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**ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 7th JULY 2023**

Present:

Councillors: K Saunders, G Dennis, I Durnin-Duffy, N Gardiner, L Gow, F Haines, J Murphy, and Richard Williams

Assistant Clerk: C Haines

Representatives: Darren Arthurs and Martin Wellstead – Jazz Festival 2024

Members of the Public: 7

Apologies: G Olley

		Action
13	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None	
14	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & CORRESPONDENCE (Maximum 10 Minutes) A member of the public asked if it would be possible to have dual rubbish bins in the town to allow for recycling and therefore avoid all rubbish going into one bin. The Town Clerk is to investigate the costings and add it as a future agenda item.	DR
15	MINUTES OF THE MEETING: RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee Meeting Tuesday 6 th June 2023.	
16	PRESENTATION – JAZZ FESTIVAL 2024: Councillors received a presentation regarding a potential Jazz Festival to be held Friday 31 st May - Saturday 1 st June 2024. Plans to hold a ticketed event with approximately three hundred wristbands on sale prior to the event and a further one hundred wristbands available for the musicians, organisers, and volunteers. Friday 31 st May 2024 would be an evening event held at the United Reform Church or St Michaels Church 6:00pm - 11:00pm	

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	<p>Saturday 1st June 2024 a free stage in the Market Square from 11:00am - 3:00pm and music to be hosted in The Old Bakery, The Highworth Hotel, The Wine Bar, United Reform Church, and St Michaels Church 6.00pm-11.00pm.</p> <p>The High Street would be closed, and the Market moved so the square is clear for an audience.</p> <p>This is a 'not for profit' event, any excess money donated to charity.</p> <p>This is to be an agenda item on Full Council.</p>	DR
17	<p>EV CHARGING POINTS:</p> <p>A report was received from Councillor N Gardiner regarding the EV Charging Strategy in Swindon Borough Council (SBC).</p> <p>There is a total of 71 EV Charging points across the borough of Swindon, 31 points per 100,000 residents.</p> <p>It is important that Highworth is included in the 2023/24 funding, once the new Committee in SBC has been formed Councillor N Gardiner will ask for this to be a priority.</p>	NG
18	<p>4-YEAR STRATEGY:</p> <p>The Committee agreed that due to the number of items on the Committee's priority list it would be beneficial for the Councillor K Saunders to meet with the Town Clerk and reduce it down to 4 or 5 headings with subheadings.</p> <p>The updated list and how this will be achieved is to be a future agenda item.</p>	DR
19	<p>SIGNPOSTING INFORMATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highworth Town Council (HTC) share information on social media, including HTC website • HTC communicate with local Schools to send out information to parents • HTC work with Highworth Community Partnership Group (HCPG) with Volunteer EXPO • Highworth Library as a site for sharing information, holding talks, Councillor L Gow to investigate and report back. 	LG
20	<p>HGV TRAFFIC THROUGH HIGHWORTH A420:</p> <p>Councillor R Williams is to arrange a meeting with SBC and Vale of White Horse.</p>	RW
21	<p>CEMETERY BELL RESTORATION:</p> <p>RESOLVED by Councillor R Williams, Seconded by Councillor L Gow to investigate grant funding available to assist with the costs of restoration of the Bell on the Cemetery Chapel. Councillors unanimously agreed and the Resolution was duly carried.</p> <p>Councillor L Gow is to investigate grant funding and bring back to committee.</p>	LG

22	<p>FIREWORKS TICKETS:</p> <p>RESOLVED by Councillor N Gardiner, Seconded by Councillor G Dennis to approve the ticket prices for the 2023 Fireworks Event at £6.00 per adult, £4.00 per child/concession and £20.00 per family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) Councillors unanimously agreed and the Resolution was duly carried.</p>	
23	<p>MEMBERS' BUSINESS:</p> <p><u>Councillor N Gardiner:</u> Update on the bridge at Lechlade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic management with diversions in place is ongoing • A comprehensive inspection of the bridge has been conducted by structural engineers • Designs for bridge expected in next few weeks • Design to then be ratified by Historical England • Design to then be approved by Secretary of State • Delivery of Bridge repairs <p>When more information is available it will be shared.</p> <p><u>Councillor J Murphy:</u> Questions for the litter pick surveys need to be agreed so the survey can go live.</p> <p><u>Councillor R Williams:</u> The Skatepark Event is being organised by an external company.</p>	
Meeting Closed 20:47 PM		

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