

**LIBRARY WORKING GROUP MEETING**  
**Held at Community Office, Wiveliscombe**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr T Parker (Chair) Cllr B Wilson and P Martin

**CLERK:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**OTHER:** None

**APOLOGIES:** R Wilson

**25/01LWG Elect a Chair:** It was resolved Cllr Parker would chair the Library working group meetings

**25/02LWG Apologies:** As noted above

**25/03LWG Declarations of interest:** There were none.

**25/04LWG Minutes from meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**25/05LWG Further forms from Public meetings:** The Clerk reported she had received 5 more Library forms bringing the total to 11.

Would you be prepared to volunteer in the Library? 7 answered Yes, 1 answered maybe, and 3 answered No  
Would you be prepared to become a trustee of a new charity formed to secure the future of Wiveliscombe Library? 5 answered No, one answered yes and 5 maybe's with different conditions.

**25/06LWG Review the direction of WTC in regards to renewing Library leases:** Discussions took place regarding ways to proceed. Discussions included the use more volunteers to maintain and possibly extend the opening hours of the library, also freeing-up time for the librarian/employee to do some outreach work. WTC to cover librarian/employees salary, up to 50% of S137 each year, and underwrite the Co-op lease cost in emergencies only. Somerset Council would continue to contribute £9000 per year. This would all be discussed with the Town Hall Trust once a meeting with them had been arranged.

**25/07LWG Lease developments and anything else to report from WAP/SC:** It was resolved to note there was nothing to report as a meeting with The Town Hall Trust had not yet taken place.

**25/08LWG THT's request to see draft agreement and agree response:** Somerset Council have not drawn up a draft contract yet as they are waiting to hear from the Town Council which way to proceed. No meeting with the Town Hall Trust has taken place yet so it was resolved the Clerk would contact Nicky Saunter/Emma Betteridge to arrange a meeting to discuss the above. Once the above has been agreed (or amended and then agreed) it can then be used as a basis to indicate out latest thoughts to Somerset Council to enable them to draw up a draft contract.

**25/09LWG THT's request to see current lease agreement with Co-op and agree response:** It was resolved to have a meeting with the Town Hall Trust to agree a way forward before approaching WAP to ask to see the contract.

**25/10LWG Items for next meeting:** Discuss way forward once we have feedback from Town Hall Trust.

**25/11LWG Date, time and place of next meeting:** TBC but possibly week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June

**There are no recommendations to Full Council.**

Meeting closed at 5.30pm