

Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee:

On Thursday 11th April 2024 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

Members present:

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)

Linda Parker (LP)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Lindsay Fairhurst (LF)

Anne Tattersall (AT)

Sarah Rhodes (SR)

Gayle Halligan (GH)

Marilyn Jones (MJ)

Mark Ambrose (MA)

Brian Furness (BF)

Glen Royds (GR)

Mike Royds (MR)

Joanne Savage (JS)

John Savage (JoS)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

AGENDA:

1. To receive apologies.

Aimee Walker, Stefan Kowal and Gill Hastewell.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

3. To consider the minutes from the last meeting on Monday 12th March 2024, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.

Done.

4. To discuss holding a joint fundraiser with the CIC helping towards the Leisure Centre.

DC updated members that WTC had received £800 to go towards community events and suggested organising a Family Fun Day (FFD) themed event in collaboration with WLC CIC. DC gave a history of previous events. JoS suggested involving the CIC in the organisation of the event. LF asked why the FFD has stopped and DC suggested it had clashed with other local events. Dates were considered and the 21st July was provisionally agreed on. MR will liaise with WLC CIC and DC will contact PA leisure to see if they are available. DC suggested that the stall holders/rides/food income be given to the CIC. Members discussed numerous different themes/plans for the event including an open mic spot and a sports day theme. DC requested members email him with suggestions for the event.

5. To set up a small subcommittee to arrange the D Day event.

BF said that Whitworth Museum had done an exhibition for the 75th anniversary which could be provided to the TLC on the day of the event. He also said that there was a 15 minute film which could play continuously throughout the event. The clip includes sound if that was wanted. JoS said that they he might be able to access a military vehicle for display at the event and he would contact DC regarding this. JS said she was happy to stay with the borrowed exhibit from the museum on the day. RH said she could provide a television for the foyer for the film. BF enquired about set up time on the day, DC will liaise with AW regarding this. A subcommittee of SR, MR, JS, JoS and LP was created for the event. JS is happy to distribute the poster, members discussed locations for posters – RH to print off 100 copies. LP reported that Knit and Natter had nearly finished the Union Flag – to liaise with AW where this could be suitably displayed.

6. Update from Sarah Rhodes re the Whitworth Visitors Guide.

SR reported that she had reviewed the guide and stated the following observations:

- Useful to add a QR code linking to the TLC Facebook
- Add a QR code linking to the town council website
- Offer exclusive guest discounts with the guide
- Top 5 of different options such as eateries
- Most photogenic spots for TikTok etc

- Suggestions for best things to do in 48 hours
- Taxi numbers aren't included
- Suggested walks
- Need to include images to make more visual

DC asked if it could be drafted for the next meeting. SR will send to DC for him to forward on to members.

7. Any other business.

DC reported that the other coloured poppies have been finished and need collecting and displaying. DC also reported that the plaque needs to be organised explaining the meaning behind the display. MA asked how many had been sponsored- RH will look into this and report back with the meeting minutes.

MB reported that the first aid course had been a great success and there had been lots of positive feedback. Chris and Rachel are happy to run future courses and MB will liaise with them about dates.

LF reported that she is going on a training course for the table decoration element of the wreath making course in September. RH asked the group where they would like the wreath making session to be held, all agreed to use The Ashcroft this year. LP reported that the egg craft isn't viable and other suggestions were made about alternative crafts.

RH asked if members were happy for quotes to be obtained from the same traffic management company as last year for the Rushcart, MA considered that the company need to bring a risk assessment with them.

DC reported that a date for checking ducks need to be arranged for later in the year.

8. To set a date for the next meeting.

Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm at The Ashcroft.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9:15pm.