# Minutes of meeting of Hay Town Council held at Hay Primary School at 6.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Present:** Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG) Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr D Price (DP)

Cllr A Powell (AP)

Cllr J Gamon (JG)

Cllr H Davies (HD)

Cllr J Pearson (JP)

Cllr F Howard (FH)

Cllr D Gittins (DG)

Cllr H Davies (HD)

**Apologies:** Cllr R Greatrex (RGr) County Councillor G Ratcliffe (GR) N Lewis (NL)

**In Attendance:** N Burdekin (NB)

#### 1884. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct.

FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, The Warren, Planning Application &

Proposed Cycleway

RWG – HADSCAL, The Warren

AP – HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group

TS - Hay Woodland Group

HS - Booths Bookshop

JG - President Black Mountain Lions & Director of Tourist Information

DG - Friends of Hay Castle

JP - BBNP Local Access meeting, Herefordshire Local Access Forum

#### 1885. Questions from the public

No questions raised.

# 1886. Police Update

AP said that HTC should enquire again as to what is happening with Hay's PSCO quota, having been reduced from 2 to 1 before Christmas. FH suggested adding to HTC's Facebook the automatic DPCM messaging link.

# 1887. Minutes of meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The minutes of the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

# 1888. Matters arising from minutes not listed on the agenda (a) Legionella Testing

NB has spoken with the Clerk from Talgarth and is waiting on contact details from the Clerk for the Councillor who currently deals with legionella testing in Talgarth. NB to chase up.

#### (b) Arnold Wesker Memorial Bench

NB is trying to contact Powys CC for a contact to install the Arnold Wesker Memorial Bench. NB to follow up in order to have the new bench installed in place of the Agincourt bench.

#### (c) Bell Bank Bench

TS has sent BBNP the information they need to make a decision. Awaiting BBNP decision on whether we can install the bench opposite the Chemists.

#### (d) TTOW

TS reported that the EU audit began today,  $8^{th}$  January 2018. The auditor has allowed for a week, but will probably have collected all the information needed at this stage by Wednesday  $10^{th}$  January.

# (e) Plastic/Film recycling

TS reported that Cae West is closing down this element of its work by the end of January 2018. However, TS suggested that NB contact them to see if they can still support HTC in getting the recycling container. NB to follow up.

#### (f) Gateway to Wales sign

NB explained that a licence has been sent in the post by Powys CC which requires HTC to sign. NB added that the licence isn't too onerous and essentially asks HTC to make sure the sign is insured, and that Powys CC reserves the right to remove the sign within 1 month's notice. JG said that the sign will need Planning Permission. NB to complete.

#### (g) Winter Festivals

NB confirmed that he has sent the thank you letters to Chamber of Commerce and the Hay Literary Festival.

#### (h) Any other items from minutes not listed

NB asked JG on behalf of NL if both the newly installed de-fibrillators were now the property of HTC. JG said that, yes, both now were.

JG mentioned a sign that has been installed near Hay Tourist Information and asked if the owner of the sign has planning permission for it. NB to check with the sign's owner.

# **1889. Sub Committee Reports/Minutes**

#### (a) Finance

There was a general discussion about setting the precept for 2018/19 financial year. There was a strong view amongst Councillors to hold the precept at the same level as 2017/18, but allowing for inflation. It was agreed that the Finance Sub Committee needs to meet as a matter of priority as the deadline for the precept being sent to Powys CC is 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. NB to arrange with NL.

#### (b) Fishing & Estates

(i) The Gliss - There has been no meeting since the last Full Council meeting. However, TS updated the Council that we are still waiting to hear back from Land Registry in terms of registering HTC land.

#### (c) Town Events

- (i) Senior Citizens' Christmas Party Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 FH said that 41 people will be attending the Christmas Party in January 2018. There will be a quiz, music, and bingo. AP to check to make sure there are enough prizes. AP, FH. RWG, JP, HS, DG & NB to attend.
- (ii) Award ceremony for Hay Citizen of the Year RGr has suggested that this award, now it's been set up by the Communications Sub Group, be handed over to Town Events to run. TS suggested the nomination form be added to the Facebook site. NB to send TS/JP a pdf of the final nomination form.

#### (d) Recycling Fund

**(i) Two applications** - NB explained that there have been two Recycling Fund applications received. NB to arrange a Sub Committee meeting. TS added that the guidelines need to be looked at and refined for future applications.

#### (e) Council Premises

#### (i) Minutes of Sub Committee dated 19th December 2017

RWG read out the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

(1) That HTC pay Powys CC 26% to manage/administer the roof repair contract.

RWG proposed. DP seconded. *Unanimously approved.* 

# (f) Communications

# (i) Hay Citizen of the Year award

TS said there had been a very small amendment to the form, to include, "...in a voluntary capacity."

#### (ii) Website

TS is hoping to arrange a meeting with the website provider (GloverSureLtd) during January 2018. The session is to determine the next steps for setting up the new website, how the website should look, and to show Comms members how to use/add information to the website. E-mail usage/protocols will also need to be investigated.

#### 1890. Transfer of Assets

NB has forwarded on to all Councillors a copy of the letter drafted by WilliamsBeales&Co. for Powys CC. Still no substantive response from Powys CC.

#### **1891. Library**

(i) Expression of Interest - TS said that, as of the previous meeting, Powys CC has acknowledged HTC's e-mailed Expression of Interest for running the library building, but there has been nothing further at this stage.

#### 1892. Powys CC's School Consultation

FH said there wasn't much difference in this consultation to a prior one. FH proposed, and HD seconded, that HTC doesn't get involved in this particular request from Gwernyfed School as it is outside HTC's remit. However, as individuals, Councillors are perfectly entitled to take part in the consultation.

### 1893. Consultations - general

- (i) **Town Councils Role** It was agreed to wait until RGr returns to take this work further. TS, JP and HD will work with RGr on this.
- (ii)Trauma Network JP will work on an initial response/feedback for this consultation and e-mail to all Councillors for comments.

#### 1894. Town Plan Update

#### (i) Miles without Stiles/accessibility

JP explained that footpath improvements at the Bailey Walk will start imminently. JP added that there is a small footbridge on the route that often gets flooded by an adjacent gully, and this issue will also be fixed as part of the BBNP work.

#### (ii) Grant Funding Possibility - Natural Resources Wales

NB reported that there is a funding round with Natural Resources Wales with a deadline for Expression of Interests for  $14^{th}$  January 2018. NB said that one of the main elements of the grant is to link mental health and wellbeing with natural resources. TS, JP and NB to meet to complete an Expression of Interest form.

#### 1895. Recreational Facilities update

- (i) AGM NL to arrange once he's back from sick leave
- (ii) Fundraising JP has met with representatives from the Sports Clubs, and they are looking to approach businesses for sponsorship to help cover running costs. JP has drafted a letter which she will circulate to all Councillors. JP said that they will also be approaching charities to seek support. JG said that the Lions prefer to give donations to an individual so that they can take part in a presentation/PR.

# 1896. Play Areas (a) Monthly inspections

AP said that there is nothing to report.

#### 1897. Report of the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

# i. Correspondence

#### Jan 2018 Correspondence

a. Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Sunday openings from Drovers newsletter

b. Planning Aid Wales E-mail: training on town council planning

c. Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe E-mail: Powys CC draft CAT policy

d. WUF E-mail: news update

e. Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Form for stallholders Hay Independence

f. OVW E-mail: Nov 2017 news bulletin

g. Peter Lewis Powys CC
 h. Healthmatic
 E-mail: Permission for Gateway Wales sign re-sited
 E-mail: Purchase O. No. to replace hand dryer

j. Festive Lights E-mail: Invoice for Christmas lights

j. Brook Street Pottery E-mail: Some of the X mas lights not working

k. Welsh Government E-mail: Section 137 expenditure limit £7.86 per elector

I. Red Cross Request for financial assistance

m. Barclays Latest statementsn. Marian Lally Payroll/payslips

o. BBNP E-mail: agenda for 8th Dec 2017

p. Bridgend Disabled People E-mail: re. possible access scheme/sign petition

q. OPCC E-mail: Police Comm. newsletter Dec 2017

r. Dyfed Police E-mail: Dec monthly bulletin

s. OVW E-mail: link to funding - NRW - deadline 14th Jan t. OVW E-mail: Planning law in Wales deadline 1st March

u. BT E-mail: phone bill for 3rd quarter

v. Wye Local E-mail: Reminder re. Wye Local deadline

w. WUF E-mail: WUF update

x. Stephen Butcher
 y. BBNP
 E-mail: Purchase O. for water charges at Pavilion
 E-mail: Weekly list of planning apps 24th Nov 2017

**Electricity bill for Sports Pavilion British Gas** 7. **British Gas** Electricity bill for Clock Tower toilets aa. **British Gas** Electricity bill for Brecon Road ab. **Geoff Myles** (x2) bookings for X mas party ac. CAB E-mail: summary of Nov 2017 AGM ad. Opus E-mail: meter reading requests ae. Increase to pension contributions Pensions Regulator af.

ag. Play Wales E-bulletin Dec 2017

ah. Talgarth Clerk E-mail: invite HTC to attend fundraiser 8th Dec 2017

ai. Renwick Russell EU audit update aj. PAVO E-bulletin Dec 2017

ak. Powys CC Finance E-mail: Purchase O. for water charges at Pavilion

al. Sandra Skinner H2T E-mail: further EU update
am. Welsh Ambulance Service E-mail: request for donations

an. BBNP E-mail: Assent for pathway on Bailey Walk

ao. Shane Thomas Powys CC E-mail: Letter re. Hay Cemetery
ap. Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Next meeting 13th Dec 2017

aq. Helen Morris E-mail: Meeting re room hire

OVW E-mail: Reports on loneliness and isolation ar. WUF E-mail: Newsletter update as. Powys Health Board E-mail: consultation re. major trauma network at. Renwick Russell E-mail: Possible change of date of EU audit au. Peter Lewis Powys CC E-mail: Next step for Gateway to Wales sign av. Gregory Couch Nat West Bank E-mail: request for Chamber booking 25th Jan 2018 aw. **David Wilkes** E-mail: DailyMail re.cost of Matt Lucas Xmas lights ax. **BBNP** E-mail: Wkly list of planning apps 1st Dec 2017 ay. Renwick Russell E-mail: EU audit commence 8th Jan 2018 az. Awyn Rhys Jones E-mail; equest for donation to national eisteddfod ba. **Npower** Invoice for Oxford Rd toilets 14 Sep-1 Dec 2017 bb. Peter Jones E-mail: Powys Wellbeing Plan consultation bc. Jesse Ingham E-mail: Ack. of article for Wye Local Dec edition bd. **OVW** E-mail: Links to "Parliament that works for Wales" he Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Agree to audit Xmas lights in Jan 2018 bf. **OVW** E-mail: Follow up to Town Council consultation bq. Andrew Jones, G'fed School E-mail: Response to Powys CC Plans for School bh. E-mail: Where our energy is sourced from bi. Opus Gregory Couch Nat West Bank E-mail: Confirming chamber booking 25th Jan 2018 bj. OVW E-mail: Draw re. Buckingham Palace garden parties bk. Neil Clutton Powys CC E-mail: Extra 26% charge roof repairs C.Chambers bl. Lloyd Howells Welsh Water E-mail: Works at Gliss postponed till mid Jan 2018 bm. Healthmatic E-mail: Logged disabled toilets currently shut bn. Neil Clutton Powys CC E-mail: Further info/quote roof repairs at C. Chambers bo. WUF E-mail: Newsletter update bp. Powys Comm. Health Council E-mail: Volunteers needed bq. Williams Beales & Co. E-mail: Copy of follow up letter to Powys CC for reply br Online Playgrounds E-mail: newsletter update bs. Powys CC E-mail: planning apps notices 24/11/17 to 08/12/17 ht **Cllr Greatrex** E-mail: Invoice for December Wye Local printing bu. John Hanson E-mail: Pensioners X Mas party booking bv. **Andrew Brewer** E-mail: Business rates clarification hw **Bronllys Well Being** E-mail: request to present at HTC meeting bx. E-mail: invoice Opus by, Invoices for grass cutting for the year **IMD** bz. **IMD** Invoice for cutting trees/vegetation at the Gliss ca **IMD** Quote for cutting hedge at recreation grounds cb **IMD** Quote for reducing trees picnic site Millbank СС Invoice for Sports Pavilion Brecon Rd Corona Energy cd Current account statement **Barclays** ce Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Window competition winners cf Lisa Aspinall Welsh Government E-mail: Update on Town Councils consultation cg Helen Morris E-mail: New tenant in Council Offices - set up S/Order ch Chamber of Commerce E-mail: request for AGM on 26 April 2018 ci Healthmatic E-mail: Confirm re-opened disabled toilets Oxford Rd cj Tony Caine Powys CC E-mail: Can't put in pedestrian crossing Blue Boar ck **OVW** E-mail: Dec monthly bulletin cl Neil Clutton Powys CC E-mail: Clarifications re. roof repairs cm Matthew Scanlon BBNP E-mail: Review of BBNP Development Plan cn **BBNP** E-mail: weekly planning apps 15th Dec 2017 CO Howard Taylor Powys CC E-mail: Requested funds to remove red van at Gliss ср

cq BOSS E-mail: Invoice for paper

cr Accounts 2012 E-mail: HTC webname to expire 26/03/18
cs C. Evans - Hearing Loss charity E-mail: Request for financial donation
ct Renwick Russell E-mail: Confirmation of EU audit to start

cu Want to Canoe? E-mail: Recycling Fund application canoe sessions

cv BBNP E-mail: weekly planning apps 22nd Dec 2017

cw Chamber of Commerce E-mail: Recycling Fund application X mas lights 2018
cx Cllr Richard Greatrex E-mail: Request delay to Feb 2018 Full Council meeting

- **e. Chamber of Commerce** NB to complete stallholders form for Hay Independence Celebrations.
- **p. Bridgend Disabled People** It was agreed that HTC would support this initiative. NB to sign the on-line petition on HTC's behalf. TS/JP to put this link on Facebook.
- **bk. Buckingham Palace draw** unanimously agreed to enter the draw. NB to action
- **bx. Bronllys Wellbeing** request to give a presentation to HTC. All agreed. NB to see if they can attend the next Full Council meeting.
- cu. & cw. Recycling Gants Want to Canoe? And Chamber of Commerce NB to arrange a meeting of Recycling Grants Sub Committee.

#### cx. Cllr RGr request to delay February Full Council meeting

TS read out RGr's request to delay the February Full Council meeting. FH and TS said that we have Standing Orders with OVW and that wouldn't allow for a delay to Full Council meetings unless the meeting would not be quorate. TS will let RGr know that for this reason, the February meeting cannot be re-arranged.

- **x. Stephen Butcher Purchase Order** AP asked for confirmation what this related to. NB explained it was for half the costs for water at the Sports Pavilion, with a reduction in cost agreed with Powys CC.
- **cb IMD quote for hedge cutting at the Recreation Grounds** AP said that because the quote was over £100.00, two more quotes would be needed. It was unanimously agreed that the hedge cutting (which was only part of the quote) be carried out by IMD urgently as it was a potential hazard.
- **ck Pedestrian crossing at the Blue Boar** JG raised the issue that there isn't a dropped kerb at the junction with Castle Street.

#### ii. Balance and issues of cheques

Main account £62,685.96 Council Offices £54,724.58 Project account £2,398.51 Deposit £14,755.09

#### Schedule of Cheques Issued/to be Issued

Period 5/12/17 - 8/01/18

Date	Cheque	Payee	Details	Sub- total	Amount
	Number			£	£
Main Account - Cheques Issued					

19/12/2017	102989	R Greatrex	Newsletter Printing Costs - Vistaprint		67.18
Main Account	- Cheques to	be Issued			
08/01/2018	102990	BOSS	Photocopier paper		12.99
08/01/2018	102991	M Budd	Dec Salary		156.94
08/01/2018	102992	N Lewis	Dec Salary	888.05	
		N Lewis	Dec Expenses	3.30	891.35
08/01/2018	102993	N Burdekin	Dec Salary		556.79
08/01/2018	102994	G Tofarides	Oct - Dec Salary		50.10
08/01/2018	102995	I.M.D.	Cutting trees/general maintenance the Gliss		80.00
08/01/2018	102996	HMRC	PAYE Oct-Dec 2017		1233.42
For informatio	n - Standing	Orders/Direct Debits			
04/12/2017	DD	Barclays	Charges 13/10 - 12/11/17		17.13
06/12/2017	SO	M Eager	Tidy Recyling Area		50.00
15/12/2017	DD	BT	Quarterly bill Oct - Dec 17		55.07
18/12/2017	DD	British Gas	Electicity 29/08 - 28/11/17 toilets Clock Tower		106.95
18/12/2017	DD	Npower	Charges 14/09 - 01/12/17 toilets Oxford Rd.		158.05
31/12/2017	SO	I.M.D.	Grasscutting December Payment		175.00
			TOTAL		3610.97
Council Offices	s Account - Cl	heques Issued			
Council Offices	s Account - to	be Issued			
For information	n - Standing	Orders/Direct Debits			
04/12/2017	DD	Barclays	Charges 13/10 - 12/12/17		5.44
21/12/2017	xfer	Powys CC	Rates - Council Office main building		437.11
02/01/2018	DD	Opus Energy	Electric Council Offices 17/11 - 17/12/17		150.36
			TOTAL		592.91
Project Accour	nt - Cheques	Issued			
13/12/2017	100084	British Gas	Electric Pavilion 29/08 - 28/11/17		450.71
13/12/2017	100085	British Gas	Electric Pavilion 29/08 - 28/11/17		168.61
Project Accour	nt - to be Issu				
04/40/0047	400000	Hereford Fire Alarm			402.00
04/12/2017	100083	Serv	Inv 20662 - Service Fire Alarms & Emer lights		102.00
		Orders/Direct Debits			
19/12/2017	DD	Barclays	Charges 13/11- 12/12/17		7.00
21/12/2017	DD	Powys CC	Pavilion Rates		428.00
18/12/2017	DD	Corona Energy	Gas Nov 2017 - Dec 2017		57.74
			TOTAL		1214.06
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# 1898. Report from County Councillor

GR was absent, so nothing to report directly.

FH brought up the parking permit issue. There doesn't seem to be a limit on the size of vehicles obtaining parking permits in town. It was also mentioned that some businesses seem to also be successfully applying for permits. The scheme is a pilotonly at this stage. NB to write to Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick to ask whether there will be a

review. Enquiry to include whether large vehicles will be allowed to park on the main car park. Can any residents apply? Are businesses able to apply?

Ask GR if he can ask these questions as one of his questions to Powys CC Cabinet.

#### 1899. Report from Chairperson

TS opened the Fairtrade market in December 2017, which was a very interesting event.

#### 1900. Reports from representatives

- **a. Dyfed Powys Police** Covered under item 1886 above.
- **b**. **Gwynne's Almhouses** Nothing to report.
- **c**. **Dial-a-ride** Nothing to report
- **d. Hay School Governors** JP said that there is a meeting next week. Regarding the car parking situation, the Headteacher has written to Powys CC in the strongest terms to say that the parking allocated should remain for school use only.
- e. One Voice Wales RGr has been to the consultation event.
- **f. Bronllys Wellbeing Trust** DP Has received a phone call to make arrangements for the next meeting.
- **g. Cheesemarket** FH has been to a meeting regarding the grant for the flat the Cheesemarket owns. Also, there is a Wells Project that is ongoing, and they have links with the Woodland Trust.
- h. Hay to Timbuktu (H2T) TS said that HTC has been sent a New Year's message and that the next meeting has been arranged.
- **i. BBNP** Nothing to report other than starting consultation on the Local Development Plan.
- **j. Affordable Housing Group** Nothing to report.
- **k**. **Chamber of Commerce** TS agreed to go to the next meeting in JP's absence.
- **I. HOWLS** Nothing to report.
- **m**. **HADSCAL Community Centre** HADSCAL's secretary is currently away for a month, but a meeting will be arranged once the secretary returns.

#### 1901. Planning

(a) Urgent Mayor and Deputy Mayor Authorisations – None

#### 1902. Motion to Exclude Members of the Public and Press

It was proposed by FH and seconded by JP and agreed to approve a motion under Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: "Representatives of the press and other members of the public shall be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest at this stage".

Topic Hay Cemetery.

# 1903. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 6.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

T. Stedman,

Signed: Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018