

Minutes of the meeting of Hay Town Council held at 6.00 pm in the Pavilion on 4th April 2022

Present: Cllr S Morris (SM) Cllr D Landymore (DL) Cllr F Howard (FH)
Cllr J Prothero (JPr) Cllr J Morgan (JM) Cllr J Hall (JH)
Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG) Cllr A Powell (AP)

Apologies: Cllr T Stedman, N Burdekin (NB) – Cllr J Hall to take minutes

In Attendance: Cllr G Ratcliffe (Cllr GR)

Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

SM – HADSCAL, Hay Post Office, Group Leader 1st Hay Scouts, Explorers, Summer Show, owner of business in Hay, Country Supplies

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

FH - HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Cattle Market

TS – HADSCAL Hay Woodland Group, Hay in Bloom, Hay Primary School Community Governor, Hay Repair Café

JPr – Hay in Bloom, Member of St Mary's Church

JM – Hay Woodland Group, Hay Warren Anglers

RWG – The Warren, niece is working on the Kingdom Project, the Buttermarket, Llanigon Community Councillor

Questions from Members of the Public

None

Minutes of the meeting dated 7th March 2022

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising from minutes not listed on the agenda

FH asked if NB had contacted the BBNP regarding the cattle market site. Cllr G Ratcliffe stated that PCC are still waiting for the site to be cleared before the lease is terminated and they take back ownership.

DL said that she was aware that NB had contacted PCC on 28th February and that they had responded with a holding response. At the last council meeting NB was requested to contact them again for an update.

Sub Committee Reports/Minutes:

(a) Estates & Premises

(i)) Draft minutes meeting dated 22nd March 2022

Recommendation that HTC accepts tender 1 for grass cutting contract 2022-2024 (£5160)

JP Proposed, DL Seconded

(ii) Remote meeting with Natural Resources Wales Thurs 31 March 2022

Advised to complete a Habitat resource assessment and submit to NRW to be signed off.

(iii) Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 19th April 2022 6.20 pm

(b) Finance

(i) Minutes of meeting dated 29th March 2022

Recommendation 1: "That Hay Town Council appoints DM Jones & Partners to carry out its internal audit for year ending 31st March 2022"

JP Proposed, JH Seconded,

Agreed by all but AP who Declared an interest

(ii) Date and time of next meeting – tbc

(c) Communications

DL proposed the minutes be deferred as inaccurate and still in draft form, they had not been seen by chair – agreed

Minutes to be reviewed by chairs with admin assistant and then sent to all councillors.

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(d) Events

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Local Elections May 2022

(i) All councillors forms have been validated, Town clerk will be notified by Wednesday if it is contested or not.

(ii) Town clerk to check the address on election forms as it is currently as the bowls club.

Consultation

none

Play Areas

(i) Monthly inspections.

Gypsy Castle – AP stated that the brambles are becoming overgrown and need to be cut back. OTM Maintenance to complete.

Grass also needs cutting

Report of the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (NB absent so SM fed back)

(i) Correspondence

a) Letter from NRW dated 25th March 2022 regarding Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981/SSSi on the River Wye and restriction on commercial canoe companies

(b) E-mail from National Lottery Fund re. HTC's successful application for funding for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - £9998 awarded

(a) Late Correspondence

Email from Brecon food bank requesting a visit to the pavilion to check out facilities – Passed over to DL who will contact via the Blank Mountain Lions

Letter from resident regarding anti-social behaviour in car park from lorries and campervans. Urinating and defecating in hedgerows. (GR) attempting to get a meeting with PCI as they need to be involved. (GR) will invite HTC to the meeting.

(ii) Bank Balances

NB not at meeting

(iii) Bank Reconciliations

Report from County Councillor

GR reported:

has emailed PCC regarding the wrong address on voting forms.

Nothing major to add.

Stated BBNP have new senior management team starting

Report from Chairman

SM said that he had attended the bowls club opening day.

Reports from representatives:

a. Dyfed Powys Police – (AP) lack of a police presence in Hay and the PCSO is not here often enough.

(AP) had a call from a resident today to say that he was nearly hit by a car near the Old Electric Shop and that the car was travelling at speed. There have been quite a few cases recently of speeding vehicles in Hay and we do need a police presence as a deterrent

b. Gwynne's Almshouses – FH said nothing to report

c. Dial-a-Ride – FH said that they have received funding for a newsletter and she would forward to councillors

d. Hay School Governors – free school meals for all primary school children will begin in September as part of a Welsh government initiative. The school has a new motto 'learning, achieving and caring together' and they are excited to begin the forest school again

e. One Voice Wales – JPr said the next meeting is 26th April and the housing visit has been postponed until 21/4

f. Bronllys Wellbeing Trust – nothing to report

g. Cheesemarket – have offered the old map from within the Cheesemarket to HTC. Cllrs wondered if it would be possible to site it on the reverse of the 'miles without stiles' map at the main car park.

h. Hay 2 Timbuktu (H2T) – meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, and everything that was discussed in the pre-meeting with Sandra, was changed and disregarded. Sandra felt that HTC should be more involved moving forward. FH stated that is not what had been agreed to previously. RWG agreed. Trustees meeting on 7/4

i. BBNP – nothing to report

j. Chamber of Commerce – Chamber going into slumber mode as they do not have a chair or anyone to run meetings and do behind the scenes work at the moment.

k. Hay Summer Show – SM said nothing to report

l. Hay Markets – FH said that first monthly food market had taken place.

m. Hay Castle Trust –FH said the tours of the castle are going well.. Castle due to open mid May.

n. Hay Sports Clubs – NB sent out email to all sports clubs regarding parking over the festival, only Football and youth service have responded

Urgent Mayor and Deputy Mayor Authorisation –

- (i) Application Reference: 22/20828/FUL – Application for single storey extension to dwelling and a new two storey extension to the rear of the ancillary annex – Former Council Offices, Belmont Road, Hay-on-Wye HR3 5BX

Planning Applications for Comment

None

Any Other Business

FH and DL met with the Town Crier regarding his new contract, very positive meeting overall.

Town crier is currently being asked to complete cries for and is not getting paid.

Going forward all requests for the town crier must go through the town clerk email.

2961. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 9th May 2022, 6.00pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8 pm