

Notes of the meeting held by zoom
with Mary Morgan, Friends of Hay Castle and Hay Town Council
Friday 16th April 2021 at 6.15

Present: Cllr Trudy Stedman (TS) Cllr Deb Landymore Cllr Syd Morris (SM) Cllr Fiona Howard (FH) Cllr James Prothero (JPr) Cllr Jeff Morgan (JM) Cllr Josh Boyd Green (JBG)

Mrs Mary Morgan, Friends of Hay Castle (MM)

In Attendace: Chris Watkins (CW)

E5. Hay Castle Trust Opening

Mary Morgan gave some background into what Friends of Hay Castle do, for example fundraising and tours around the Castle. The Castle is currently undergoing building work and will re-open to the public in autumn 2021. The organisation would like Hay Town Council to get involved in the celebrations to mark the opening and the Friends will help with the running.

FH is a Trustee of the Castle and she will act as a liaison. The Trustees were hoping for a week of festivities to mark the reopening.

The following points were made:

- * A parade was being considered starting at the top of the car park
- * The town crier could be involved.
- * The councillors could lead the way followed by children with people lining the streets.
- * A trumpeteer could ring out from the top of the look-out on the tower.
- * The gate could swing open to lead the people into the castle.
- * Stalls could be positioned for people to enjoy.
- * A medieval style fair with jugglers, fire eaters was suggested
- * Food areas possibly with a Middle Ages theme e.g. mead, spit roast/hog roast, traditional beers and soft drinks
- * People could dress up if they wanted to.
- * Food businesses in Hay could get involved e.g. market stall holders

or Huw Sayer or Geraldine

- * The idea in general is to show people around the Castle
- * Medieval activities? e.g. Archery, axe throwing , wheel of fortune etc
- * There is a company in Michaelstone which runs activities like axe throwing
- * Cavalry of Heroes at Whitney does different displays on horseback e.g. of jousting.
- * TV and media will be there
- * This could be a lead-in to the 50th anniversary of Richard Booth declaring independence for Hay
- * FH - there is a meeting of the Trustees next week and FH will feed back to MM. A meeting of the Trustees to discuss ideas will be held on 30.4.
- * Schools can be involved and Clifford and Clyro
- * JM will bring up the matter at the next Hay Primary School governors meeting.- and email current Head.
- * Other people would be glad to volunteer too
- * JBG suggested Amy Cadillac is interested in events and has many contacts.
- * SM- schools could enact battles
- * FH - a flag competition for the schools could be organised.
- * Various shops could fly flags
- * SM- the Bailey family had their own crest
- * SM- perhaps Halloween could be a theme
- * Potential opening is 2.10.21 but the timetable might slip.
- * TS HTC is keen to be involved and the Events Committee, the Trustees and the Friends of Hay Castle can work together.

E6. Date of next meeting

To be arranged

