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

# On Thursday 15th June 2023 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

**Members present:**

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)

Lisa McDowell (LMcD)

Lindsay Fairhurst (LF)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Mike Royds (MR)

Marilyn Jones (MJ)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

**AGENDA:**

1. **To receive apologies.**

Angela Wardle, Robbie Blezard, Vicki Henshaw, Jemma Harden, Will Calderbank, Aimee Walker, Sarah Rhodes and Mark Ambrose (MA).

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

None.

1. **To approve the minutes from the last meeting on 20th March 2023.**

Done.

1. **Brief debrief of the coronation event.**

MB reported that some stallholders reported having a quieter event than previous ones and they would have preferred to be outside given the good weather. Members discussed this. MB raised safety concerns about the funbus, and members wondered if a safety mat would be better placed at the back. MB did report the funbus being popular on the day and people were happy with the price charged. RH stated that the crowns and colouring-in were popular and had received good feedback regarding this. LF reported that the glitter tattoos were popular and that she found this a lot easier to manage than face painting. MR said that everyone had fed back to him that they had enjoyed the event. DC reported that the food stations were popular and had received good takings that day. RH asked if there needed to be more options for these given their popularity. DC considered that perhaps a music event should be undertaken in future, in place of the Family Fun Day, members did raise concerns about the cost of putting on events like these and LMcD stated that dates needed to be checked to ensure there were no clashes with other local events.

1. **To update on the 4 banners to advertise the duck race – need a volunteer.**

RH will prepare these and send them out to members for approval.

1. **To consider writing to RBC and RLT re the agreed closure of the Leisure Centre**

Members discussed this. DC will prepare a letter.

1. **To discuss plans for the Rushcart**

MA had sent in an update that there are six dance sides confirmed as coming with more still to reply. LMcD will contact Samba Dance. DC is organizing the gazebo. DC will come to The Ashcroft to check the PA system. LF is happy to do glitter tattoos. Members discussed this and glitter tattoos will be free again. Members will consider what crafts that children can do at the event. RH will contact previous outside stall holders to see if they want to book again – DC said that they will bring their own tables for this. PA leisure will be asked to provide inflatables, etc again. MR asked if the TLC could sell keyrings, car stickers, fridge magnets etc with Whitworth’s emblem on them. Members discussed this. DC will contact Whitworth Prints for prices. LMcD suggested using the badge maker. LMcD is happy to take photos again. Quotes for the road closure were considered and it was agreed to use Stadium TM this year. MR will attend as Mayor and is happy to announce the dancers. LMcD will contact Ice Dream Experience to see if they can attend. RH will speak to Aimee about which food vendors are booked.

1. Update on wreath making.

LMcD stated that Hallfold is booked. RH asked when the TLC start advertising this. LMcD suggested an advert in the WVN in August. LF asked about the logistics of the off cuts of the Christmas trees. LF is happy to be there on the day and help as before. RH and MB volunteered to help with the set up on the Friday night. LF is happy to order supplies as needed. Members discussed the event, and it was decided to advertise the pm session first and add on a morning session if needed. LMcD is happy to arrange refreshments. It was agreed to keep the price the same as the previous year. LF suggested that having one volunteer in charge of each event might be beneficial.

1. To discuss the purchase of barriers, padlock and chain – we have been awarded a grant.

Members discussed this. It was agreed to purchase the barriers, etc.

1. To debrief on the First Aid Course.

RH informed members that despite the course being fully booked, several people did not attend on the night which was disappointing. Members discussed this, it was agreed to hold another event at the end of September and to advertise it in the WVN in August. RH said that the first aid company considered that 25 people could attend in the chamber. RH will contact the company for prices etc, and members agreed that attendees would be charged next time as a form of deposit. RH suggested advertising it in the library too as feedback suggested this would be beneficial.

1. Any other business.

DC will contact LH re plans for Christmas Trees. DC and MR both commented how beneficial LH’s new ladder is with this.

1. To set a date for the next TLC meeting

Tuesday 15th August at 7pm at The Ashcroft.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8:10pm.