

WIVELISCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL
LIBRARY WORKING GROUP MEETING
Held at Community Office, Wiveliscombe
Thursday 14th November 2024 at 1.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr R Wilson, Cllr B Wilson, Cllr F Higginson

CLERK: Mrs Sarah Towells

OTHER: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Gaines and Parker

24/01LWG Elect a Chair: It was resolved to elect Cllr Parker as Chair but for the purpose of this meeting, Cllr R Wilson would chair it.

24/02LWG Apologies: As noted above

24/03LWG Declarations of interest: There were none.

24/04LWG Terms of reference: It was resolved to recommend to full council the following:

- Name of group – WTC Library Working Group
- Purpose/role of the group – 1. To evaluate community benefits since April 2019, including liaising with the public. 2. Investigate a variety of different models. 3. Financial. 4. Location of library options. 5. Any other library matter that arises during the findings of the group. 6. Propose a way forward to be agreed by Full Council regarding the Library.
- What are the aims/responsibilities of the group – To assess the future of the library and carry out the tasks as listed in section 2 above.
- Number of people - 5 councillors and the Clerk
- Amount of meetings held each year – As many as is required.
- Elect a Chair at first meeting.
- Report back all finding to Full Council and vote on any recommendations.

24/05LWG Flaws in current contracts: It was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting when all the members had compared contracts. It was important to note the flaws to ensure that if WTC agrees to sign any new contracts they can be avoided in the new contracts.

24/06LWG Look at other community libraries: It was resolved Cllr Higginson would research Somerton and Bruton. Cllr R Wilson would research Nether Stowey, The Clerk would research watchet and Cllr B Wilson would research Porlock. These would then be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussions took place regarding the costs for running the library since 2019 which are recorded on the attached sheet. Also, discussions as to why SC have drawn up draft contracts without contacting WTC first.

24/07LWG Way Forward: Carry out above tasks to be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

24/08LWG Items for next meeting: As above

24/09LWG Date, time and place of next meeting: Wednesday 4th Dec at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm