



**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE MUSEUM ON
MONDAY 1ST JULY 2024**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 7.47 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ray Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Peter Crew (VC), Annabelle Chard, Catherine Gibbons, Simon Harrison-Morse (C), Robert Skeen and John Standfield.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Fay Powell (Director of Community Services/Deputy Town Clerk) Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager) and Molly Maher (Senior Development Officer).

<p>53</p>	<p>Election of Chair</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons SECONDED BY: Councillor Robert Skeen</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Simon Harrison-Morse be elected Chair of the Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee for the year 2024/25.</p>
<p>54</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jemma Coles who was substituted by John Crockford-Hawley, Caroline Reynolds and John Carson with no substitutions.</p>
<p>55</p>	<p>Election of Vice Chair</p> <p>The Chair invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Crew be elected Vice Chair of the Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee for the year 2024/2025.</p>

56	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
57	<p>To agree the accuracy of the following minutes of the previous meetings</p> <p>The minutes from the Community Services Committee Minutes held on 20th May 2024 had been previously circulated.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Robert Skeen SECONDED BY: Councillor Ray Armstrong</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>.1 RESOLVED: The minutes from the Community Services Committee Minutes held on 20th May 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Simon Harrison-Morse SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>.2 RESOLVED: The minutes from the Tourism and Leisure Committee held on 9th April 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor John Crockford-Hawley SECONDED BY: Councillor John Standfield</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:</p> <p>.3 RESOLVED: The minutes from the Heritage Arts and Culture Committee held on 9th April 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.</p>
58	<p>To note the revised Committee Terms of Reference.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the revised Committee Terms of Reference be noted.</p>
59	<p>Cleaner Streets</p> <p>The report of the Director of Community Services – outlined the outcomes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024 had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The report provided members with information to be able to decide on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree an amount of budget from Cleaner Streets to be ring fenced for litter picking supplies that community groups can access throughout the year. • agree the purchase of x3 waste barrows to be accessed by community groups • purchase litter bins to be placed in identified litter problem locations and trailed with the support of community groups. • make information posters and literature highlighting locations community litter picking takes place and how to get involved. • agree the remaining money is spent throughout the year with direction from

this committee and the Cleaner Streets Community Group.

It was noted that fantastic work was being undertaken in the community and that new community groups were welcome to engage at any time. The council was there to enable their work and facilitate frustrations with North Somerset Council. The next meeting was scheduled for the 31st July.

There were community groups in Worle and West Wick waiting for land adoption.

Caution was raised around providing litter bins at bus stops as could invite domestic dumping of litter. It was advised that the grounds team were looking at specific sites and designs of bus stops for this, which would be emptied on their routes. Waste was currently being taken home by some and the council would be able to take away the waste in identified bags, if dropped to one of its locations.

The requirement for weed spraying was highlighted and it was advised that including this may stifle the work of the community groups and have insurance implications. However, it could be a separate initiative picked up by Weston In Bloom.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ray Armstrong

SECONDED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

(For the purpose of full transparency it was noted that the Mayor indicated his voting preference in favour of the proposal – This was in an ex officio capacity as such it has no bearing on the motion outcome on this occasion).

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations as outlined within the report and that the budget Cleaner Streets budget of £10,000 be utilised at Officers discretion.

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PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ray Armstrong

To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admissions of Meeting) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the following item by reasons of the confidential nature of the business.

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To approve the contractor for the new Christmas Lights

The covering report of the Finance Administration Manager and tender report had been previously circulated, providing members with a recommendation of a chosen contractor.

Members were concerned that the exact design of the Christmas Lights had not yet been chosen which needed careful consideration, as well as contract details such as call out and replace/repair charges.

It was suggested that a start and finish group to discuss this would be beneficial, noting that this would need to have a quick turnaround, working with the contactors lead times to achieve installation my November.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

SECONDED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

(For the purpose of full transparency it was noted that the Mayor indicated his voting preference in favour of the proposal – This was in an ex officio capacity as such it has no bearing on the motion outcome on this occasion).

.1RESOLVED: To appoint Blachere Illuminations for the Design and Hire of the Christmas Lights as recommended on see page 9 of the tender report.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

.2 RESOLVED: That a start and finish group be formed to approve the detail of the Christmas Lights design and contract, working with the contactor on a short timescale (to be determined), consisting of Councillors Roger Bailey, Peter Crew, Catherine Gibbons and John Standfield to replace as necessary.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.47 pm

Signed.....Dated

Chair of the Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee