



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE WELCOME TO WETHERBY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2024
Time: 3.30pm
Location: Micklethwaite Room, Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby, LS22 6NE.

Present: Councillor Buckle (Chair)
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Smith

In attendance: Rowann Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk
Helena Briden, Communications and Events Officer (*From 3:46pm*)
One representative of Wetherby Business Association

MINUTES

1. **Apologies.**

Local Government Act 1972, s 85 (3)

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

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 12th March 2024* be accepted.

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

5.1. **Easter holiday activities.**

It was **NOTED** that *Thursday 11th April 2024* would be the last day that the market-based Easter activities would be provided. It was **NOTED** that the activities have been very well received so far, with participants active throughout the day.

Councillor Harrington suggested that for future iterations of the activity, a formalised process to record the number of participants should be developed.

The Communications and Events Officer joined the meeting at 3:46pm

6. Funfair and Fireworks.

Local Government Act 1972, Section 144

The committee received an update on the provision of the Funfair and Fireworks event. Notable mentions include:

- An event licence has now been applied for and 13 notices have been put up around Wetherby Ings. A notice has also been placed in the daily mail as per the licencing requirements. It was **NOTED** that licencing would have been completed earlier however the Communications and Events Officer had previously been informed that a licence was not required.
- Skips for event waste has now been arranged with Wetherby Skips however more stewards and litter pickers are required for on the day management of the event.
- Online tickets being sold via Ticket Source are going live on Wednesday 10th April 2024. Physical tickets will also be sold in Touchwood and the Post Office in due course.

7. 200th Anniversary of the Sale of Wetherby.

Local Government Act 1972, Section 144

It was **NOTED** that a member of the Wetherby Business Association was put in contact with a member of Wetherby Civic Society to enquire about putting posters up in the windows from businesses whose buildings reside on land which were part of the sale of Wetherby.

Current other activities include a coffee morning and exhibition. A catalogue showcasing the lots sold during the Sale of Wetherby will be available at the coffee morning.

A new plaque commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Sale of Wetherby will also be unveiled on the day.

8. 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Local Government Act 1972, Section 144

No updates were received on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day due to prioritisation of the Funfair and Fireworks event however it was **NOTED** that the Communications and Events Officer will be contacting Leeds City Council to confirm that the projector can be wired into the lamppost's electric supply.

Committee members were reminded that the cost of the projector is approximately £2,200.00, bespoke image slides are £200, and off-the-shelf stationary slides are £100.

9. 2024 Civic Service.

It was **NOTED** that invitations to the 2024 Civic Service of Thanksgiving have been distributed. Councillors were reminded that they are required to attend where possible.

It was **NOTED** that a representative of the Royal British Legion has not received their invite and has requested it be resent.

10. Items for information.

10.1. Knitting Ninjas.

It was **NOTED** that the first knitting and crochet group session occurred on Tuesday 26th March 2024 as was very well attended. Councillor Smith aims to run the session monthly.

10.2. Wetherby Lights Workshop.

A representative of Wetherby Business Association requested the committees' thoughts on moving the Wetherby Lights event from a Thursday to a Saturday and run it as an all-day event.

Concerns about closing the road on both Thursday and Saturday in the same week were raised however the committee **AGREED** that they had no objections or comments on this change subject to businesses being consulted by Wetherby Business Association.

11. **Next meeting.**

The next meeting of Welcome to Wetherby was confirmed to take place on *Tuesday 14th May 2024* at 3:30pm in Wetherby Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 4:12pm.

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

Signed copy available on request.