

**MINUTES OF REMOTE MEETING OF HAY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 6.00 PM ON
18TH AUGUST 2020**

Present: Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr R Golesworthy Cllr J Prothero (JPr)

Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr I Keith (IK) Cllr S Morris (SM)

Cllr D Landymore (DL)

Apologies: Cllr A Powell (AP)

In Attendance: C Watkins (CW)

2573. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

TS - Hay Woodland Group, Hay in Bloom

RWG - HADSCAL, The Warren, niece is working on the Kingdom Project, Trustee of the British Legion, the Buttermarket

FH - HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, The Warren & Proposed Cycleway

JPr - Hay in Bloom

SM - The Warren, Cubs and Scout leader 1st Hay Scouts, Explorers, Summer Show

DL - Owner of business in Hay, Charlotte's of Hay

2574. Minutes of the Meeting dated 10 August 2020

The minutes of the meeting dated 10 August 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

There were no matters arising.

TS offered her thanks to those who came to the British Legion's wreath laying ceremony.

Cllr D Price has resigned from the Council. TS will write to thank him for his services, and will attempt to change his mind. A new Chair of the Finance Committee will need to be selected. Powys CC will need to be informed of the vacancy.

HTC is now two Councillors short although a co-option is possible for one vacancy.

2575. Social Distancing Measures for Hay/ Review and Expressions of Interest

Jo Lancey, of Powys CC, will be in Hay for a meeting on Thursday 27th and will meet up with councillors outside the office at 10.00 am. Councillors discussed the current Social Distancing (SD) measures and responses from residents and businesses in Hay.

Several residents had expressed their approval of the pedestrianisation scheme and believed it was now safer and easier to walk around the town centre.

FH proposed that memorial Square car park be reopened for Blue Badge holders and SM seconded it. TS, JPr, SM, DL and RWG voted in favour with IK voting against. The resolution was carried.

Various issues concerning the traffic restrictions were discussed.

IK and SM have discussed and agreed with Jo Lancey about the siting of planters. These areas are:

- * Castle Street- 2 large planters there permanently and 4 medium planters by the Pop in and Collect area. Four small planters to replace the Road Closed sign on the bend from Castle Street to Broad Street.

- * To follow - Outside Oscars- three small planters in front of Oscars' rear entrance where Market Street narrows towards the Buttermarket.

- * To follow- four small planters in a curve at the 'top' end of High Town near Angie's cafe.

Another SD problem identified was of owners not getting access to their garages. TS said that there should be no impact on residents. FH suggested that traffic wardens didn't necessarily know the cars of the local residents. TS suggested a copy of the leaflet with a map showing SD measures be sent to Jo Lancey so she could make the traffic wardens aware. CW to email her.

Sturdy portable ramps had been ordered to enable easier wheelchair access to and from pavements and roads, but they have not yet arrived from Powys.

The barriers closing the centre of town currently cost £1500 per week to remove and put back. Councillors discussed a more sustainable solution - perhaps a lockable bollard with residents having a key.

Cyclists are also riding against the flow of traffic.

Hay Chamber of Commerce has looked at 5 mph signs, to be paid for by Powys CC. The Councillors thought Jo Lancey might have a template which could be photocopied and laminated which would be cheaper. CW to email her.

The Councillors discussed whether there were too many signs which would detract from the attractiveness of the planters.

SD information has been given out to households, the police, Welsh Water and is on the Council website, FaceBook and an article was published in the Brecon and Radnor paper.

SM wondered if everyone was aware of the two hours' free parking.

The issue of shared surfaces was discussed. RWG thought that dropped kerbs might be going too far.

Were speed bumps a possibility?

Expressions of Interest for use of Memorial Square car park was discussed.

Three Expressions of Interest had been received

- * Hay Therapies
- * Shepherds Parlour
- * Origin Pizza

It was decided that all three should be contacted and told the Council had agreed to their using the car park with some conditions. All three to be told there was a possibility of reopening the car park for Blue Badge parking which will change the situation. The businesses will have to adhere to SD rules and the decision to allow them to use the car park will be reviewed regularly.

Hay Therapies can use the car park on a Wednesday from 9 to 1 pm.

Shepherds Parlour can use the car park on Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays between the hours of 11 am to 4 pm.

Origin Pizza can use the car park on one evening between 5 and 9 pm and are to be asked which evening per week they would like to use.

2576. Emails from Mr Russell-Pavier

The Councillors discussed how best to deal with emails from interested parties regarding Social Distancing measures in Hay, considering that Powys had decided on the policy to be followed and Hay Town Council has only limited scope to vary the implementation.

TS and RWG to discuss the matter with the Clerk.

2577. Date and time of the next meeting

Friday 28th August at 6.00 pm remotely

Possibly after 3rd September it may be possible for face-to-face meetings to resume.