

Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee:

On Wednesday 20th November 2024 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

Members present:

Councillor Mike Royds, Chair (MR)

Councillor David Chorlton (DC)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Clint Davies (CD)

Vicki Henshaw (VH)

Les Hirst (LH)

Stefan Kowal (SK)

Linda Parker (LP)

Chris Rothwell (CR)

Glen Royds (GR)

Aimee Walker (ALW)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

AGENDA:

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received before the meeting from Mark Ambrose and Gail Halligan.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

3. To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 18th September 2024, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.

Done.

4. To debrief on the first aid event.

LP reported that the room was full and that she had received brilliant feedback for the event. RH reported that the instructors seemed keen to put on another event in the future. MR suggested putting on another first aid event for children.

5. To update on plans for Santa Express.

MR reported that a recce had been done and new stops were planned. Suitable lampposts for the signs had been identified. CD will put the signs up during the week prior to the events. LP has visited the local children's home who are keen for Santa to stop there. LP reported that the truck lights still need to be checked, and DC queried where the music dongle is. LP will check with SP regarding this. LP reported that Lindsay Fairhurst has created a big red book for Santa for the shout outs to be stored in. RH asked if the event was on the TLC Facebook page, DC will check who is able to add information on this. RH will email DC with the stops. MR asked about volunteers on the night. RH asked if there were enough sweets purchased, in light of the additional stops. It was agreed to buy more sweets, so they don't run out. MR and GR will do this. Members discussed when the truck will be set up and LP considered that this would be done the week prior to the event.

6. To update on plans for the Christmas Craft event.

RH had supplied the committee with booking numbers so far. AW suggested emailing the schools regarding publicising the cracker making. RH suggested adding some additional information to the Facebook posts, so people know what the events are. RH asked if there were enough offcuts from the trees. MR confirmed that there are 2 large bags of offcuts. RH to liaise with LP regarding decanting the bags into more moveable bags. LP said that the teasels have been collected and the holly is still to be collected. VH asked where the waste from the trees is going. CR suggested using the cemetery, MR and DC will speak to RBC regarding this. SK offered to help with the set up on the Friday, Members discussed the cracker making. Volunteers available on the day –

All day - LP and AW

PM - Lindsay Fairhurst, VH, Julie Latham, MB

AM – Janis, Pat and Marilyn, ?MB

RH will liaise with Janis regarding the crackers.

7. To update on plans for the Duck Race

DC will contact Michelle to check the catchers are still available. DC will email RH with details for the barriers needed at Cowm Res.

Volunteers able to help on the day – DC, MB, AW, CD, LH, LP, MR, GR

Roles

Collecting Hi viz/megaphone/FA kit	DC
Bringing duck signs and pens	MB
Brining the ducks	MR
Bringing the duck sheet folder	MB
First Aider	MB, AW
Launching ducks	MR, DC, CD, LH, CR
Announcements	MR, CD
Selling ducks on the day	MB, AW, LP, GR
At the finish line	AW, MB
Phoning winners	MB
Collecting winning envelopes from Ashcroft	DC
Selling ducks at Carol Service	GR, Angela Walker

Members discussed how to get the duck bags from the start to the finish. RH can provide some rubble bags if required. LP asked when the duck sheets needed collecting. Members discussed this. Pub crawl confirmed for Friday 29th Nov. MR will collect buckets and card machine at lunchtime.

8. To update on Christmas trees on brackets.

LH updated members on the project. 10 brackets sold this year and 80 trees ordered. A great team prepped the trees in 4 and a half hours. Gleam Team has put them all up. Trees cannot be left on the Ashcroft car park this year – DC and MR to check with RBC where they need to be left at the Cemetery. MR confirmed that 80 trees is the limit for next year.

9. To discuss Christmas lights/celebrations for Winter 2025.

MR asked the committee for their thoughts on this. AW asked when this would be planned for and suggested that the Christmas markets are the last Sunday in November and a switch on could coincide with that. The Committee discussed previous switch on events. Members advised to contact RH/MR with any suggestions and the item can be discussed at a future meeting.

10.To discuss ideas for the VE Day commemorations in May 2025.

Members discussed this. Lancashire Hot Pot was suggested if food was to be offered instead of afternoon teas. Members to try to find costs of booking a 40s artist as well as WVHB and u3a Ukelele band.

11.To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.45pm.