

Minutes of the Special Council meeting of Hay Town Council held at 6.00 pm on 15th June 2021

Present: Cllr S Morris (SM) Cllr D Landymore (DL) Cllr I Keith (IK)
Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr G Like (GL) Cllr J Prothero (JPr)
Cllr J Boyd Green (JBG) Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG)

Apologies: Cllr A Powell (AP) Cllr J Morgan (JM) Cllr T Stedman (TS)

In Attendance: N Burdekin (NB)

2783. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway

RWG – HADSCAL, The Warren, niece is working on the Kingdom Project, the Buttermarket

JPr – Hay in Bloom

SM – HADSCAL, The Warren, Cubs and Scouts Leader 1st Hay Scouts, Explorers, Summer Show, owner of business in Hay, Country Supplies

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

GL – Owner of business in Hay, Gibbons Butchers

JBG – Owner of business in Hay, Green Ink Booksellers, Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Parish Hall & Friends of the Upper Wye

IK – Bronllys Wellbeing Trust

2784. Road Closures – Feedback from evaluations/decisions moving forwards

Prior to the meeting, DL had collated and circulated the results from residents and business surveys. The surveys were undertaken to see what the effect of the 7-day closures were in Hay during the school half-term.

SM asked Councillors if they had all read the results, and Councillors said that they had.

DL said that she had printed off surveys and hand-delivered them to 49 businesses in the road closure zone with a deadline of 7th June. 35 businesses had replied, 10 had given no answers and 4 made no comment.

IK asked about the comment made about not being able to pick up a prescription. DL said she had spoken to the Pharmacy and they had

acknowledged that the issue was with the courier who could have parked in the 'Pop in and Collect' area at the Clock Tower, so this issue had been resolved.

FH said that someone outside the area had asked to be included. DL said that the reason the decision had been made to include only businesses within the zone is that otherwise if an exception is made, every business in Hay would need to be included.

The issue of Origin Pizza still parking in MSCP all day was raised. **Action:** JBG to speak with Origin Pizza.

DL added that the pavement licences for businesses in MSCP are only valid until the end of Covid-19 emergency measures.

JBG noted that the feedback from the community were largely positive. FH asked how busy Hay had been during the school half-term and IK and JBG said it had been very busy. RWG added that the road closures should have happened last Sunday as the roads were extremely busy and this had led to pedestrians weaving in and out of vehicles and it was extremely dangerous.

JBG said that several comments related to a lack of and/or poor communication of the road closure measures, although he added that comms can only prove effective to a certain degree, and that consistency of the physical road closures is very important and helpful.

SM reported that Estates & Premises (3rd June 2021 meeting) had agreed to give Ty Tan Art permission to put sign(s) on the reverse of planters provided that they supply and install them.

Given the results of the evaluations, Councillors then discussed what road closures they would like moving forwards. The current road closures were: Castle Street closed Thursdays and Saturdays, 12.00 – 4.00 pm. Memorial Square Car Park closed all day Thursday-Saturday inclusive.

FH proposed the following:

To close Castle Street from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm on Thursdays (Market Days)
To close Castle Street from 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Saturdays (no change)
To close Castle Street from 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm on Sundays

From the current date (as soon as practicable)

With MSCP to remain closed all day Thursdays – Saturdays inclusive.

DL seconded. *GL declared a prejudicial interest as her business lies directly within the road closure zone and did not vote.* All other Councillors voted in favour. *Resolution passed.*

All measures will be taken away if social distancing measures are removed by Welsh Government.

FH left the meeting at 6.35 pm

IK said she was happy to carry out more consultations in the Market as done on 3rd June. DL was also happy to do this.

RWG asked if more consultations would take place at the end of the measures to evaluate the success or otherwise. SM replied that Powys CC will be undertaking their own consultation.

NB said that he had received an e-mail from Jo Lancey today saying that Powys CC will be carrying out their own consultation. NB read out the e-mail which stated that the consultation would go live week commencing 22nd June and implied it would be electronic only. IK asked if HTC could ask JL what the purpose of the consultation is. **Actions:** NB to circulate JL's e-mail to Councillors. NB to contact JL regarding the purpose of the consultation and possible next steps.

In terms of the Summer holidays, SM proposed keeping the 7-day closures as previously agreed by Full Council and deferring any further decision on the Summer closures until nearer the time. RWG seconded. *GL declared a prejudicial interest as her business lies directly within the road closure zone and did not vote.* All other Councillors voted in favour. *Resolution passed.*

2785. Transforming Towns

(i) Grant Claim Submission – update from NB

NB said that there were still some outstanding items to locate. These being:

- (x4) 2-seat picnic seats. At Full Council on 17th May, Councillors had agreed to give 2 to the cage under the bridge. However, the owner had now said he didn't want them. It had also been previously discussed to place one at the back of JBG's shop. 1 could be placed at the Buttermarket. JGB suggested the remaining two could be placed in the forecourt of the Parish Hall. RWG asked JBG if the remaining two, or possibly all of the seats, could be placed at the Parish Hall if Market Street proves too busy to accommodate the seats there. JBG said this should be fine. **Actions:** NB to ask Warren Club trustees if one seat can be located there. Remaining seats to go to the rear of JBG's shop and the Parish Hall.

(ii) Decision needed on picnic tables, wicker chairs and aluminium tables

NB said that there are still 12 tables and 48 wicker and aluminium chairs that need agreement on. IK asked what the original purpose was for these items. JBG said that in the original bid a marquee was considered for MSCP and these tables and chairs would have been stored and used there.

SM proposed that the tables and chairs be used by the wider community as and when needed and also used in the sports pavilion for HTC use. JBG seconded. *Unanimously approved.* **Action:** Comms Sub Committee to publicise the opportunity to hire out the tables and chairs

2786. Date and time of next meetings

Monday 5th July 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Signed:

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Date: 5th July 2021