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Draft Minutes from Hay Town Council from Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.00pm in the Council office, Brecon Road, Hay on Wye.

1. Apologies for absence
Present: Cllr F Howard, Cllr R Golesworthy, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr A Bielski, Cllr G Williams.
Also in attendance: Cllr G Ratcliffe and C Bunton.
Apologies: Cllr A Powell, Cllr J Hall.
2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
AP - HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group
FH - HADSCAL, Cheesemarket Trustee, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Christmas lights testing.
RG - The Warren, the Buttermarket
JP - Hay Woodland Group, Member of St Mary's Church
SM - The Warren, 1st Hay on Wye Scout Group, Radnor Explorers, Summer Show, owner of business in Hay, Country Supplies & Post Office. ATM.
JM - Hay Woodland Group, Hay Warren Anglers
3. Presentation from HADSCAL
Postponed so that HADSCAL Trustees can have time to view the questions posed from HTC.
4. Questions from Members of the Public
Cllr G Ratcliffe has been asked to represent members of the public to raise questions regarding the planning application for The Globe, Hay on Wye, HR3 5BG
Concerns were raised by the public over noise, traffic and parking, under capacity and amenities. It was also noted that original planning was for an art venue. It has subsequently been turned into an events venue which is not on any change of use planning applications.

Cllrs noted that comments from HTC need to reflect the Town as a whole. HTC comments to be filed are concerns regarding:

- Noise, a request to have a copy of the noise management plan.
- Capacity, request to check with fire regulations for numbers of people, 200 people within the building and 150 on lawn as published.
- Amenities, the area is within Hay Conservation Area, what is the amenity plan?
- Parking and traffic, what plans are in place for the potential of 350 people to be at the venue with regards to parking and traffic.

It was noted that members of the public will need to raise their concerns directly with BBNP.

5. Minutes of the meeting dated 6th February & 16th February 2023
Were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record with one spelling correction.
6. Matters Arising
None that are not agenda items.
7. HADSCAL Development
All Cllrs were circulated a letter from T Stedman on behalf of HADSCAL.

It was noted that new Cllrs feel out of the loop regarding this matter so a brief history of HADSCAL was given.

HTC to decide if they want to be partners in the development. Concerns were raised over management. It was also noted that HTC will need to check their current contract with Powys CC regarding the Pavilion and land.

It was suggested that the whole of HTC and whole of HADSCAL had a meeting to discuss questions posed. Can all Cllrs add any additional questions to the clerk by Friday 10th March for collation and circulation to HADSCAL.

A letter has been received from Football Club inviting HTC to a meeting Monday 13th March 6.30pm at Hay St Mary's Grounds.

A letter has been received from Hay Cricket Club notifying of refurbishment works of cricket nets.

8. Car Park Oxford Road
 - a) Historic documents
Minutes from meetings dated 1994/5 were read confirming the allocation of £200k from Powys CC in relation to the car park development.
 - b) Disabled Parking
Representatives from HTC, Powys CC and Cllr GR met to discuss providing an additional 9 disabled parking bays. These were all allocated within the main car park. Alternate car parks were considered however the Oxford Road car park was deemed the best alternative.

- c) Powys Meeting
Friday 10th March with Powys CC, HTC, Cllr G Ratcliffe, Chamber of Commerce to discuss parking in Hay including looking at the cattle market site. HTC have made an expression of interest.

9. D Landymore Resignation

D Landymore's resignation was read out. CB to notify Powys and publish Notice of Casual Vacancy due to resignation on website. PJ to put on facebook. Next steps were identified.

The Council would like to Thank Debbie for everything she has done in her time as Cllr and Mayor and wish her a speedy recovery.

10. Section 6 Environment Act (2016)

HTC have been asked by One Voice Wales to provide their Section 6 report regarding increasing biodiversity in the area. JM to write a report and attached management plan. JM confirmed there would be not cost attached to this.

11. Habitat Regulations Assessment, canoe launching.

JM, FH and CB met with Sian Barnes from Powys CC to discuss the HRA. HTC will need to complete their own HRA. JM to contact NRW to discover which area is needed to be surveyed. JM confirmed there would be no cost attached to this.

12. Recycling Act Oct 2023

This has not currently been signed off but the anticipated completion date for this to become active is October 2023. This will include non residential premises, buildings and land that will need to show how they are responsibly recycling. A letter has been received by local businesses in the last few weeks.

13. Sheep House Bend speed limits

SM, GR and Cllr W Lloyd met with representatives of Powys CC to discuss the speed limit at sheep house bend and all entry roads into Hay. This will include roads from Hereford.

The speed limit at Sheep House bend causes significant concern as there has been a number of serious accidents there.

Plans are underway to reduce the speed limit entering Hay.

14. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

a) Finance

i) Budget by sub committees

Have been circulated. Finance requests that all sub committees look at their spending and look to decrease by 20%. To be discussed at next full council meeting.

ii) Date of next meeting - To be arranged.

b) Estates

i) Cemetery

Is moving forward, tree report is now showing on the planning portal. Waiting for a report back taking into account of the updates.

HTC half of the cemetery will need to be cut twice a year.

- ii) Park Run
Letter response to Parkrun was emailed and hand delivered. Organisers are happy with the letter and understand the request for additional information.
 - iii) Garage Brecon Road
There has been no further communication since JM and CB responded to Williams Beales acknowledging their
 - iv) Ringo Carparking
CB to invite NCP representative for a meeting.
 - v) Date and time of next meeting TBC
- c) Premises
- I) ATM has yet again had periods of not working.
 - II) Healthmatic
Healthmatic have entered a tender bid to HTC for next 2 years of toilet cleaning, service and maintenance. CB to circulate with all Cllrs.
 - III) Pavilion
 - a) Future Ideas
Postponed until after a decision is made on HADSCAL.
 - b) Football Club
A number of concerns have been raised regarding the lights and extractor fans left on, mud and rubbish left and considerate parking.
 - IV) Insurance Claim
Has been entered, HTC are currently waiting on quotes for repainting of the ceiling.
 - V) Date and time of next meeting TBC
- d) Communications
- i) Website, emails and facebook.
PJ proposed that the website was put on hold, FH seconded.
Unanimously agreed.
Cllrs asked to set up there own email in the format eg cldrjbloggs@gmail.com

There has been an increase with engagement in the facebook page.

ii) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

e) Events

i) Freedom Parade

A very constructive meeting was attended by Cllrs FH, SM, AB, GR with Mike Jones Regimental Projects Warrant Officer and representatives from Powys CC. Routes, changing facilities and practical elements of parade were discussed.

Powys CC to write official invitation for HTC to circulate.

ii) King Charles Coronation

PJ to compile guidance and ideas for celebrating the coronation.

HTC to run best dressed house and best dressed business competitions.

iii) Date of next meeting - TBC

RG left the meeting.

15. DL & FH priorities for the year #

i) Accessible for all Council

Booked for April meeting.

ii) Foodbank

Training of volunteers has started.

16. Report of the Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer

i) bank reconciliations

Previously circulated and agreed. No questions were raised. It was noted that calculations will need to be undertaken to ascertain up to date average monthly expenditure.

ii) Major Correspondence

Previously circulated.

a) Training Needs Survey

Has been completed by FH and CB for HTC.

b) Kings New Years Honours Nominations

3 names were put forward. CB to submit.

c) OVW Membership

Recommendation to renew One Voice Wales Membership

Proposed JM, Seconded FH

Unanimously agreed.

17. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that HTC precept is £9 per household cheaper than like for like Councils.

GR will be spreading awareness of dog poo again, stickers have been collected and pink spray paint.

GR has visited the recycling centre.

18. Report from Chairman

Thank you to all Cllrs for everything they have done in the last month.

19. Reports of HTC Representatives on other Bodies

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses - none
- b) Dial a Ride - none
- c) Dyfed Powys Police - none
- d) Hay School Governors - Forrest School at the Warren and within the school grounds have both been completed. On behalf of the school JM would like to say Thank you to the Cheesemarket.
- e) One Voice Wales - none, new rep needed.
- f) Cheesemarket - none
- g) Hay2Timbuktu - none
- h) BBNP- none
- i) Chamber of Commerce - none
- j) Hay Summer Show would like to say a huge Thank you to Emily Daw for all the help and support she has given. This year's summer show is looking to be bigger and better than previous years while still holding to the same ethos fun for all the family.
- k) Hay Markets - none
- o) Hay Sports Clubs - none
- p) Hay Youth Club - new rep needed. AGM will be in May.

Representatives to be reallocated at the AGM in May.

20. Any other business

Possible locations for a cycle track were brainstormed. Space behind Warren Close was the most favourable idea.

21. Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 3rd April 2023 at 6.00 pm - to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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