

**Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism & Leisure Committee:**  
**On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at The Ashcroft, Market Street, Whitworth**

**Members present:**

Councillor David Chorlton (Chair) (DC)  
Linda Parker (LP)  
Michelle Butterworth (MB)  
Gayle Halligan (GH)  
Mark Ambrose (MA)  
Carol Thomson (CT)  
Steve Parker (SP)

Aimee Walker (AW)  
Chris Rothwell (CR)  
Members of WLC CIC – Kirstie Healey (KH), Kim  
Blezard (KB), Elaine Edyvean (EE), Leah Brighty  
(LB)  
Minutes taken by Rachel Hodson (RH)

**AGENDA:**

**1. To receive apologies.**

Stefan Kowal, Joanne Savage, John Savage, Mike Royds, Clint Davies, Les Hirst, Anne Tattersall, Angela Wardle, Sarah Rhodes and Mike Burgess.

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

None.

**3. To consider the minutes from the last meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, and to approve the minutes by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.**

Done.

**4. Update on the joint fundraiser with the CIC helping towards the Leisure Centre.**

DC updated members that AW, DC, KH and RH had met and had a preliminary discussion about the event, which is to raise funds for WLC CIC. DC had contacted PA Leisure (inflatables & rides), spoken to u3a ukelele band and u3a tappers. He is awaiting Samba Dance to see if they can attend. RH has contacted Fire Brigade and Police. KB has spoken to Pilates instructor and is awaiting confirmation. DC considered that the ukelele band might be better in the foyer of WLC. It was agreed that both sites should be used for the event. KH suggested a “gym buddy” could do a 15-20 min circuit training session in the barriered off area. Outside catering was discussed – Wood Fired Pizza and St Barts have been contacted for food. KB asked about charges for stallholders and a discussion was had about the charges. RH has sent the TLC stallholder booking form to KH but will re-send and cc in KB. AW stated that Rossendale Radio will provide sound for the event for £100 and will promote the event too. KH asked about selling ice cream/ice lollies, etc. DC stated that the TLC previously booked AN ice cream vendor, but CIC can sell their own on the day if they preferred. Other refreshments were discussed. AW reported that The Ashcroft has a donut wall if required. KH reported that the CIC will only have 5 people available on the day to help. DC advised that all outside stalls would need to bring their own tables and gazebos. AW reported that the Ashcroft only have 18 tables to use for stalls. GH will check with St Barts to see if they can bring their own. KB asked about Rossendale Drum Majorettes, MA will contact them to see if they can attend. The times of the event was discussed. DC will confirm with u3a ukelele and tappers, KB will chase Samba dance. DC will speak to local singers. ? KB to facepaint on the day. The funbus was discussed and it was decided not to book this for this event. LB has messaged a company about hiring a beach and will chase this up. EE suggested a bucking broncho, AW said that the Ashcroft had already refused a recent request for this on safety grounds. WLC CIC will discuss their plans for the event and then arrange a further get together with the TLC.

**5. To discuss DD event and get list of people who can attend.**

AW asked for names of volunteers to help on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June for setting up the venue and for the event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please see table overleaf.

<u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</u>
Stefan Kowal	John Savage
Rachel Hodson	Joanne Savage
Aimee Walker	Stefan Kowal
Marilyn Jones	Angela Wardle
Linda Parker	Carol Thomson
	Mike Royds
	Aimee Walker
	Linda Parker

DC said that Mike Royds (MR) will co-ordinate the event on the day.

The day running order was agreed as –

2pm	Mayor of Whitworth opens the event and introduces the entertainment
2.15 to 3pm	u3a ukelele band
3 to 3.30pm	food served by TLC members
3.30 to 4pm	Community choir
4 to 4.15pm	break
4.15 to 5pm	WVHB part 1
5 to 5.15pm	break
5.15 to 6pm	WVHB part 2

AW will organise background music for the day. CR will organise small wooden flag holders for the handheld flags. Howard Wilkinson will take photos of the event, as well as having his usual spot in the foyer. LP suggested Brian Furness or the Mayor speaking at the event to introduce the reason for décor, etc. AW will liaise with MR re the museum display. LP showed the committee the finished Union Flag, made by Whitworth's Knit and Natter and reported that the group wanted to use it to raise money for veterans. The committee agreed that a raffle could be held on the day of the event with a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of 15 ducks, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 10 ducks and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 5 ducks. MB will bring the duck sheets on the day. SP reported that a volunteer can bring a Bedford QL on the day, at 1pm. The volunteer is happy to remain with the truck all day and will chat to attendees about it. SP also provided the committee with some camouflage netting for the event. AW will message the committee with set up times for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

SP reported that the beacon preparations are done. He will take the beacon up on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Andrew Thorpe (AT) will check on it at regular intervals. He will provide the fire extinguisher to AT and SP will remove the beacon on June 12<sup>th</sup>. RH will liaise with the Mayor re the proclamation.

#### **6. Update from Sarah Rhodes re the Whitworth Visitors Guide.**

This item was postponed to a later agenda as Sarah Rhodes was unable to attend.

#### **7. Wreath Making.**

RH reported that Lindsay Fairhurst (LF) was taking a temporary step back from the TLC due to a decline in her husband's health. As such, members of the wreath making subcommittee met to discuss a "backup plan" in case LF is unable to run the session in December. The TLC delegated plans for the event to the subcommittee and sent their best wishes to LF and her family.

#### **8. Rushcart – general update plus see who is available.**

DC asked who was available on the day- MB, LP, AW, CT and MA. DC will set up a poll on WhatsApp for members not attending tonight. Food was discussed – St Barts and Bombay Brew were suggested. DC will contact Bombay Brew. RH asked about stallholder costs – DC suggested keeping the same as last year. MA gave an update on the dance troupes. RH to ask Angie from Whitworth In Bloom to contact

DC regarding volunteer groups being in the parade. DC suggested ordering 10 extra barriers. DC will get quotes and forward them to RH.

**9. Any other business.**

LP suggested not stopping at the Red Lion for Santa Express due to safety concerns. The committee agreed to return to Bacup Town Centre again and that the driver of the lead car should recce the route with the Parkers to pinpoint exact stopping points.

**10.To set a date for the next meeting.**

Await contact from WLC CIC before arranging a date for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9:40pm.