



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE WELCOME TO WETHERBY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024
Time: 3.30pm
Location: Micklethwaite Room, Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby, LS22 6NE.

Present: Councillor Buckle (Chair)
Councillor Lavocah
Councillor Smith

In attendance: Iona Taylor, Clerk
Rowann Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk
Helena Briden, Communications and Events Officer
Member P. Burr

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.**

Local Government Act 1972, s 85 (3)

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies be received, and reasons for absence accepted, from Councillor Harrington and Councillor Ager-Mills.

It was **NOTED** that a representative of the Wetherby Business Association also sent their apologies.

2. **Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations** – None.

Localism Act 2011, s 31

Members' Code of Conduct, para. 13-18, 19-20

3. **Public participation** – None.

Public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s 1 (3)

4. **Minutes.**

Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para. 41(1)

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Welcome to Wetherby meeting held on *Tuesday 13th February 2024* be accepted.

5. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

5.1. **Knit and Knatter.**

It was **NOTED** that the first Knit and Knatter session is booked on *Tuesday 26th March 2024* at 10:30am until 12:30pm. Advertisement materials from Councillor Smith to be passed onto Town Hall staff.

5.2. 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

It was **NOTED** that the quotes provided by Councillor Ager-Mills have expired however it is estimated that a second-hand sky light would cost approximately £250. Concerns were raised as to the due diligence required to ensure a second-hand product is suitable for purpose and can be safely operated.

The committee received two other options: A projector which could project stationary or spinning imagery onto the Town Hall at £2200 + £200 for a bespoke image slide, and a gas brazier costing £549 + VAT. It was noted that both could be reused on a number of occasions.

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the provision of the projector with one stationary slide with the assumption of getting approval for attaching the projector to the lamppost opposite the Town Hall.

The purchase of the gas brazier was identified as a good back-up option in the event that approval cannot be received.

6. Easter Holidays.

It was **NOTED** that as per agreed at the Markets Committee on *Tuesday 13th February 2024*, an Easter egg trail activity will be held during the market over the Easter holidays.

Other suggestions for Easter holiday activities were raised, including an Easter photo competition. Following a lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** that only activities and events included in the Action Plan which was approved at Full Council on *Tuesday 12th December 2023* will be progressed as part of Welcome to Wetherby.

It was suggested that activities such as the Easter photo competition could be trialled separately from Welcome to Wetherby this year then submitted for next year's action plan.

7. Funfair and Fireworks.

Local Government Act 1972, Section 144

The committee received a working budget for the Funfair and Fireworks event planned for *Sunday 26th May 2024*. Due to changes in the requirements from Leeds City Council to run public events, cost for hosting public events has risen substantially, leading to a current estimated loss of £3,834.89.

It was **NOTED** that some funding from the surplus generated by previous bonfire night events remains as an earmarked fund. As proposed by Councillor Buckle, seconded by Councillor Lavocah, it was **AGREED** that in order for ticket prices to remain as low as possible, these monies could be used to cover deficit in funding for the Funfair and Fireworks event.

Councillor Buckle to approach local businesses for sponsorship. It was **AGREED** that sponsors of the event would be able to promote their businesses at the event through banners reflective of the amount donated.

Appreciation was expressed to the Clerk, The Communications and Events Officer, Councillor Harrington, Councillor Buckle, and Member P. Burr for their efforts in organising this event.

8. 200th Anniversary of the sale of Wetherby.

Local Government Act 1972, Section 144

The Communications and Events Officer updated the committee on the progression of the 200th anniversary of the sale of Wetherby. It was **NOTED** that following a meeting with the Civic Society, the idea of a projector to project images onto the Town Hall was well received.

Following an expression of interest from the Wetherby Business Association, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would facilitate a meeting between Wetherby Business Association and the Civic Society to discuss other event options.

9. Items for information.

9.1. YLCA D-Day 80th Anniversary Guide.

The correspondence from the YLCA on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

The gas braziers, as outlined of page 45 of the guide, were discussed under agenda item 5.2.

10. Next meeting.

The next meeting of Welcome to Wetherby was confirmed to take place on *Tuesday 9th April 2024* at 3:30pm in Wetherby Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 4:20pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Rowann Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk.