

**Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee:**

**At 6.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Kim Blezard (KB) (Chair)

Cllr David Chorlton (DC)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Angela Forster (AF)

Kirstie Healey (KH)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

Stefan Kowal (SK)

Linda Parker (LP)

Glen Royds (GR)

Carol Thomson (CT)

Aimee Louise Walker (AW)

**AGENDA:**

**1. To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received before the meeting from Clint Davies, Marilyn Jones, Les Hirst, Gill Chorlton, Kath Proctor, Mark Ambrose and Councillor Mike Whitworth.

**2. To receive declarations of interest.**

None.

**3. To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.**

Done.

**4. To debrief on the Easter event.**

The Committee thanked Jenni for organising this event. The committee discussed feedback received and locations and timings for next year's event were discussed, as well as contacting schools to assist with uptake next year.

**5. To update on plans for a summer event.**

AW and RH updated the committee on Martin Duffy's (MD) current plans. AW will arrange a subcommittee meeting to discuss and plan this event with MD. KB will contact Rossendale Drum Majorettes. The committee agreed to put out a "save the date" for the August weekend until posters, etc are prepared. MB agreed to assist with posters. Helpers for the weekend confirmed are AW, CT, KB, GR, KH, MB, SK, AF, LP and ?DC. RH to organise First Aid cover for the event.

**6. To update on plans for the Rushcart event.**

AW updated members that St Barts are now unable to provide catering, but Wood Fired are booked in. Other catering options were discussed, AW will contact Bacup Balti. KB will contact WVHB. AW contacted a face painter who can attend, LP will look into balloon modeller. AW will liaise with Rossendale Radio regarding the sound. GR suggested sending event information to Dave Sweetmore. RH confirmed that PA Leisure can attend.

**7. Any other business.**

LP asked about the grotto for the Christmas Light Switch On, MB will book this and the committee discussed the booking of a snow globe for the event too.

**8. To set a date for the next TLC Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.50pm.