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

# On Tuesday 12th March 2024 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth

**Members present:**

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)

Linda Parker (LP)

Michelle Butterworth (MB)

Lindsay Fairhurst (LF)

Carol Thomson (CT)

Anne Tattersall (AT)

Stefan Kowal (SK)

Sarah Rhodes (SR)

Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

**AGENDA:**

1. **To receive apologies.**

Mark Ambrose, John and Joanne Savage, Marilyn Jones, Clint Davies, Mike Burgess, Aimee Walker, Mike Royds, Angela Wardle and Les Hirst.

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

None.

1. **To consider the minutes from the last meeting on Monday 15th January 2024, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.**

Done.

1. **To discuss costings and proposed ticket prices for the Wreath Making Workshop.**

LF updated members that she and LP had attended The Ashcroft and compiled a stock list for the remaining stock for the workshop. LF informed members of the costs of making a wreath and members agreed to keep the ticket prices the same this year. LF also updated members that she is attending training to make table centrepieces and will feedback costs of supplies for this after attending the training. LP stated that she had attended a workshop on making Ukrainian eggs and has contact details for this. LF and LP will investigate this further and feedback at a later meeting. AT said that she had some craft supplies that may be able to be used for this. RH confirmed that she had provisionally booked Hallfold Church for 7th December (the first Saturday in December), all members were in agreement for this date.

1. **To discuss the most effective communication between members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee (TLC) (e.g. WhatsApp, email)**

RH apologised that she had sent out a communication via the Facebook group which didn’t include all members. RH suggested that it may be more helpful to move from Facebook messenger to WhatsApp to include all members, not just those on Facebook. Members agreed to continue to send our agendas via email, the Facebook group could be left for members to chat, and DC will set up a WhatsApp group to enable communications for event days and for other useful communications. All members present agreed that there is a request that the informal chat is kept on the messenger group and not the main WhatsApp group, otherwise important communications may be missed. DC will contact Les, Clint and Mark Ambrose for their permission to be added to the new WhatsApp group.

1. **To discuss plans for the 80th anniversary of the DD landing.**

DC stated that the u3a ukelele band were booked and will play in the main hall at the start of the event. DC is also in communication with u3a Tappers to enquire if they would like to perform. DC stated that Lords will be providing the afternoon teas and that WVHB will play 2 x 45-minute sessions. He is awaiting confirmation from Whitworth Community Choir regarding the event. LF asked about ticket prices and LP asked if there will be a reduction for children. LP asked about teas and coffees. RH contacted Aimee Walker (manager of The Ashcroft) who said this is not included in the quoted price from Lords, DC suggested that the TLC provide these on the day.

Members considered the size of the hall, space for a dance floor and ukelele players and serving tea and coffee. DC said that Whitworth Museum are going to provide an appropriate projection to play in the background and he is awaiting WVHB getting back to him regarding wooden blocks for handheld flags. RH has looked into prices for the handheld flags and suggested waiting to see how many tickets are sold before ordering them. RH provided members with suggested posters advertising the event and members selected their favourite style. SR will create the poster and RH will email it to members for approval. LF suggested advertising the event by posters and banner, as well as social media. RH enquired about role allocation for the day and DC suggested this could be done at the next meeting.

1. To discuss any additional purchases for the TLC.

DC will send the details for the additional barriers at Cowm reservoir, extra bags and ducks to RH at a later date. DC suggested that an additional 10 barriers could be purchased.

1. To review the TLC producing an updated “Welcome to Whitworth Visitor Guide”.

RH informed members that she had found the guide from 2015 when conducting a review of WTC’s website and asked members if they would like to update it. DC reported that originally some went to the museum, local businesses and the library. SR suggested laminating copies for local Air B&Bs. AT provided updated details for St John’s and St Bart’s churches. DC suggested liaising with the Sports Council and SR suggested that the guide should reference the TLC’s Facebook page & the Whitworth Valley News. SR said that she was happy to lead on this and will look at other examples to get ideas. SR will feedback progress at the next meeting.

1. Any other business.

DC asked members what date the Santa Express should be held on. Members discussed this and Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd December was agreed by all.

LP asked about the First Aid Course. RH informed members that there were 14 bookings so far and DC reiterated that parents must stay with their children for the duration. MB asked if those booking would receive duck sponsorship for their payment. RH briefed on the reason why the entry fee was introduced. Members discussed this and decided that attendees would each receive a First Aid book for their entry fee.

Members discussed other possible TLC events. SR suggested a Hedgehog House building workshop. DC suggested that a long-term music event could be organised for 2025. SR suggested an Easter Egg hunt and RH suggested that this could be done in a similar way to BC Bakes advent treasure hunt over the 2025 Easter Holidays.

1. To set a date for the next meeting.

Date to be confirmed at 7.30pm at The Ashcroft.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8:50pm.