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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 4th March 2024 at **6.00pm**
in the Council office, Brecon Road, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DY.

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1. Apologies for absence

Present: Cllr F Howard, Cllr R Golesworthy, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr G Williams, Cllr A Powell, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr J Hall.

Also present: Clerk C Bunton.

Apologies: Cllr G Ratcliffe; Cllr P Jenkins; Cllr W Bielska; Cllr A Bielski.

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

AP – The Warren, Hay Woodland Group

FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Christmas lights testing, North Wier Trust, Gwynne's Almshouses, Tourist Information, Clifford Primary School, Hay Summer Show.

RG – The Warren.

JP – Hay Woodland Group, Member of St Mary's Church.

SM – 1st Hay on Wye Scout Group, Radnor Explorers, Hay Summer Show, Country Supplies & Post Office.

JM – HADSCAL, Hay Woodland Group, Hay Warren Anglers, Repair Café.

PJ – Hay Primary School, North Wier Trust, Hay Summer Show.

AB – Repair Café. WB – Chemist.

GW – Hay & Brecon Farmers, Payroll.

3. Questions from Members of the Public

None – visit from Terry Watson and questions from St Mary's postponed to April meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 5th February 2024.

Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed

5. Town Wifi

No update at this time. To be an agenda item next month.

6. Recycling Laws

Laws are changing as of 1st April. Clubs have previously been written to warning them of this. Clubs to be written to, to remind them that this is now in force and that all Clubs are responsible for removing their own rubbish and recycle diligently. They will also need to provide a document showing how their rubbish and recycling is being managed. No rubbish to be left on site at all. CB to arrange a meeting with each club individually.

7. Fly tipping Warren Close

Has not yet been removed. CB to contact Powys CC and ask when this is going to be dealt with.

8. Community Car Parking during Festival

CB to invite the interested Community Groups to a meeting to arrange slots before the next full Council meeting.

9. Grass Cutting Tender

Has been advertised in the Brecon and Radnor Gazette, HTC social media and on the website. So far 3 organisations have asked for copies of the specification and Cllr A Powell has shown 1 around. Tender bids close on 14th March. Panel to review agreed for 15th March and Cllrs selected for that panel.

10. Welsh Water Licence - Gliss

Cllr Williams declared an interest.

Concerns were raised that as HTC manage the Gliss and area behind the pumping station on a limited licence that it was not in HTC's power to grant usage. CB to contact Welsh Water and clarify.

11. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

a) Finance

I) Date of next meeting to be confirmed, dates are being circulated.

b) Estates

I) Cemetery

We have asked for an official hand over and photo opportunity, HTC to now arrange and invite relevant people to.

II) Estates survey

Form completed.

III) Car parking area.

JM, AP, RG & SM to meet before next full council meeting to discuss and outline plans.

IV) Concerns raised at the sloppy mud area by the entrance to Bowls Club.

V) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets

Outside could do with a facelift but working ok. Door is currently catching at the bottom due to the amount of rain there has been.

II) Oxford Road Toilets

SM & AP to investigate if the water pressure is at its fullest. Costs for macerators to be investigated.

Light in Accessible for all toilet not working, CB to call an electrician.

CB to investigate single sheet toilet paper.

- Discussed booking a camera to investigate the drains. CB to contact Morelli estates.
Toilet door needs painting. AP to ask a painter.
- III) Pavilion
Thank you to AP for checking the doors and changing locks that were needed. Hard broom and dustpan and brush to be bought for users to keep Pavilion clean.
2 light quotes have been received and discussed. CB to book agreed contractor.
Discussed office and agreed painting all walls magnolia.
- IV) Date and time of next meeting - TBC
- d) Communications
 - I) Banner
Recommended: 2m x 75cm banner to be purchased with HTC logo in the centre.
Proposed FH, seconded, JP unanimously agreed.
CB to contact local banner printers.
 - II) Annual reports by sub committee chairs please to be passed to the clerk by 1st April.
 - III) Date and time of next meeting – TBC.
- e) Events
 - I) Easter Event is all go, very promising. Spar have very kindly donated 83 Easter Eggs and Markets allergy friendly eggs, Hay Castle are very kindly letting us hold the event there. JH, FH, CB to meet to put final plans in place. 24hour and all access toilets on Oxford Road will be open free of charge during the Easter event.
 - II) Emily will not be organising the Xmas lights.
 - III) Date and time of next meeting – TBC

12. Report of the Clerk / RFO

- i) Bank Reconciliations
Previously circulated. No questions were raised.
CB to order note books. SM to purchase Tea, Coffee, Sugar.
- ii) Major Correspondence
 - a) Stephen Butcher Powys CC has requested a meeting to understand HTC viewpoint with regard to the double gates and garage that open onto the Car park on Brecon Road. Conversation also ensued around possible other parcels of land as asset transfers between Powys CC and HTC.

13. Report from County Councillor

None – apologies sent.

14. Reports of HTC Representatives:

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses - none.
- b) Dial a Ride – none.
- c) Dyfed Powys Police – none. Concerns were raised that there have been no reports forthcoming. Cllrs are aware of speeding issues, thefts and drug misuse problems within the town. To prompt a response from the police HTC will be sending a list of our own concerns.
- d) Hay School Governors – allotments are in progress.
- e) Cheesemarket – none.
- f) Hay2Timbuktu – none.
- g) BBNP – none.
- h) Chamber of Commerce – There has been a request that a taxi rank be considered for Hay.
- i) Hay Summer Show – Next meeting 6th March.

- j) Hay Markets – none.
- k) Hay Youth Club – none.

15. Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 1st April 2024 at 6.00 pm – confirmed.

It was noted that 1st April is Easter Monday and a bank holiday however Cllrs agreed to meet.

Any other Business:

A suggestion for next agenda is an open meeting for residents of Hay to come and meet the Cllrs and raise any concerns or questions for investigation to be replied to at a later date.

Meeting closed 8.06pm