



Minutes of a meeting of the Towns Improvements Committee held on 22nd January 2024 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors J. Warren (Chair), P. Clayton, M. Facey, G. Gudka, C. Searing, B. Vickers

In attendance: E. Dutton (Deputy Town Clerk) and 4 members of the public

Public Participation:

A member of the public spoke regarding agenda item 105.0.124 they asked the Committee to consider that if the continental market operator was reputable to give it a go for one year.

96.0.124 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Wynn.

97.0.124 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

98.0.124 To receive and approve the minutes of the TIMPS meeting held on 13th November and the Extraordinary meeting held on 13th December 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Towns Improvements Committee meeting held on 13th November 2023 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 13th December 2023, were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

99.0.124 Matters arising from previous minutes

The Nornen Street Art are liaising directly with Berrow for the display of their artwork.

DBS checks have not yet been undertaken, due to needing to use an umbrella company and not meeting their specified conditions of a minimum of 5 applicants.



100.0.124 To receive the Chairs report

The Chairman reported that the litter in the town has gotten significantly worse and suggested the Town Council should fully embrace the Great British Spring Clean between the 15th and 31st March 2024.

101.0.124 To receive update report from the Town Rangers

The Town Rangers report was noted.

Councillor Gudka asked the Deputy Clerk if the next report could show what the Rangers had planned for the next 3 months.

102.0.124 To receive a verbal update on the Christmas lights

The Deputy Clerk stated that several issues had arisen with the displays and a meeting with the contractor has been arranged as per the contract. This will be reported back to the next meeting.

103.0.124 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report

No queries were raised and the report was noted.

104.0.124 To note the most recent footfall report

The footfall report was noted.

105.0.124 To consider request to hold a continental market

An email from the Retail Group stating they were against holding the market had been circulated prior to the meeting for the Members consideration.

Resolved that the Committee requested the Deputy Clerk to invite the organising company to attend a meeting for further discussion, with the possibility of holding the market after the school holidays in September. A full detailed business plan will be required to include details of what is sold on the stalls, responsibility of the clean-up and how they intend to pick local traders.

106.0.124 To consider request from St Joseph's School for a dog bin to be placed at the lane leading into the School

Resolved that the Committee agree to pay Somerset Council for the purchase and installation of a new post and dog poo bin at a cost of £200 and emptying of the bin 2 times per week at a cost of £278 per annum.

The Committee requested the Deputy Clerk contacts St Joseph's School and gain further information to find the best location to place the dog bin.



107.0.I24 To consider reprinting of railway leaflets and Town Crier postcards

Further information from the Tourist Information was requested on whether they are required and for consideration at the next meeting.

108.0.I24 To consider report regarding Temporary Traffic Regulation Order application for 2024 events

Resolved that the Committee submit a joint TTRO with The Burnham Chamber of Trade and Our Highbridge for the Fireworks and other events within the towns, at a cost £575, to be taken from the events budget 400/4465.

109.0.I24 Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting, which is scheduled **25th March 2024 at 7pm.**