

# Minutes of the Special Council meeting of Hay Town Council held at 3.15pm on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Present:** Cllr S Morris (SM) Cllr D Landymore (DL) Cllr I Keith (IK)  
Cllr J Prothero (JPr) Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG) Cllr G Like (GL)

**Present via Zoom:** Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr T Stedman (TS) *joined 3.30pm*

**Apologies:** Cllr A Powell (AP) Cllr J Boyd Green (JBG) Cllr J Morgan (JM)

**In Attendance:** N Burdekin (NB) Cllr G Ratcliffe (GR)

## **2814. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct**

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

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

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

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

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

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

IK – Bronllys Wellbeing Trust

GL – Owner of a business in Hay, Gibbons Butchers

## **2815. Social Distancing – Decision needed on Summer holiday road closures**

DL reported to Cllrs that she had given out all the business surveys as part of the Powys CC consultation and had so far received 35 replies. DL, TS and GR had met with Powys CC again on 12<sup>th</sup> July and a 2-week extension for responses was confirmed. The next meeting with Powys CC is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> July. A review of the survey results was agreed for September 2021.

In terms of the road closures, HTC had been waiting for the latest announcement from Welsh Government. The WG announcement was as follows:

- All social distancing measures outdoors to be removed from 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and Wales to move down to Level One
- 7<sup>th</sup> August Wales to move down to Level Zero

GR added that the traffic orders closing roads remain valid, but Powys CC has confirmed that HTC can make its own decision on whether the road closures stay in place or not.

FH said that HTC agreed to the road closures for Covid-19 and social distancing reasons, not as part of a wider scheme to pedestrianise Hay. FH added that HTC had previously informed the local community that once the Welsh Government removed the need for social distancing measures, which has now happened, HTC would do the same. SM agreed with FH's comments.

Cllrs discussed the traders on Memorial Square Car Park and it was agreed that HTC should wait until 7<sup>th</sup> August to remove the traders and re-open the site as a car park. The 7<sup>th</sup> August is when Wales moves to Level Zero and also Cllrs felt this would give the traders fair notice.

*On this basis, DL proposed that all road restrictions are removed from Hay from 18<sup>th</sup> July and that Memorial Square Car Park to remain closed Thursday to Saturdays inclusive until 7<sup>th</sup> August when the site will revert to being a car park and the traders will need to leave. FH seconded.*

*IK counter proposed that the measures remain in place until 7<sup>th</sup> August when social distancing measures indoors are much reduced. No Cllr seconded.*

*TS, GL, JPr and SM voted in favour of DL's proposal. RWG abstained. IK voted against. Resolution passed.*

Action: NB to contact Powys CC to inform them of this decision a.s.a.p.

Action: Decision as above to be put on HTC's Facebook page and website a.s.a.p.

Action: DL will collect business surveys tomorrow and will inform businesses in person

#### **Other items relating to social distancing measures**

- FH asked about the planters. Cllrs agreed to keep them in situ, at least for the Summer, as they help slow down vehicles accessing Castle Street;
- IK raised the issue of people queuing outside Shepherd's Ice Cream. DL said that NB had e-mailed Powys CC following the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July asking Powys CC to inspect Cosy Café, Oscars (for pavement licences) and Shepherd's (for issues with queueing and social distancing). *Cllrs agreed to include this issue in the September review meeting with Powys CC;*
- GR suggested reminding Powys CC to continue dialogue with HTC if any changes occur to the Covid-19 pandemic guidelines in the future before making any changes without discussing with HTC first.

#### **2816. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Signed:



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021