

Minutes of the Special meeting of Hay Town Council held in the Registrar's Office at 6.00pm on 21st June 2018

Present: Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr D Price (DP)
 Cllr H Sawyer (HS) Cllr J Pearson (JP) Cllr J Prothero (JPr)

Apologies: Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG) Cllr A Powell (AP) Cllr H Davies (HD)
 Cllr J Gamon (JG)

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

2039. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct.

FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, The Warren, & Proposed Cycleway
RWG – HADSCAL, The Warren
AP – HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group, Chair of the Conservative Club
TS - Hay Woodland Group, Hay in Bloom
JG – President Black Mountain Lions & Director of Tourist Information
JP – BBNP Local Access meeting, Herefordshire Local Access Forum, Powys Local Access Forum
JPr – Hay in Bloom

2040. 2017/18 Accounts

(a) Fixed Asset Register

The revised Fixed Asset register at 31st March 2018 was considered.

A number of items were raised by Cllrs/the Clerk:

- Christmas lights – additional purchases £1446.
- Bell Bank Bench – NL queried whether this bench should be added to HTC's ongoing maintenance programme, or if the maintenance should be carried out by the Bell Bank Club. NL to clarify with John Price. This together with the replacement bench in Church street increased the bench value from £2000 to £3114.
- Town Crier's Bell – FH mentioned raising the number of Town Crier bells from 1 to 2 as there is a second bell in storage. NL to add this in at a value of £200.00.
- Hay Citizen of the Year award – TS asked for this board to be added to the asset register. NL to include this item at a value of £200.00.
- Additional bins on the Old Railway Line – NL said that there are (x4) additional dog fouling bins that were installed on the Old Railway Line that need to be added. NL to check the costs of the bins and add to asset register. Value of Bins - £997
- Tools – Wheelbarrow and Shovel - £74

(i) *The amendments were agreed increasing the total value of the Fixed assets to £45401.*

(b) 2017/18 Accounts

NL explained that the internal auditor, Chris Lewis of David M Jones and Partners, has audited the 2017/18 accounts and no issues were raised.

NL explained that he had sought advice from Chris regarding the VAT charges for electricity for Council Offices, as the invoices supplied by Opus make it impossible to reconcile the VAT

as the vat shown on their invoices are incompatible. It was agreed that the VAT be recorded as 20% of total invoice charges.

(ii) The 2017/18 accounts, post internal audit were considered together with the Wales Audit Office return. There were no major issues raised. It was proposed by FH seconded by JP and agreed that the accounts be approved and the Wales Audit Office return signed." Unanimously agreed.

2041. Barclays Bank

Kirsty Williams AM has invited HTC to attend a meeting on 5th July 2018 with representatives from Barclays Bank to discuss the proposed bank closure in Hay-on-Wye with effect from 28th September 2018.

FH expressed a concern that she has attended similar meetings with Nat West and it appeared in that meeting that the decision had already been made, and it is her view that this will be the same with Barclays.

FH added that the Post Office won't give change unless you have an account with them. This is a concern businesses have raised.

TS said it might be worth speaking with the Yorkshire Building Society to see if there is any way they can adapt their service, such as providing a cash machine.

TS also spoke of the Community Bank which is being set up in Glastonbury. TS asked for this item to be added to the next Full Council agenda. NB to add to agenda.

NL added that he has spoken with staff at the Post Office and they have said taking HTC money collected from the public conveniences would not represent them with a problem. NL added that perhaps it would be worth speaking to the Hay Literary Festival to see if what their comments are regarding Barclay's Bank closure. TS agreed to speak with the Literary Festival.

TS and JPro agreed to attend the meeting with Barclays on 5th July 2018, which will take place in Brecon.

Signed:

T. Shedman,

Date: 2nd July 2018