

Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee:

At 6pm on Monday 10th August 2026 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

Attendees:

Cllr Mackenzie Ritson (Vice Chair)

Les Hirst (LH)

Cllr Michael Whitworth (MW)

Stefan Kowal (SK)

Karen Grayson (KG)

Linda Parker (LP)

Kirstie Healey (KH)

Glen Royds (GR)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH) and Sarah Cutler (SC).

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received before the meeting from Michelle Butterworth (MB), Marilyn Jones, Gill Chorlton, Clint Davies, Kath Proctor, Angela Forster, and Councillors Louise Burton, David Chorlton (DC) and Kim Blezard.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

3. To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14th July 2026, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.

Done.

4. To debrief on August event.

Members of the committee discussed aspects that went well including:

Set up was done well with everything ready for the start

Everyone joined in for tidying up

The quality of the music was good

The food was a good quality

The free games were well received and well used

The teas and coffees were great!

And aspects that could be improved for future events:

Lots of comments that people didn't know the event was on

Possible future video advertising or TikTok (or alternative social media)

Banners advertising the event would have been beneficial and posters in local pubs

Please can volunteers tie cable ties a little looser so it's easier to remove them at the end

Could volunteers come in shifts as it's a long day

Could roles be rotated so everyone gets a bit of free time to enjoy the event

Look at promotional material – who are we aiming the event at?

5. To update on plans for the Rushcart event.

RH reported that plans are advanced for the event. LH asked if diversion signs could be put in place for the road closure. A discussion took place regarding the roads around the road closure. RH will liaise with DC regarding the volunteer marshals. Additional volunteers for the day are LH, MB and SC.

The volunteers discussed a proposed mural for the Rushcart but felt the costs were too inhibitive for the committee and the money could be used for future events instead.

6. Any other business.

LH updated members on the Christmas Trees on Brackets project. The committee discussed advertising for an outside contractor to put up the trees.

7. To set a date for the next TLC Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 15th September at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber. There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.10pm.