COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

This Committee monitors the operation of Town Council, ensuring a high standard of provision. It considers their further development and the development of other facilities. The Committee is responsible for the Council's Community Programme.

Membership: 10 Quorum: 5

Terms of Reference

- 1. To manage and monitor the activities undertaken within the Council's Community Events Programme.
- 2. To manage the provision of allotments.
- 3. To act as consultee in relation to leisure facilities provided by others.
- 4. To consider the provision of markets within the Parish.
- 5. To award grants or assistance to local small and voluntary organisations and bodies up to £1,000.
- 6. To deal with the oversight of the café at the YMCA and youth services.
- 7. To make recommendations regarding street naming within the Parish.
- 8. To deal with all matters affecting all street furniture.
- 9. To manage the provision of Cemeteries within the Parish.
- 10. To oversee Weston-in-Bloom and floral provision in the town.
- 11. To monitor CCTV provision and crime and disorder in the town.
- 12. To manage the provision of public toilets

Community Service Committee

Item 9

Grounds Management Report

Report of the Grounds Manager

1.Public Toilets

At the time of writing this report all of our public toilets are open.

We have experienced high levels of vandalism at both Grove Park and Ashcombe Park. The Community Support Officers are aware of this and are working with us to reduce this.

Ashcombe Park toilets has recently had a drainage survey, due to continuous blockages. The drainage pipework surveyed requires works which fall into our responsibility.

The Water Park toilets have re- opened after sustaining damage due to vandalism.

2.Cemetery

Tree planting has been completed, with ongoing watering taking place over the summer to help them establish. We have worked in partnership with North Somerset Council tree officers and our Arboriculturalist to carry out this programme of planting across Weston.

We have had an increase in the number of funerals at the cemetery.

The team has been impacted by some long-term illnesses which has had a knock effect on our delivery of services, we are working hard to get on top of the services we provide.

3. Allotments

A site visit has been arranged for Old Mill Way to look at conservation and remedial works required.

The Assistant Town Clerk is working with the Allotment Club to look at current legislation regarding keeping livestock on plots.

Members are requested to note the report.

Sharon Miles

Grounds Manager Monday 26th June 2023

Weston-Super-Mare YMCA and Town Council Partnership

Report for Community Services - written by Alli Waller , Youth & Community- Programmes Manager at YMCA Dulverton Group

1.Purpose of report

This report covers services and work delivered and supported by YMCA in the Weston-super-Mare areas, from the beginning of March 2023 to the end of April 2023. This includes the development and progress of programmes and services for young people and the community at YMCA Weston-super-Mare, 2 Bristol Road Lower and Weston Youth and Community Centre, Coleridge Road.

2. Work with Young People - Youth & Community Café

a) Open Access:

The Youth & Community Cafe provides a youth focused, free, well-appointed space for young people after school with additional opening during school holidays.

Through this service we aim to ensure that every young person should:

- Feel safe and welcome.
- Have someone they can talk to and access to support.
- Have the opportunity to make friends, socialise and be active.
- Feel more connected with their community.
- Have the chance to achieve and challenge themselves to reach their full potential.
- Have fun.

The Youth & Community Café

The café continues to offer groups a safe space to meet. Residents have used the space more recently to prepare meals. This was a valuable space recently during Ramadan when some of our residents were able to prepare their food and celebrate Eid al-Fitr together.

b) Targeted Work:

We recognise that for some individuals or groups what we consistently offer may not be easily accessible to them. So , we look at targeted work to support people to access our facilities and services who might not otherwise be able to. This work is predominantly carried out in partnership, and we currently work with:

- Young Carers Junior & Senior sessions, Every first Tuesday of the month.
- Home Education Network youth project, Every Friday.
- Young people with disabilities Meet once every term
- Ups & Downs Southwest Youth Project- Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month
- Mental health support group for young men Every Monday.
- College Neet support group Every Wednesday
- Church Community coffee morning Every Friday
- YMCA Residents engagement sessions- Every Wednesday & Thursday afternoon

3. Work with Young People – Satellites and Outreach.

Our membership at all our satellite sessions continue to grow. Young people feel safe at the sessions and can access support from the youth & Community team.

South Ward

The Bournville youth club continues to offer young people from the three estates in South ward (Bournville, Oldmixon & Coronation) a safe space to meet once a week. Young people enjoy sports like cricket, Football or Basketball along with trying a new activities like working with clay.

We continue to work with our older members, giving them the support, share skills and learn how to deal with difficult situations. A young man who has not been allowed to attend any other youth sessions in the area because of his behaviour has recently been attending regularly without and incidents. Unfortunate he broke a light by accident and thought he would not be welcomed back. The team worked with the young man and instead of getting angry and removing him, they talked him through the incident. He took ownership of his actions and offered to help clear up the damage and repair the broken light. This was such a positive step because the young man felt remorseful and also felt he belonged.

This month we will be starting a new art project ready for the up-fest event in June. Young people really enjoy the opportunity to take part in community events and showcase their talents.

Worle

Worle youth club members have enjoyed learning new games. Recently the youth team have been encouraging young people to reconnect with each other by playing some of the older style games. The idea was to encourage young people to spend time away from their technology to build on their social skills

The young people really enjoyed the games especially the French skipping, and on stop cricket. It was great to see the young people working together to have fun.

The search still goes on for a new home for the Youth Club as the hub is a becoming too small and we have been exploring a new venue.

Home Education

The Home Ed group have been sharing skills, one young person has taught others to make beaded bracelets. By sharing skills, this give s young people the confidence and social skills to integrate with others.

'Social Media

Our social media platforms continue to play a part of our delivery. It helps us to reach our families and notify them of up-and-coming sessions & events.

Instagram.

Reporting Period	Total Account Reach	Total Interactions	Total Followers
01/03/2023 to	183	165	380
31/04/2023			

The data shows an increase in followers whoever a slight decrease in accounts reached and user interaction.

Facebook

WsM YMCA Community Services Report – Last amended 11/05/2023

Reporting Period	Total of New Likes	Total Reach	Total Engagement
01/09/2022 to	50	410	297
31/10/202			

Community Partnership work

At easter the team supported Swan (South Weston Activity Network) and The South Face youth Forum with their Easter activities in the park, Over 150 young people and their families attended enjoying craft activities and an easter egg hunt.

Youth Council

The youth council has continued to work on their two projects over the last few months. Ryan our Chair sadly said goodbye as he moved on and we wishing him luck in the future. We are in the process of recruiting a new chair.

Links to Town Council Strategy

The work being undertaken always strives to meet the presented needs of the community , whilst building the quality of provision for young people , and developing the scope of the work that the Town Council supports with young people. We are always keen to look at addressing the needs of young people across the area and are happy to look at establishing any new work , or work in new areas, that there is an identifiable need for.

Community Services Committee – 3rd July 2023 Item 11.2 Community Events Update - Weston Literary Festival Report of the Grounds Coordinator, Zoe Scott

- 1. At a previous Community Services Meeting on the 7th March 2022 it was approved that the opportunity be presented to Culture Weston of a collaborative Literary Festival, to be led and managed by Culture Weston with support from Town Council Officers where possible and that the Town councils budget of £2,500 be used towards the event.
- 2. As previously reported, on Wednesday 8th February the Grounds Coordinator (GC) and the Community Wellbeing Development Officer (CWDO) had a meeting with Fiona Matthews and Tom Newman from Culture Weston (CW). It was a positive and productive meeting with the following agreed:
 - a) 3-day Literary Festival in October 2023, dates to be confirmed.
 - b) The current available budget is £2,500 as agreed at Community Services with potential venue space available through Culture Weston such as Weston College and the Front Room.
 - c) The theme of "Every Story Counts" has been agreed to tie in with some of the hospital's work around 75 years of the NHS and wellbeing. Weston General Hospital are developing some interesting projects around voice/story which can also form part of the Literary Festival.
 - d) Potential for Hybrid events with some online events and in person.
- 3. Please see Appendix 1 which has been provided by Culture Weston outlining the event programme. There has been a slight change in theme but still a fantastic programme of events. Please note this is still a working document therefore some information may still need to be added or adjusted. This programme utilises the full £2,500 investment from Weston Town Council as well as contribution from Culture Weston.

Recommendation:

- 1. Approve the attached Appendix 1 Programme of Events on the understanding this is a working document and changes/adjustments may need to be made.
- Note that any income that may be achieved (subject to ability to do so) from
 the festival will be payable to Culture Weston to contribute towards the running
 costs of the event as event organiser it is not expected that the event will
 make any profit.

3. Approve release of the £2,500 from the councils event budget 23/24 to Culture Weston, as agreed and resolved on the 7th March 2022.

Community Services Committee - 3rd July 2023

Appendix 1 - Community Events Update - Weston Literary Festival Information provided by Culture Weston

Weston Literature Festival: Words on the Edge

Bookish adventures across land, sea and identity

Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th October

Thursday 5 - Saturday 7 October

Myths & Monsters Exhibition

Weston Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1PR

Free, and drop-in within Museum opening times

Explore the wild worlds of Myths and Monsters in a new exhibition, created with Events of Wonder, featuring original artwork from some of our best loved children's stories. Monsters have been around since the earliest myths and legends, keeping us terrified and captivated for millennia. The imaginations of some of the worlds most celebrated illustrators and artists bring them to life.

See over 70 artworks by 17 celebrated children's book illustrators, including Axel Scheffler (The Gruffalo), Jim Kay (A Monster Calls), Chris Moud (The Iron Man), Kristina Stephenson (The Museum of Marvellous Things) and Chris Riddell (The Cloud Horse Chronicles).

Thursday 5 October

Super Wonder Launch / Super Wonder Wares

12pm, Super Wonder Shrine, High Street, BS23 1HA

Town poets cry out their wares amidst the hustle and bustle of the high street.

And enjoy a poetry installation from young people from Off the Record at Unit 12 of The Sovereign.

Thursday 5 October

Speakeasy with Maggie Harris for World Poetry Day

7.30pm, Front Room Theatre, Central Walk, BS23 1FF

£12 recommended (pay what you choose/decide)

Friday 6 October

Chapter One Readings and Book Launch

11am -, Waterstones, Unit 21, The Sovereign, 21-23 High Street, BS23 1HL

Free, walk-up

A relaxed celebration of local voices and talents with Chapter One writing group.

The Reader

10-11.30am Front Room Theatre, Central Walk, BS23 1FF

Free, please book online

Shared Reading groups bring people together through great stories and poems to talk, laugh and share.

"The Reader is the best thing I have ever belonged to as a group member and a volunteer" Joyce, Liverpool

How does it work? A group of people, one of them a trained Reader Leader, reads a short story or poem aloud. Then we talk about it in any way we want to. There is no need for group members to read aloud or speak – it's fine to just listen.

Shared Reading is part of The Reader, a national arts charity. Hundreds of Shared Reading groups meet across the country.

Friday 6 October

The Seaside: England's Love Affair

In conversation with Madeleine Bunting

1.30pm at Winstons Fish and Chip Bar

£12 (included chips)

A vivid journey around England's great seaside resorts, exploring what they reveal about England, from the award-winning author of Love of Country,

England's seaside is made up of a striking variety of coastlines including cliffs, coves, pebbled shore, wide sandy beaches, salt marshes, and estuaries cutting deep inland. On these coastal edges England's great holiday resorts grew up, developed in the early eighteenth century originally as spas for medicinal bathing but soon morphing into places of pleasure, entertainment, fantasy and adventure.

Acclaimed writer Madeleine Bunting journeyed clockwise around England from Scarborough to Weston to Blackpool to understand the enduring appeal of seaside towns, and what has happened to the golden sands, cold seas and donkey rides of childhood memory.

Join Madeleine for chips and a sea view to hear more about her book and add your voice to the conversation.

"A poignant picture of life on the edge of England... Bunting snoops around where most of us don't bother to look" Spectator

"Eloquent and detailed... Britain's island story has never seemed so pertinent"

Financial Times

"[A] remarkable book, as bracing as a smack in the face by a stiff sea breeze, Madeleine Bunting tours the English coastline to discover what it reveals about the state of the nation today." Guardian

Friday 6 October

Rhyme Against the Tide with Saili Katebe

Loves Cafe, West Street, BS23 1JR

From 7pm, two supper options designed by Global Kitchen, members of the town's refugee community, reflecting memories and tastes of home that they'd like to share. Poetry from 8pm

£12 recommended (pay what you choose), plus optional supper £8

A blissed-out evening of poetry and food, with guest poet Saili Katebe and local support.

Saili Katebe is a Zambian-born writer and performer based in the South West. Often writing under the pen name The Blissful Nomad, he uses poetry and theatre to exercise his curiosity and perfect the art of recklessness, challenging his language and its hidden music.

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October

Crossings - Luke Jerram

Weston Marine Lake - for full details see page

Free, no booking

Crossings is an installation artwork by Luke Jerram in collaboration with BBC Radio4 producer Julian May. Find out more on page xx. Nine stories to lap up across the weekend.

Saturday 7 October

10am-1pm, Weston Central Library, BS23 1UJ

Radical book stall at Weston Library

Copy to come from library

Saturday 7 October

Crime on the edge, with Brian Price

10.30am, Waterstones, 21 High Street, BS23 1HL

Free and drop in

Discover the science behind crime writing with chemist and biologist Brian Price, whose third novel 'Fatal Dose' was published in 2023. His website for crime writers www.crimewriterscience.co.uk is required reading for any serial plotter.

Saturday 7 October

Words and Wheels with Jet McDonald

10.30am-12.30pm, meet at xxxx

£12 (pay what you choose)

Age recommendation: 14 years +

Join Jet McDonald, author of 'Mind is the Ride: a journey through cycling and philosophy', plus numerous articles for Boneshaker and The Idler, for a literary cycle to Brean Down and back. A memorable opportunity to ride together, and enjoy wheels and words al fresco as Jet shares favourite pieces of writing with you. Kindy supported by North Somerset sustainable travel.

BYO refreshments, bikes and helmets, or hire a bike locally.

Please note that riders join at their own risk.

Saturday 7 October

Stories in the Wilds with Emma Bettridge

11am-12pm. Meet outside Sprout Cafe, Grove Park, BS23 2AE

£6 recommended (pay what you choose)

Story making workshop and walk around the park for 5-7-year olds and their carers, led by Somerset author Emma ('Goodbye Hobbs') and her beloved dog Nell.

You can also enjoy a reading of Emma's latest book 'Red is Home' (published by Graffeg 5th October) whilst tucking into vegan cookies and dog biscuits from Sprout Cafe.

For more information on the workshop see https://emmabettridge.com/stories-in-the-wilds/

Saturday 7 October

A Hero Like Me with Jen Reid

Reading, conversation and book signing

2pm, Waterstones

Free and drop in

Empower children to stand up for what is right with this picture book inspired by the real-life events around the statue of a slave trader, its toppling and heroic replacement.

They call him 'HERO', but he's no HERO – not to me.

A Hero Like Me is inspired by the events of 7 June 2020, when a statue of

seventeenth-century slave trader Edward Colston was pulled down and thrown into Bristol Harbour during an anti-racism protest. Co-author Jen Reid was one of the protesters that day, and despite being afraid of heights, she spontaneously climbed onto the empty plinth and raised her fist high above her head – a moment that was captured on camera and shared around the world.

This inspiring picture book tells the story of these events through the eyes of a little girl who, every day, on her way to school, sees a towering statue. A statue of a man who sold freedom for cotton and tea. But she knows he's not a hero – not a real one.

A Hero Like Me empowers children to have courage to stand up for what is right and be their own hero. It shows every child that they have a voice in their community and a say in who is on their streets. That they too have power, just like Jen.

Saturday 7 October

Creativity on the cusp: the art of writing and illustrating for children

Courtyard of Weston Museum, adjacent to Myths and Monsters exhibition.

Age recommendation: 16 years +

£12 recommended (pay what you choose)

12.30-2pm Pick up your pop-a-point pencil and join children's play-wright Adam Fuller in a workshop designed to excite imaginations.

2.30pm-4pm Felt tips to the fore in this taster session of illustrating for children's books led by acclaimed children's illustrator Paula Bowles.

All materials provided, though you are welcome to bring your own if you wish.

Paula Bowles has worked as an illustrator since she graduated from Falmouth University in 2007, and recently relocated to Weston-super-Mare. Her publisher list includes Simon & Schuster, Nosy Crow, OUP, Little Tiger Press, Barrington Stoke and The National Trust. She is also the illustrator of the new 'Mazy the Movie Star' picture book series written by Hollywood star Isla Fisher. Her latest solo author/illustrator book, 'Tiny Crab is a Tidy Crab' published in 2022, won the Portsmouth Picture Book Award 2023, and she recently won the Lancashire School Library Service 'Brilliant book Award 2023' for her young fiction book 'Marv and the Mega Robot' written by Alex Falase-Koya.

Saturday 7 October

I am Bird by Marie Klimis

1-4pm, Weston Central Library, BS23 1UJ

Free but bookable (see website for link) or book in person on the day subject to availability.

I Am Bird is an immersive experience where, using their own headphones and mobile phones, audiences are transported on an adventure across the library, following the extraordinary story of a young bird migrating from West Africa to the UK. Using a

series of hidden clues audiences are led to miniature paper worlds and invited to reflect on migration through stories and art.

Accessibility notes: Script provided. Mobile phone or tablet is required.

Saturday 7 October

Mountain Music - Little Bulb

7.30pm, Front Room Theatre, Central Walk BS23 1FF

Plus, a free al fresco burst of music to get you in the mood at Super Wonder Shrine on the high street, 3.30pm.

We invite you on a journey of musical migration to the birth of what's now called Country Music. Featuring sumptuous three-part harmonies and a foot stomping five-piece string band, Mountain Music, written and devised by Olivier Award-winning Little Bulb and co-produced by Farnham Maltings, charts the journey of Celtic folk music over 300 years as it moves from the UK and Ireland to America. A time when music lived through community sharing and offered a vital connection to the stories and family they had left behind.

When settlers from the British Isles came to live in the Appalachian Mountains, they brought with them the invisible baggage of songs and reels from the old country. In this unique theatre spectacle, Little Bulb create an unforgettable tapestry of culture, migration and history, exploring the roots of Americana and its impact on popular music today.

Saturday 7 October

Late Night Literature - Man Eating Typewriter

In conversation with Richard Milward

9pm, Pride Bar venue tbc [nb/ this may move to Friday early evening at Central Library]

'A major talent' Irvine Welsh

'Remarkable, beautiful, magic. Like Ulysses for those who can't cope with reading Ulysses' Paolo Hewitt

'We're all in the gutter but some of us are ogling the sparkles.'

Set at the fag-end of the 1960s and framed as a novel within a novel published by a seedy London purveyor of pulp fiction, 'Man-eating Typewriter' is a homage to the avant-garde counterculture of the 20th century. Told in Polari, it is the story of an anarchist named Raymond Novak and his plan to commit a 'fantabulosa crime' in 276 days that will revolt the world.

Constructed like a hallucinogenic cocktail of A Clockwork Orange, Pale Fire and Jean Genet's jailbird fantasies, 'Man-eating Typewriter' is an act of seductive sedition by a writer with unfathomable literary talent and boldness. Wild, transgressive, erotic and resolutely uncompromising, this marks the return of a writer who is out there on an

island of his own making; a book that will be talked about, celebrated and puzzled over for decades.

Sunday 8 October

Why Women Swim

Ella Foote in conversation with Jenny Landreth and Freya Bromley

11am-12.30pm, Regency Suite, Grand Pier, BS23 1AL

£12 recommended (pay what you choose)

Join Ella Foote, editor of Outdoor Swimmer magazine, instigator of Dip Advisor, and author of forthcoming publication 'How to Wild Swim', in conversation with fellow writer-swimmers Jenny Landreth and Freya Bromley.

Jenny's 'SWELL: A Waterbiography', winner of the Sunday Times Spot Book of the Year in 2017, is a funny and bold account, part social history and part memoir, of how women fought their way into the water and what they did once they got there. A joyful hymn to our swimming foremothers.

Freya Bromley decided to swim every tidal pool in Britain as a way to fill the empty space her brother's death left behind. 'The Tidal Year' is a true story about the healing power of wild swimming and the space it creates for reflection, rewilding and hope.

".blissful... an instructive history of a tide not simply turning, but being forced to turn". The Times on 'SWELL: A Waterbiography'

"Immersive and compelling. I read in a single day! Everyone should take a plunge into this book." Cathy Renzenbrink on 'The Tidal Year'

Sunday 8 October

In Conversation with Raynor Winn

2.30pm, Regency Suite, The Grand Pier, BS23 1AL

£12 recommended (pay what you choose)

Million-copy international best-seller and prize-winning author of three Sunday Times bestsellers: The Salt Path, The Wild Silence and Landlines, Raynor Winn is also an inspirational speaker. Since travelling the South West Coastal Path, Raynor Winn has become a regular long-distance walker and writes about nature, homelessness and the health benefits of walking. She won the Royal Society of Literature Christopher Bland Prize in 2019 and has been shortlisted for numerous other awards including the Costa, the Wainwright and the Stanfords Travel Writing Awards. Since its publication The Salt Path paperback has spent an incredible ninety weeks in the Sunday Times Top Ten.

"A tale of triumph: of hope over despair; of love over everything" Sunday Times

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 3rd JULY 2023

SOMEWHERE TO GO REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BACKGROUND

- 1. For the benefit of newly elected members, the Town Council is currently, on the initiative of councillors, subsidising Somewhere to Go (StG) at the sum of £50,000 per year, split into two instalments. The agreement to support StG is an annual one, so there is no long term commitment to future years.
- 2. The Council always needs to consider whether it's expenditure on any facility or service is value for money and this services and spending are regularly considered at Expenditure and Governance Working Party. In return for the subsidy the town council required a quarterly report and statistics on usership, which over time are intended to build up a picture of usership.
- 3. The statistics are attached to this report.
- 4. The quarterly report for March to May 2023 from StG is in their own words as follows:

MARCH

- 5. The building work on the new shop and hub started on Friday 3^d March. The building had to be split in TWO so we needed to ensure planning permission was granted before we started.
- We selected a builder that had a great reputation and reviews and we could see evidence of previous work. We felt that they were the best company to choose for the best value for money.
- 7. By the middle of March, the partition wall was up and the building had been split into two. This meant we could see the two sections taking shape and seeing the space we were working with.
- 8. The day centre has continued to improve, we have now got access to the store net radio which makes the day centre feel like a safer place to be for staff, volunteers, and service users. The street community have made great use of the lockers, they are all full. We are seeing a larger number of service users, probably due to the summer coming but our new staff continue to impress with the pressures.
- 9. We ordered a new sign to go above the new hub and shop, this helped people to understand where we were located and asked questions about what we do and what could they expect from our new service. All of this was great for engaging with the community and getting their feedback.

APRIL

- 10. In April, we had a complication with the water supply. It had been switched off without consent and we had to get the water tested before it could be turned back on. This delayed the completion as the plumbers could not test their new installations. The company that took the samples had lost them and did not let us know, so we had a lot of chasing to do before this got completed.
- 11. The electricians, fire safety, intruder alarm, air conditioning, and CCTV installers, have all been in to quote on their parts and were booked in to complete. All offices have been built and building work completed.
- 12. The day centre are open on bank holidays now so the service is well used 365 days per year with meals being provided 6 days per week.

MAY

- 13.AT the start of May the plumbing was unable to be checked as the water still had not been turned on. All building work had been completed and the shop was ready to be painted. Our service users helped with the painting and packing up the old charity shop. We managed to get a removal company to donate their time and expertise to move our shop on 29th May, bank holiday Monday and the shop opened up on Saturday 3rd June.
- 14. The plumbing was finally completed by end of May and the hub is almost complete. A business has donated their employees to paint the hub and all that is left to do is furnish it. We are hoping to be open in about 4 weeks time.

Recommendation

That the report and statistics from StG be noted and referred to Expenditure and Governance Working Party for consideration before the Council prepares its budget for 2024/25.

Malcolm L Nicholson LL.B, DMS, PSLCC Town Clerk 26th June 2023

				Under				Rough	
	Male	Female	Other	25's	25-59	Over 60		_	Sofa Surf
Jan-23	365	97		33	122	73	330	85	8
Feb-23	362	102		71	586	75	258	311	19
Mar-23	388	193		79	479	95	458	389	10
Apr-23	554	185	4	34	587	110	364	245	9
May-23	546	171	10	188	202	131	496	199	10

Temp		engaged with	How many	many engaged with	New Registrati	How Many meals served?
8	8	8		3	10	312
5	11	65		7	21	295
25	11	28		6	7	389
31	3	30		9	9	510
16	2	20		4	10	321