

# Hay Town Council

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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 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 A Bielski, Cllr W Bielska.

Also present: Clerk C Bunton.

Apologies for absence: Cllr J Hall, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr J Prothero and Cllr G Ratcliffe.

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

Is there something HTC can do to stop HGV's going down Castle Street?

Discussed

CB to contact Welsh Water to see if a temporary sign can be installed and Powys CC for a permanent sign.

A number of complaints have been received about Sheppard's bin. It is noted that this is not a HTC responsibility.

Question has been raised about the benches at the former library. CB to attempt to make contact and find out about the benches.

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed**

5. High Town

Previously agreed that Cllr GR would arrange a meeting in the new year. CB to request the meeting.

6. Town Wifi

Questions have been raised however response has not yet been received. To be an agenda item in February.

7. Taxis

A local taxi firm has contacted a Cllr with concerns that taxis are not included in the current town plan consultation. They were directed to contact the clerk. No correspondence has been received by the clerk.

It was noted that Taxis are a private business and no private businesses have been highlighted or discussed in the consultation.

8. Carlsgate frontage

Complaints have been received by a Cllr regarding Carlsgate frontage and rubbish being thrown onto the footpath embankment. It was noted that this is not a HTC responsibility. CB to contact Wales and West and Powys CC to ask what their policies are regarding this.

9. BT Phone Box

It had previously been agreed that the phone box would be requested to be removed. CB to contact BT and request again.

Complaints have been received regarding the number of items being left in the bus shelter. CB to report to Cllr GR.

10. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

a) Finance

- I) Date of next meeting  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 6pm Council Office.

b) Estates

- I) Cemetery  
Communication received from Powys 2<sup>nd</sup> January asking for planning permission on the siting of the storage container for the sextons. This was replied to on 3<sup>rd</sup> January with proof of permission. No reply since. CB to contact local county councillors to ask for support in a speedy resolution.

- II) Estates survey  
A) Warren Close & The Meadows  
B) Old Railway & Bailey Walk Footpaths  
C) The Gliss  
D) Black Lion Green  
E) Gypsy Castle Playground  
F) Brecon Road playground & Tennis Courts  
G) Cricket/football field & Carpark  
H) Benches & Bins

All Cllrs to check their areas before February meeting.

- III) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets

Light is out on lower toilet.

II) Oxford Road Toilets

Timer has stopped working on DDA and 24hr toilet. Leaking toilet in the ladies. CB to book an engineers visit.

17<sup>th</sup> January HTC are meeting with Transforming Towns and BBNP to discuss Oxford Road toilets.

Complaint received re Sewerage water was not sewerage but surface water. 3 Cllrs inspected. It was noted that HTC's contract states "to the first man hole cover" as its responsibility.

Alarms were needing to be rebooted as the paddlegates had been forced and the sensors had been covered in debris from the inclement weather.

III) Pavilion

a) Sensor Lights have been installed. Concerns were raised that the first one does not cover the step sufficiently. SM to meet with electrician.

b) Keys. It has been discovered that a member of the public has a full set of original keys for the building. The keys in HTC possession are all copies. CB to arrange a full set of original keys to be in HTC possession.

IV) Date and time of next meeting

d) Communications

I) Newsletter, a copy has been printed and left in the library. Newsletter to be shared on social media and website.

II) Date and time of next meeting - tbc

e) Events

I) Date and time of next meeting

11<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm Council Office.

11. Report of the Clerk / RFO

i) Bank Reconciliations

Previously circulated. No questions were raised.

ii) Major Correspondence

a) MAW Consultation

CB to book appointment with MAW.

b) Zoom Licences

HTC Zoom licence has expired. As we have Microsoft 365 subscription Teams will be used in future if people would like to join the meeting remotely. CB to update agenda.

c) Oxford Road Drains

Covered above.

d) Old Cattle Market

Suggestions for use of the Old Cattle Market have been received. While it was noted that this is not HTC responsibility we will forward the suggestions on to Powys CC and write to acknowledge them.

e) Metro Rod

There has been some queries over a call out in June that has not been paid for. On further inspection it was not HTC that called Metro Rod out and this has been passed to the organisation that did.

- f) HADCAL Consultation will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Can all Cllrs please ensure they complete the survey.
- g) Crochet Post Box topper.  
It has been noted how fantastic the crochet postbox topper are. HTC were saddened to hear that the Christmas one had been vandalised.
- h) Hay Swimming Pool are in dire need of help and support. There is a public meeting 31<sup>st</sup> January 7pm at the School, please can people attend.

12. Response to Powys Consultation lead by GR  
– none.

13. Report from County Councillor  
– none.

14. Reports of HTC Representatives:

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses – none.
- b) Dial a Ride – looking for car drivers.
- c) Dyfed Powys Police – to be invited to the next meeting.
- d) Hay School Governors – none.
- e) One Voice Wales – none.
- f) Cheesemarket – none.
- g) Hay2Timbuktu – none.
- h) BBNP – none.
- i) Chamber of Commerce – meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- j) Hay Summer Show – Fantastic Santa run, thank you to everyone that helped.
- k) Hay Markets – none.
- l) Hay Youth Club – none.

15. Date and time of next meeting:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.00 pm – confirmed.

Meeting closed at 19.35

