

Minutes of remote meeting of Hay Town Council held at 6.30 pm on 28 August 2020

Present: Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr J Prothero (JPr) Cllr A Powell (AP)
 Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr I Keith (IK) Cllr S Morris (SM)
 Cllr D Landymore (DL) Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: N Burdekin (NB)

2578. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct.

TS - Hay Woodland Group, Hay in Bloom
AP - HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group
FH - HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, The Warren, & Proposed Cycleway
RWG - HADSCAL, The Warren, niece is working on the Kingdom Project, Trustee of the British Legion, the Buttermarket
JPr - Hay in Bloom
SM - The Warren, Cubs and Scouts Leader 1st Hay Scouts, Explorers, Summer Show
DL - Owner of business in Hay, Charlotte's of Hay

2579. Minutes of the meeting dated 18 August 2020

The minutes of the meeting dated 18 August 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising- NB confirmed that the 5mph sign design has been received from Jo Lancey.

2580. Social distancing measures in Hay – update/review & planting scheme for planters

IK reported that Jo Lancey had been to Hay on 27 August and met with IK, SM and JPr (NB was also in attendance). Notes from this site visit had been circulated prior to the meeting by IK. A summary of these notes is as follows:

- Memorial Square Car Park

Powys County Council won't support the re-opening of Memorial Square Car Park on the basis that no blue badge holders have requested this, the fact that it was originally agreed the car park would remain closed, and that Powys CC is encouraging businesses to use this space to aid economic recovery. Powys CC also wants to encourage a 'café culture'.

- Businesses using Memorial Square Car Park

There have been 3 Expressions of Interest so far (NB to forward them on to Jo Lancey). Jo said that HTC should not be agreeing terms with businesses as to which day they can have, number of hours and so on. If HTC agrees in principle with an EofI, then HTC should give the business the days/hours requested. If HTC says no to any EofI, then HTC needs to give a sound reason. Jo added that if more than once business would like to use the space, as has happened in Brecon, then Jo said she will invite all businesses involved to meet on site to agree who is sited, where. If the businesses cannot agree a workable plan on this basis, Jo said she would refuse permission for all businesses. In terms of current applications, Jo will be letting Origin Pizza know that they can trial their stall on a Saturday night. Jo asked HTC to take photos of the stall to see how it looks and is set up. If there are no concerns, then Origin Pizza will be able to set up any

evening, not just the one evening, if they make a request for further evenings. Jo added that this is working in other places.

- Hatched area at top of Castle Street

Jo said that there is a possibility a speed table could be installed at the top of Castle Street and will come back to HTC on this issue. **IK noted that this is a separate issue to speed bumps/measures.**

- Bollard and planters

IK reported that Powys CC has agreed to install a lockable bollard at the top of Castle Lane. This will leave only a 'Road Closed' sign to be put out/taken away each day. All planters requested as agreed in HTC's Full Council meeting on 18th August have been agreed by Powys CC. Powys CC has asked HTC to come back to them with a specification and quote for the planters. Powys CC will pay for the planters which will come planted up.

- £10k grant for town and community councils

IK added that towns, including Hay, will be offered grants of £10k, which councils will have to match with 20% (£2k) for the next stage. The guidance on what this money can be spent on has not yet been finalised. As soon as it is, councils will be sent a copy.

HTC discussion on the above points and other relevant issues

Memorial Square Car Park – FH said that this is a pilot scheme and in HTC's first proposal, one of the options was that the car park should only remain closed during the hours of pedestrianisation (11am – 4.00pm). FH does not agree with Powys CC that the decision cannot now be reversed.

Origin Pizza – FH disagreed with Jo Lancey's assessment that the measures are to help create a 'café culture'. The measures were put in to help with social distancing. TS said that the Portfolio Holder in Powys CC keeps changing their mind.

Councillors in general felt that there was a lack of clear communication from Powys CC as to how the social distancing measures have been implemented, are reviewed and now seem to be changing to a 'café culture' message. **IK did not agree with this but voted with the other Councillors that HTC write to Powys to gain clarity.**

FH proposed that HTC writes to Powys CC to gain clarity as to whether the measures are for social distancing or café culture. DL seconded. *Unanimously approved.*

ACTION: TS to draft a letter to Powys CC asking for clarification as above. Letter to also be copied to Cllr GR and Cllr James Gibson-Watt once finalised.

Planters – AP raised the question of the long-term maintenance of the planters. IK said that this will be HTC's responsibility. TS suggested evergreen planting to keep long-term costs down. TS said HTC needs to know in advance who would look after each set of planters. FH asked how many planters there will be. SM said between 20 and 30. The following planter areas were volunteered/allocated for watering:

Top of Castle Street – FH

Rear of Oscars – DL

Clock Tower – RWG

High Town – ask Oscars

SM said that there are possibly more planters to follow for Memorial Square Car Park. The Chamber of Commerce could be approached to water/maintain these planters.

Road closures – TS noted that Jo Lancey had said that the measures couldn't be only implemented Thursday – Sunday. However, Jo had said that the times could be changed, for example 11.am – 3p.m.

SM asked Councillors for volunteers to go with him to the Old Railway Line to choose the planters and get a specification and quote. TS and AP agreed to go with SM.

ACTION: TS, SM and AP to go to Old Railway Line Nursery.

Consultation – IK suggested carrying out a consultation with residents. TS said this was a good idea, but would need to be a paper exercise so that everyone has a chance to be consulted and there isn't enough time to do this at present. SM added that HTC should also contact and ask neighbouring community and town councils to get their views as well, as many people from these areas visit Hay. NB added that Dial-a-Ride could be consulted as well.

ACTION: NB to write to local town and community councils and Dial-a-Ride asking for their views on the social distancing measures introduced in Hay.

NB said that perhaps HTC could have a stall on Market Day rather than knocking on all the doors of Hay. DL said instead of having a stall, she would be prepared to ask the community questions next Thursday 3rd September face to face outside her shop. IK volunteered to help DL carry out the surveys.

ACTION: DL and IK to carry out surveys with local people on 3rd September from 9.00 am - 11.00 am.

Zebra Crossing - RWG raised the issue of a possible zebra crossing at the Blue Boar.

ACTION: IK to ask Jo Lancey.

Chamber of Commerce issues raised – it was agreed to defer the Chamber's points until next meeting Thursday 3rd September. TS to let the CofC know.

2581. Container quotes from Hay Community Woodland and Gardening Group

TS had prior to the meeting circulated three quotes that HCWGG had procured for a container to be located at the Recreation Facilities, Brecon Road for storing tools and equipment. *TS and AP declared an interest as members of HCWGG.*

The three quotes obtained were as follows:

1. M Eggerton, Howey, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.
Price including delivery £2350 + vat. **Total £2820.00 inc vat and delivery**
2. Warehouse 701, Hereford.
Price: £2295 + £300 delivery + Vat. **Total £3054.00 inc vat and delivery**
3. Dragon Motors. Merthyr Tydfil.
£2495+vat, £2994 inc vat + £300 delivery. **Total £3294 inc vat and delivery**

RWG had prior to the meeting suggesting seeking a further quote from a local supplier, David Williams.

FH proposed accepting the quote from M Eggerton (Howey) unless David Williams matches or provides a lower quote. JPr seconded FH's proposal. TS and AP did not vote. All other Councillors voted in favour. *Resolution passed.*

2582. Interim Deputy Mayor

TS reported that JP had resigned as Councillor and therefore the position of Deputy Mayor was vacant. FH proposed SM to be appointed Interim Deputy Mayor until HTC's next AGM. DL seconded. There were no other nominations and SM indicated he would accept the position. *Unanimously approved.*

2583. Cllr Co-option (for Helen Davies) – Expression(s) of Interest

NB said that HTC has received one expression of interest for the role of Hay Town Councillor through the Co-option process to replace Helen Davies. NB had circulated the EofI to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The expression of interest was from Jeff Morgan. *TS declared an interest as Jeff's partner and did not participate in the discussion or the vote.* SM led this part of the meeting as Interim Deputy Mayor. All Councillors acknowledged that they had read the EofI. FH proposed accepting Jeff's Co-option, DL seconded. *Unanimously approved.*

2584. Correspondence

(i) Hay Junior Football Club – Hand sanitisers installed at Recreation Facilities

The Junior Football Club has installed 2 hand sanitisers at the recreation facilities on the exterior of the building. Each unit costs £15.99 and the sanitiser they have bought to date costs £26.99 for 2 litres. They are planning to install a further 3 hand sanitiser units with soap. TS proposed HTC cover the costs of the sanitisers bought so far and the additional sanitiser units for the recreation facilities. FH seconded. *Unanimously approved.* TS added that Steve Jenkins has given her a letter that can be discussed at a later Full Council meeting.

2585. Any Other Business – for information purposes

SM asked if HTC could press Powys CC for a date when the card payment **machine(s)** is likely to be installed at Oxford Road car park.

TS added for information purposes only that FH had sent her some photos of the rear of the recreation facilities. The photos show what the Bowls Club has left behind from the building of the new Bowls Pavilion. Grass has also been piled up. SM said that when HTC originally gave the Bowls Club permission, it was on the proviso that they leave the land in the same condition as it was before they started the work. ACTION: NB was asked to write a letter to the Bowls Club asking them about their intentions to return the land to its original condition. NB to include in the letter the urgency of the situation given the fact that this is the location where the storage container is planned to be installed.

2586. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd September or Friday 4th September 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed:

Date: 4 September 2020