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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 6th November at **6.00pm**
in the Council office, Brecon Road, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DY.

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1. Apologies for absence

Present: Cllr F Howard, Cllr R Golesworthy, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr G Williams, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr Alan Powell, Cllr J Hall, Cllr A Bielski, Cllr W Bielska

Also present: Clerk C Bunton. Cllr G Ratcliffe and a member of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr P Jenkins,

2. Wildlife Presentation Dave Pope.

Postponed to November Meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

AP – The Warren, Hay Woodland Group

FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Christmas lights testing, North Wier Trust, Gwynne's Almshouses, Tourist Information, Clifford Primary School, Hay Summer Show.

RG – The Warren.

JP – Hay Woodland Group, Member of St Mary's Church.

SM – 1st Hay on Wye Scout Group, Radnor Explorers, Hay Summer Show, Country Supplies & Post Office.

JM – HADSCAL, Hay Woodland Group, Hay Warren Anglers, Repair Café.

PJ – Hay Primary School, North Wier Trust, Hay Summer Show.

AB – Repair Café.

WB – Chemist.

GW – Hay & Brecon Farmers, Payroll.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

Council we asked the following Questions:

Could you update us on the process and the wider community on the current position in regards to the planning application to been any major development since March?

Council were advised that If you objected before and you still have the same concerns, same questions, you need to resubmit those because it's still a planning process. as there was no real material change apart from the that the height of the building diameters and the issues are still there. There is concerns it's obviously if people don't respond or comment it's taken as read it and supportive of it.

Would you be willing to resubmit your questions and comments?

Council to meet Monday 9th to discuss resubmission of questions.

Would counsellors like to come and meet some of the members of the public around the gardens and the globe so you can see for yourselves what we're worried about?

Residents to contact Clerk to arrange.

Member of the public left.

5. Minutes of the meeting dated 4th September 2023

Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed.

6. Henallt Exhibition – Cabinet of Curiosities.

Cllr Howard attended. It was fascinating what they've done. It is a museum for Hay, everything in there comes from Hay, whether it's collecting pieces of pottery from the river, whether it's material that they've made from dying from plants all sorts of wonderful items. It was agreed that Cllrs would like to visit.

FH to arrange.

7. 20 MPH Signs

Currently the speed limits are not clear around the town and it is confusing. Signs to be investigated.

8. Fishing Rights

The Warren Trust have requested if HTC are interested in selling fishing rights only to the Trust.

Cllrs to compile their thoughts, facts and figures to be gained and to be discussed at next meeting.

9. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

a) Finance

I) Reserves Policy

Postponed to next meeting.

II) Draft Precept 24/25

To bring Hay Town Council in line with neighbouring community councils it was proposed that the Precept be increased to £85,500, and increase of approx. 10% which equates to £10 per household.

Proposed JM Seconded AB, unanimously agreed.

III) Date of next meeting

to be confirmed.

b) Estates

I) Cemetery

Powys CC could not take on the site in the state it was in. Powys requested that the grass was cut, paths and roadways weed killed. This has been completed and Powys updated.

Thank you to the Councillors that gave up their time and used their own equipment to bring the area into line with what was agreed.

II) Estates Survey

Following advice from the Insurers all aspects of HTC estates to be listed and shared out amongst Cllrs for monthly inspection.

JM to compile list for next meeting.

III) Date and time of next meeting – to be confirmed.

c) Premises

I) Toilets

a) Door

AP to pass specification to CB for circulation.

b) Refit or Refurbishment

Recommendation: to meet with Danfo and investigate

Proposed PJ Seconded JM, unanimously agreed.

Recommendation: to investigate loan to facilitate toilets update.

Proposed GW Seconded PJ, unanimously agreed.

c) Sanitary Waste

There have been complaints received regarding smell and monthly collections.

RG Proposed to change to fortnightly emptying. JH seconded. Unanimously agreed.

II) Pavilion

a) Office looks much nicer with the new wall. Needs painting. Clerk and Cllrs to paint.

b) Timer switch to be bought for heater.

c) a number of requests have been received for sensor lights in the corridor area outside of the pavilion.

JP proposed that these items are bought. AB seconded. Unanimously agreed.

III) Date and time of next meeting
to be confirmed

d) Communications

Have not met this month. PJ and CB to discuss on Wednesday.

Date and time of next meeting – to be confirmed.

e) Events

I) Citizen of the Year

Quite a few nominations have been submitted. Cllrs were reminded of the purpose of citizen of the year, it is aimed to celebrate and thank an individual who voluntary goes above and beyond to help the town.

Nominations and voting happened In Camera.

II) Remembrance

AB attended a meeting with Dave Pope and Hay RBL. Although HTC have not historically paid for the PA system it was requested that they could.

Proposed AB, seconded RG, unanimously agreed.

Clerk to send invites to Remembrance Parade on 12th.

There will also be a small service 11am on 11th at the Cenotaph, all Councillors are invited.

III) Xmas Lights

Meeting arranged for 12th October. There will be no Christmas Market over the weekend. There will be community stalls and food on the evening.

IV) Date and time of next meeting
to be confirmed.

10. Report of the Clerk / RFO

i) Bank Reconciliations

Previously circulated. No questions were raised.

ii) Major Correspondence

Hay Summer Show have requested that they may use HTC land July 21st 2024 for the next show.

Agreed.

Telephone call has been received expressing how fantastic the disabled fishing platform is at the Gliss, but since recent flooding has become quite muddy which has made it difficult for wheelchair users.

Cllrs to investigate clearing it.

iii) Playground Questionnaire Results

Results were examined and agreed CB to pursue grant applications to purchase new swing bucket seat.

11. Report from County Councillor

Thank you to Cllrs Morgan and Prothero who attended the meeting with Powys representatives to discuss parking. A new card payment machine will hopefully be installed in January. Powys are looking to repaint the lines or resurface.

Thank you to all the Cllrs that attended the meeting with Welsh Water, it was a very productive meeting. HTC contributed very well. Thank you.

Powys CC are appointing a new chief executive this month.

Working Group is being set up to look at parking across the County.

12. Reports of HTC Representatives:

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses - none
- b) Dial a Ride – New Bus has been ordered
- c) Dyfed Powys Police – Trudy is off on long term sick, Emma is only part time. They are looking for a replacement.
- d) Hay School Governors – grant has been secured to build a wildlife area.
- e) One Voice Wales – Committee meeting next Monday.
- f) Cheesemarket – Meeting due.
- g) Hay2Timbuktu – JP attended a meeting. Situation in Timbuktu is severe at the moment. A crisis appeal is being started.
- h) BBNP - none
- i) Chamber of Commerce – none
- j) Hay Summer Show – Now have a few new committee members, it is starting to move forward. Requested that the Pavilion can be used for fundraisers. CB to check the insurance regarding alcohol.
- k) Hay Markets – not running a market after turning on of the lights.
- o) Hay Youth Club – Doing well, 108 registered, in excess of 50 turning up regularly. CB to send letter to youth club thanking them for service.

13. Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 6th November at 6.00 pm – agreed.

Meeting closed 8.30pm



6th November 2023.