

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs	A James (Chair)
	L Nixon
	M Batley
	L Doheny
	T Baker

Also Present:

1 member of the public.
Cllrs. Fulcher & Nuri-Nixon
C Pharaoh – SNC – Town Co-ordinator

LE01/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None.
LE02/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. James – Agenda items 6 & 7 – Member of Wymondham in Bloom – non -pecuniary.
LE03/24	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. Doheny it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise & Tourism Committee meeting held on 21 st November 2023 as a correct record.
LE04/24	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> – None.
LE05/24	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Nuri-Nixon – Agenda item 7 (Wymondham Mark) – Didn't agree with paper pretext and Council had been pro-active – organising volunteers network meeting and attending meeting of Voluntary Norfolk who are also active in bringing groups together. Moving forward to be an inspirational Council.
LE06/24	<u>WATER BUTT</u> Cllr. Nixon introduced her paper to purchase a rainwater butt and flower display to be purchased for £232.99 together with plants and compost. The funding comes from a grant of £300 received from South Norfolk Council pride in place fund. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. James it was unanimously agreed to purchase the water butt and plants etc.

LE07/24	<p><u>WYMONDHAM MARK</u> Cllr. Baker outlined his paper to bring in a 'Wymondham Mark' to provide support and infrastructure for local volunteer groups and organisations. The LEET committee would establish the criteria to receive a 'Mark' and would determine which groups would be accepted. The Council needs to have a structure in place and could control who uses resources by putting checks and balances in place. Cllr. Nixon responded outlining work the Council had undertaken in the Town and raising concerns that a 'Mark' would create a 2 tier elitist system and that the Council should be inclusive and progressive not elitist. The effect of loss of income to other small room hirers was pointed out, which could cause them to close if the Council offered free meeting rooms.</p> <p>Upon the proposition of Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Doheny the following motion was proposed:</p> <p>The Council</p> <p>a) Requests that the Town Clerk prepare a report containing details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spaces to which access is controlled by Wymondham Town Council - Sources of water accessible from outside buildings which are controlled and paid for by Wymondham Town Council - Sources of electricity accessible from outside building which are controlled and paid for by Wymondham Town Council - Any other inventory or services he deems may be useful to community groups. <p>b) Resolves to create the "Wymondham Mark" to grant community groups, charities or individuals the right to access these services without charge</p> <p>c) Directs the LEET Committee to determine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which resources to which mark-holders should have access 2. The extent to which mark-holders should have access to these resources 3. The criteria the above groups or individuals must satisfy to be awarded the mark 4. The process through which groups or individuals must go to be awarded the mark 5.. Criteria upon which the above groups or individuals may have the mark removed and the process for doing this 6. Suitable monitoring of usage of the above resources <p>For: 2 Against: 3</p> <p>The motion was lost.</p>
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LE08/24	<p><u>TOWN CO-ORDINATOR</u> presented her report of work being undertaken which primarily comes under the following headers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome to Wymondham website. 2) Heritage Trail 3) Visit Wymondham guide. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the proposed 52 things to do had been compiled and how businesses were selected to be chosen? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is a draft the is evolving and all high Street retailers have been included. • Organising an event guide and budget sheet was very helpful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A de-briefing meeting of last year's event organisers is proposed. • Socials activity report is interesting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Footfall increase is from anecdotal evidence, shop keeper comments and observations. South Norfolk Council to be asked for car park statistics to compare 2023 with previous years. • Is a list of contacts held? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, a data base has been constructed. • This year is 475th anniversary of Ketts Rebellion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Norfolk Council are considering this to see if they can offer support. • Will LEET sign off Visit Wymondham Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes • Are coach tour visits still being encouraged? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes – South Norfolk Council Tourism Officer has created a database of appropriate Coach tour operators. • When will Visit Wymondham website be launched? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring 2024 • Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training course for businesses to be organised. Councillors to be invited to improve their skills. • When will heritage trail be launched? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Late Spring. • Retail areas outside the Town Centre should be included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, including Limetree Avenue and industrial areas.
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[The meeting closed at 19.56 pm]

DATED this day of2024

SIGNED (Chairman)