

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 10am at the Town Hall

Notes

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	PG, JM, MW, SF
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	NIL
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting - notes from December 2025. Noted.
4	Standing Orders- public section.	Nil
5	Environmental matters –	<i>Follow up to meeting with ESC re prom/ cliffs – response and update received. But there does not appear to be anything new being advised. It was suggested that council writes back and asks for the milestones for the stabilisation of the cliff and for the project timeline, and for details of when town council will be advised of the success of the interventions including the pest control (details of their measure of success of the pest control and how effective it has been). Ask for a statement which can be made public before Easter so that the public feel reassured that progress is being made.</i>
6	Ongoing Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Town Sign repairs – new sign is still on target to be ready Spring 2026.</i> • <i>Seeding at Klondyke – to be carried out again Spring 2026. Cllr Hurr to be asked to lead a volunteer group – Cllrs Miller and Goldsmith offered to help.</i> • <i>Play area updates. Tibbys and Klondyke remedial works are being carried out. The adult gym equipment is being removed as previously agreed.</i> • <i>Community Self Help scheme – the items requested have been signed off by SCC and will be ordered. To be stored at Town Hall. Invoice will be paid by STC and SCC will then refund.</i> • <i>CCTV - police have advised where they would like extra cameras to be placed. The council CCTV provider has visited the sites and provided a summary for the cttee. Cttee agreed with the suggestions being made and a quote is to be requested to assess costs.</i> • <i>Box Up – grant available from ESC which will virtually cover the costs. It has been confirmed that no power is required for the unit. ESC Grant application to be accepted.</i> • <i>TIC/ Digital Screen update – The CCF revenue grant will cover the costs of a window digital screen for the TIC to display a map of Southwold (as a map has been the most requested item at the TIC over the past 12 months). Full costs to be obtained for the screen and software.</i>

7	Finance – budget – quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Budget 2026 – 2027</i> – the L and E cttee budget has been incorporated within council budget and has been approved. • <i>Events Growth Grant scheme</i> – Sizewell – noted. • <i>ESC Visitor Economy Support Scheme</i> – project in relation to creating art/ sculpture trail along North Parade to join up with the existing sculpture trail. ESC will assist in working up the project and establishing potential footfall growth as a result of any scheme - ESC has engaged a consultant to assist with the project plan – meeting with ESC to be held March 2026.
8	Events To consider	<p><i>Heritage Open Day events</i> September 2026. Southwold has not been involved in the event before. Initial contact made with national organisers. Workshop for cttee members arranged for later in the month so that the regional organisers can advise what is required to take part in 2026, and what the role of STC could be in facilitating venues across the town to take part. Consider whether the Events Growth Grant would be available.</p> <p><i>Charter Fayre</i> – it was agreed by all that in view of the numerous health and safety aspects required to hold any events, an application should be lodged with ESC for the Fair to take place on South Green as usual. STC to lodge the application on behalf of the Fair.</p>
	Date of next meeting	26 th March at 10am

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