

## **WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

SUMMONS TO ATTEND - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF  
THE LEISURE ENVIRONMENT ENTERPRISE & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Council Offices.

### **A G E N D A**

1	Apologies for absence	
2	Declarations of Interest	<b>A</b>
3	To confirm the minutes of the Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism Committee meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023.	<b>B</b>
4	To receive an update about progress of items arising from the last meeting of the committee held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023/ previous meetings.	
5	Public Participation – members of the public may make representations, ask or answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda below. In accordance with standing order 3 (f) this item is limited to 15 minutes.	
6	Purchase of water butt	<b>C</b>
7	Wymondham Mark – Cllr. Baker	<b>D</b>
8	Town Co-ordinator report (To Follow)	

#### ***Council Offices***

*Ketts Park*

*Harts Farm Road*

*Wymondham*

*NR18 0UT*



***T B Gurney***

*Town Clerk*

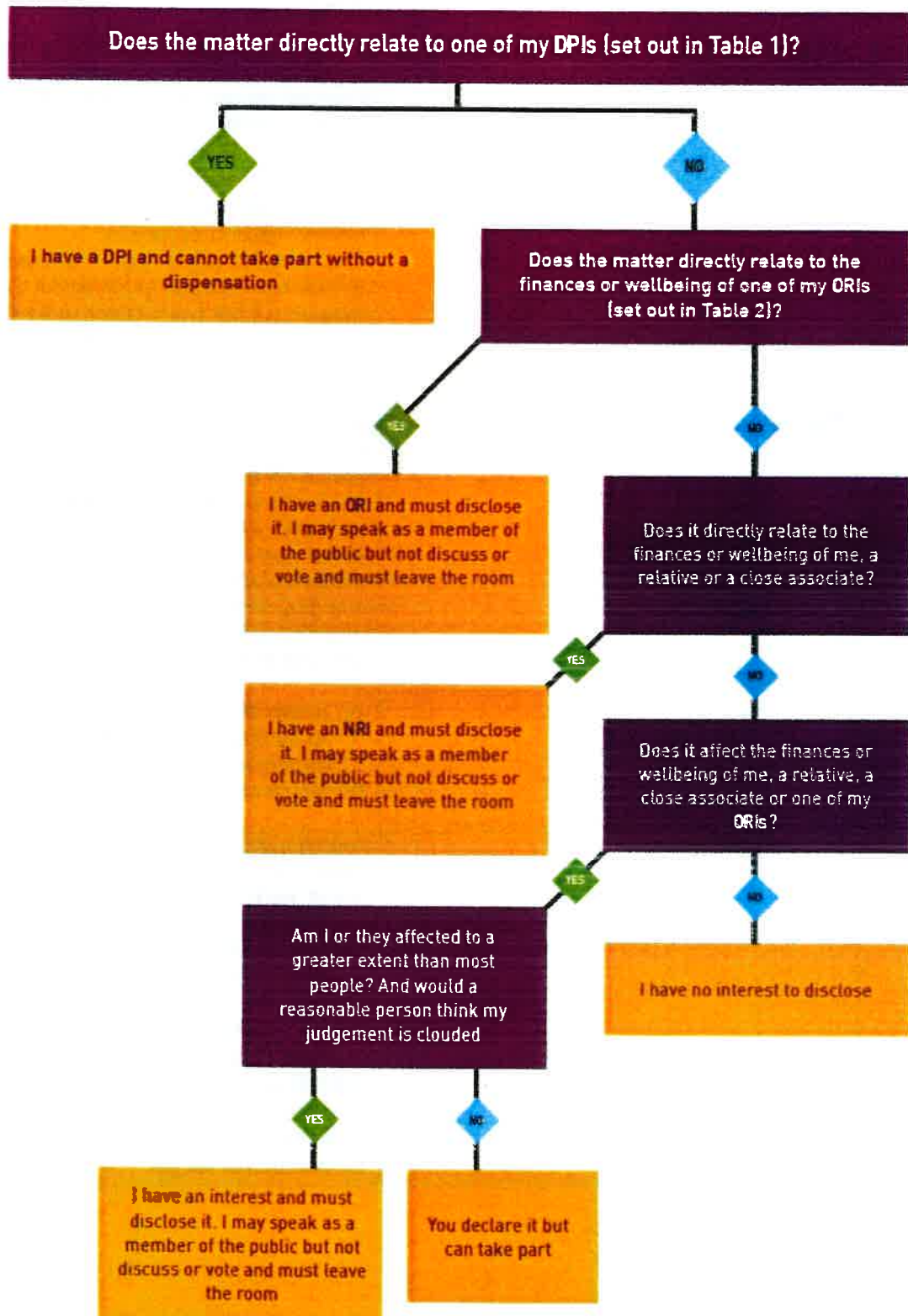
*10<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

#### **Committee Members**

<b>Cllr. James</b>	<b>Cllr. Batley</b>	<b>Cllr. Doheny</b>
<b>Cllr. Nixon</b>	<b>Cllr. Baker</b>	

## Interests Flowchart

The flowchart below gives a simple guide to declaring an interest under the code.



**Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
<b>Contracts</b>	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
<b>Land and Property</b>	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
<b>Licenses</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer

<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
<b>Securities</b>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

**Table 2: Other Registrable Interests**

<p>You must register as an Other Registerable Interest :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) any unpaid directorships</li> <li>b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority</li> <li>c) any body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) exercising functions of a public nature</li> <li>(ii) directed to charitable purposes or</li> <li>(iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT,  
ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

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

Also Present:

2 members of the public.  
Cllr. A Perry  
C Pharaoh – SNC – Town Co-ordinator

LE30/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None.
LE31/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> - None.
LE32/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. Baker it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise & Tourism Committee meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 as a correct record.
LE33/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> - None.
LE34/23	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> T Vale gave an outline of his proposal for a Spring Festival (agenda item 6) extolling the virtues of the scheme to be held between 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 and 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 together with possible participants and events that are already planned.
LE35/23	<u>SPRING FESTIVAL</u> Discussion took place on a proposal which was considered to have merits although views were expressed as to the short time frame within which it could be organized. Whilst it could be advertised on the new Visit Wymondham website care needs to be taken in terms of what the Town Council can do. It was agreed that Mr Vale should keep in touch with the Council in respect of progressing the festival.
LE36/23	<u>BIRD BOXES</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Nixon it was resolved to purchase 10 bird boxes from ‘the shed’ at a cost of £85.00.

LE37/23	<p><b><u>EXCLUSION PRESS &amp; PUBLIC</u></b>  On the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr Doheny resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p>
LE38/23	<p><b><u>BUDGET 2024/25</u></b> Clerk presented the draft for discussion and submission to the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee for incorporation into the Council budget for the 2024/25 financial year. After further discussion during which a number of questions were answered upon the resolution of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. Batley it was resolved to recommend a proposed budget of £177,290 to the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</p>
LE39/23	<p><b><u>BROWICK ROAD RECREATION GROUND</u></b> Clerk outlined the next phase of the Browick Road project. After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. Batley it was resolved to proceed to have architectural plans drawn up and to proceed to RIBA Stage 3.</p>

*[The meeting closed at 20.22 pm]*

DATED this ..... day of .....2023

SIGNED ..... (Chairman)

## Proposal for a Water Butt for the Town Centre

The town centre in Wymondham has a number of decorative planters that in our hot and dry summer months require additional watering above that provided by the Council's Grounds Team. In previous years Wymondham In Bloom volunteers have been reliant on the goodwill of local businesses for access to tap water to enable them to help keep the town centre planters healthy and looking attractive.

### Proposal:

We propose that a water butt be installed on the corner of the public toilets (see figure A) which would provide a sustainable source of harvested rainwater which is not only in keeping with the Council's recognition of climate change and our sustainability policy, but would provide a cheaper source of water that is also more beneficial to plants than tap water. In addition, it is in a useful, central location.

Taking into consideration the street scene, we propose a decorative planter butt which includes options for planting to make it look more attractive than your standard garden or allotment water butt. These are obviously more pricey, but they are an advantage because they are attractive, they provide an opportunity to add to our pollinator highways and they are less obviously water butts and could be mistaken for planters. This would help with deterring potential vandals who may decide to drain the water. The planter part of the butt is self-watering, requiring no additional water than the butt provides. See figure B for the 200 litre water butt we suggest installing and website: [www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk](http://www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk) The cost of this 200 litre capacity planter butt is £232.99 including delivery.

The proposal is to use the £300 WTC successfully applied for and received from the SNDC 'pride in place' fund which was designed to support community projects such as Wymondham in Bloom. This would provide enough money to purchase and install the water butt and add the initial compost and flowers to make it look attractive.

The LEET committee also notes that there may be times during hot, dry summers whereby the water butt, which can hold 200 litres of water, may not be full enough. During forecasted periods of a prolonged lack of rain, WTC's grounds staff will ensure the water butt is topped up with tap water.

Proposed by Cllr Lucy Nixon and Cllr Annette James

Figure A:



Figure B:





## Pretext

This last weekend saw Wynterfest on the streets of our town. The event was a tremendous success and did a great job in bringing our community together. This event, like those in the years preceding it, drew in visitors from all parts of our town and those that neighbour us. In the past few months we have seen awards won by the Wymondham in Bloom team and the success of Vintage Day. We have also seen phenomenal work by volunteers from Greening Wymondham to drive forward the renovation of Rothbury Road and, as shared by Councillor P Barrett in our last meeting, the creation of Sustainable Wymondham to develop a town response to the climate crisis.

In the discussion in the chamber, I opposed the Council's declaration of a climate emergency and subsequent establishment of a community group to tackle this. I felt then, and do now, that we rely too much on the passion, stamina and impetus of volunteers and community groups and that we demonstrate a lack of ambition as a council in going beyond the delivery of services.

Councillors opposite saw this differently. They spoke, with equal conviction, about the need to ensure these efforts weren't controlled from this chamber or the offices below it. Instead it was for the council to support and facilitate the community in acting on matters of importance to those individuals and groups.

This proposal seeks, in that spirit, to support those groups. This proposal seeks to find a common ground between these views on the role of the council in the life of our community.

The Council controls spaces and resources which, we believe, these community groups should have access to as they provide such a tremendous service to our town. As such, I am proposing the creation of 'Wymondham Mark' status. This *mark* is a status which individuals or groups can apply for which would give the applicant access to Council space and resources without charge.

This would allow, for example, the volunteers of Wymondham in Bloom to access water from the tap at the public toilets to water the planters adorning our high street in Spring & Summer. It may allow a volunteer briefing for Wynterfest to take place in the Council Chamber without charge.

The Council

a) Requests that the Town Clerk prepare a report containing details of:

- Spaces to which access is controlled by Wymondham Town Council
- Sources of water accessible from outside buildings which are controlled and paid for by

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- 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.

b) Resolves to create the “Wymondham Mark” to grant community groups, charities or individuals the right to access these services without charge

c) Directs the LEET Committee to determine:

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

Cllr. T Baker