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Cllr Trudy Stedman
Mayor
Hay Town Council
Council Offices
Hay-on-Wye
HR3 5BX

Dear Councillor Stedman

Re: Hay-on-wye- ongoing matters

Thank you for your letters of 17 February and 4 March 2019.

We trust that you have now received Mr Pinney's letter of 8 March confirming the Cabinet decision made in December 2018. We trust you have also received Mr Pritchard's letter of 14 March in relation to the recreation land.

We are aware that there are a number of ongoing matters and would like to deal with them collectively. We suggest as your point of contact, Natasha Morgan, who leads the Property team as most of these matters centre around property. Her contact details are:

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Reserve Fund

You refer to the reserve fund. We would like to remind you of the decision made by the Brecknockshire Committee on the 18th of March 2015 which resolved that the funds would be reviewed with a view to supporting all community delivery schemes in Brecknockshire and ultimately a decision regarding allocation of such would rest with Cabinet.

The reserve fund was therefore intended to be used across the whole Shire and not just for Hay town.

We are conscious that we need to ensure fair allocation and use of funds across the Shire and accordingly will now be considering options to support the same. The following are just some examples of projects that require financial support and will be considered as detailed above:

- Small projects to improve pathways, cycle routes around the Shire to give greater access to all.
- Small sports based projects to improve community sports facilities.

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Library

The former Library building has received offers far in excess of £200k and so we need to sell this in order to receive a much needed capital receipt for the Council. The level of offers received, coupled with the fact that the reserve fund is to be used across the Shire, means that we cannot consider transferring this asset to Hay Town Council.

Toilets

We note your indication that you want to hand these back. We understand that you would like to open dialogue with us and we would welcome this through Natasha Morgan.

Other ongoing matters

There are a number of examples in Hay where a very positive outcome has/ will be achieved with PCC financial assistance and officer support e.g.

- New school which incorporates the library
- Swimming Pool (working with community group)
- Cemetery- We are working with you on this and are offering a substantial capital sum to assist you with the purchase of the extension land.

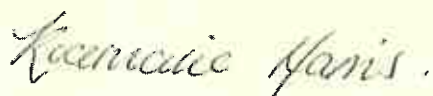
Other Expression of Interests

We are aware that you may have some interest in exploring other Community Asset Transfers including Motte and Bailey and Hay Castle.

In summary, we do not wish to deal with matters in isolation as there is a good deal of good work and assistance being provided by the Council which needs to be acknowledged alongside the areas over which you may have concerns.

We will ask Natasha Morgan to contact you to arrange to meet to discuss all ongoing matters and trust you will adopt a town-wide approach with us.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Rosemarie Harris
Executive Leader, Powys County Council



County Councillor Phyl Davies
Cabinet Portfolio Holder