

# Minutes of meeting of Hay Town Council held in the Council Chambers at 2.00 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Present:** Cllr T Stedman (TS)      Cllr J Pearson (JP)      Cllr A Powell (AP)  
Cllr F Howard (FH)      Cllr J Prothero (JPr)      Cllr S Morris (SM)  
Cllr J Hall (JH)      Cllr H Davies (HD)      Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG)

**Apologies:** Cllr D Price (DP)      Cty Cllr G Ratcliffe (GR)

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

## **2260. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct.**

TS - Hay Woodland Group, Hay in Bloom  
AP - HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group  
JP - BBNP Local Access meeting, Herefordshire Local Access Forum, Powys Local Access Forum  
SM - The Warren, Cubs and Scouts Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Hay Scouts, Explorers  
FH - HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, The Warren, & Proposed Cycleway, Walking Festival  
RWG - HADSCAL, The Warren, niece is working on the Kingdom Project, Trustee of the British Legion, the Buttermarket  
SM - The Warren, Cubs and Scouts Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Hay Scouts, Explorers  
JPr - Hay in Bloom  
JH - Employed by the Swan Hotel, Walking Festival

## **2261. Hay Citizen of the Year Award**

### **(i) Consider and vote on nomination(s)**

NB said that there had been two nominations, one for Kelvyn Jenkins and one for Hay & District Dial-a-Ride volunteers (group). The rules allow nominations for individuals or groups.

NB read out the nomination for Kelvyn. NB declared an interest in Hay Dial-a-Ride as he is employed by them on a part-time basis and is also a voluntary driver for them. TS read out D-a-R's nomination.

Voting was agreed to be the same as last year, which meant in the event of a tie, the Chair has the deciding vote.

Kelvyn Jenkins received 6 votes  
Hay Dial-a-Ride received 3 votes

Kelvyn Jenkins was, therefore, the winner of the Hay Citizen of the Year Award 2019.

TS proposed a Special Award for D-a-R particularly as this is their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Year. RWG seconded. *Unanimously approved*

FH proposed changing the voting criteria for 2020 to have two awards, one for individuals and one for groups. TS seconded. *Unanimously approved*

NB to look at wooden shields for 2020's group award.

### **(ii) Award ceremony arrangements to be determined**

The Award Ceremony will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00 pm, Parish Hall.

TS agreed to bring the teas, coffees, biscuits.

NB to ask CoC about the facilities in relation to when HTC can set the event up, can items be brought in the day before and stored in the hall etc.

JP mentioned the Cllrs Wooden Banner (currently stored in Council Offices). The board needs updating with photographs of new Cllrs. JH needs a photograph. TS said Jeff Morgan could take the photograph of JH.

TS to invite the press to attend. Like last year, if they are unable to attend HTC will send a photo and press release to the B&R, which was published in 2018.

### **(iii) Roll of Honour Board vinyls/hand made certificate**

NB to get the gold vinyl letters added to the Wooden Roll of Honour Board (EM Davis Engraving, Hereford)

NB to ask Christina Watson if she can produce two personalise certificates, rather than the one she did for 2018 (John Evans).

### **(iv) Agree / confirm this year's prizes**

Hand-made certificate for Kelyvn and D-a-R volunteers  
£100.00 for Kelvyn's charity  
£100.00 for D-a-R

TS suggested using the Mayor's Fund to cover these costs.

## **2262. Public Conveniences**

TS said that HTC has now received confirmation from Powys CC regarding the decisions made by Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. NL highlighted the fact that in Clive Pinney's letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, it states, "...Your Town Council has already decided to hand back to the Council the toilets in Hay effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and accordingly we also accept your implied termination of the loan agreement with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019."

NL explained that what Powys CC is saying is that, if HTC accepts this, we also accept the loss of revenue from car parking that is still outstanding back to the beginning of CAT agreement.

There then followed a discussion about the shortfall owed to HTC by Powys CC if the agreement had been honoured. The consensus was that by August 2019, Powys CC would owe HTC £55,000.00 (this is the figure left once the loan agreement for the toilets has been off-set by money lost from car park revenue).

On this basis, NL said if HTC doesn't challenge this implication, HTC accepts losing the back-dated car park income. Cllrs did not want to accept this

On this basis, FH proposed a carefully worded letter that says HTC does not accept the termination of the loan, that Powys CC still owes HTC approximately £40,000.00 (NL to calculate the exact figure). TS seconded. RWG abstained. All other Cllrs voted to accept.  
*Proposal accepted by majority vote*

TS reported that there has been an e-mail from Tony Caine, a Powys CC Highways Officer, regarding the paddlegates and various questions around ongoing maintenance.

SM said he did not want to hand the toilets back, and JH agreed. However, TS pointed out that at last Full Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 all Cllrs had voted to do this.

JP said that HTC needs to meet with Tony Caine to find out what the intentions are. FH added that it would be helpful for Cllr Phyl Davies to attend this meeting.

There was a general discussion about the standards of the toilets and whether Powys CC might close one or both sets of toilets.

At this point in the meeting (3.00 pm) FH and JH left the meeting.

TS left the room to speak with Cllr Phyl Davies. Cllr Davies confirmed on the telephone that Powys CC might close both sets of toilets in Hay on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

RWG proposed accepting removal of the £70k loan and keeping both sets of toilets under HTC control. No-one voted with this proposal.

However, in the light of the phone call with Cllr Davies, NL suggested HTC writes to Powys CC to say HTC would like to retain control of both sets of toilets for 6 months i.e. till 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, whilst a series of ongoing issues are discussed. At the same time, HTC to meet Healthmatic, whose current contract expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

TS proposed, accepting the termination of the loan, but not monies owed from the car park income, and that HTC continues to operate both sets of toilets in the interim until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in the first instance and that HTC meets with Tony Caine. HD seconded. *Unanimously approved*

### **2263. Council Offices Roof Repairs**

NL said that Powys CC has now invoiced HTC for the full amount, £8,945.62. However, subsequently to the job being finished, Tom Mills from Heart of Wales visited Council Offices and said that he did not think the works had been carried out to the full specification. NB has contacted Neil Clutton at Powys CC to see if Tom Mills has reported his findings to this effect. Still awaiting a reply from Neil Clutton.

On this basis, Cllrs agreed to withhold payment until there is further clarity on the issue from Tom and Neil.

### **2264. Planning Applications for Comment**

(i) Application Ref: - **19/17144/TPO** – Hay Castle, Castle Street, Hay-on-Wye Hereford – *To fell 2x sycamore trees situated 5 metres and 7 metres northeast of the old keep of Hay Castle – No objections*

### **2265. Motion to Exclude Members of the Public and Press**

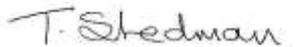
To approve a motion under Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: “Representatives of the press and other members of the public shall be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest.”

Topic: Cemetery

### **2266. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

Signed:  Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019