotional material for this so that banners can be ordered as soon as possible.

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

LMcD confirmed the 4 acts have been booked and is liaising with them regarding times. DC has booked Nigel to do the PA and Peter will be helping him on the day. RH will forward on the costs of this to LMcD. DC said that one of the acts will compare for the day. DC said that the Community Choir can’t attend and that he has contacted the local primary schools and is awaiting a response. LP confirmed that the ukelele band can’t attend. DC confirmed that the theatre group can’t attend but that Mike Burgess can take photographs. DC will ask householders regarding the flags once they have all provided their contact details. RH confirmed that PA leisure are booked, and they will give a donation as per previous years. LMcD will contact Vicki to see if she is available to help with the face painting/glitter. LMcD asked if we could do the glitter for free, members agreed with this. DC will contact the marshalls that help with the Rushcart to see if they can help with the set up in the morning. DC will speak to RRG regarding sponsorship. RH to contact The Grid. RH will get a list of regular stallholders from Aimee. RH has booked the ice cream. DC wants the TLC and WTC logo bigger on the promotional material – RH will liaise with Aimee regarding this. RH to look into popcorn costs. Members discussed crafts for children, it was decided that crowns and stick on jewels would be ordered, LF will look into this. MB found balloons that could be purchased. LP has the lucky dip items – LMcD suggested these should be given away for free. DC will contact the vintage fire engine, RH to contact Bacup Fire Station to see if they can attend the event. LMcD has asked the police to attend. Member discussed fancy dress and it was decided that there should be a fancy dress parade with a small prize given to each entry, approx. half way through the event. RH to invite the Mayor to attend the event. Members were asked to contact DC if they have any further ideas for the event.

1. **To update on the Sports Council Meeting**

DC informed members that there were lots of positives at the meeting, especially regarding the pitch at Leavengreave. The Skyline walk is going ahead on 14th May and Jo is looking for back markers if anyone is able to help.

1. To set a date for the next meeting

Members will have informal meeting on Monday 17th April at 7pm with an update on plans for the Coronation event at a venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7:55pm.