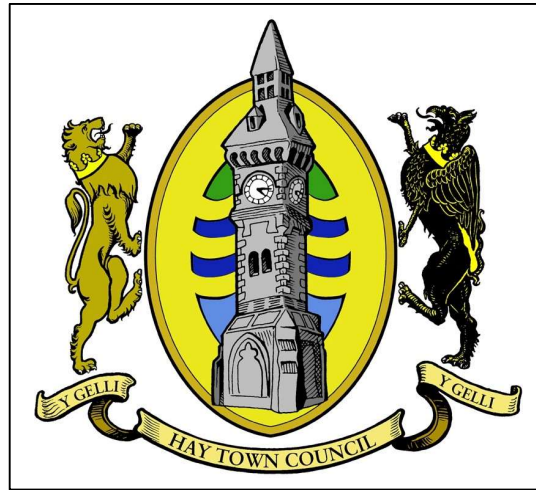


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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 2nd June 2025 at
6.00pm in the Council office, Brecon Road, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DY.

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1. Apologies for absence
Present: Cllr F Howard, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr G Williams, Cllr A Bielski, Cllr Wendy Bielska, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr T Owen
Also present: Clerk C Bunton. Cllr G Ratcliffe.
Apologies for absence: Cllr Alan Powell, Cllr P Jenkins
2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
GW HADSCAL
SM Allotments
3. Questions from Members of the Public
Mr & Mrs Pearson joined the Council to express their concerns regarding new proposed development at former Community Centre Site, want affordable housing don't want to loose their access to own home. After much discussion it was agreed that a site meeting is required, also with CC G Ratcliffe. Currently in the preplanning stage. GR has written to planners. CB to write and confirm HTC want to attend site meeting.
4. Minutes of the meeting dated 12th May
RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. Request from Football Club
Proposal to authorize football club to investigate has been sent, FH confirmed with solicitors they could investigate at a cost to the Football Club.
6. EV Charging point
CB to organize the finance part of it.
7. ATM
Despite meeting with NoteMachine early May 25 and all assurances given that the ATM would be a

priority and working during the Festival, the ATM has not been working either out of cash or no signal every day since the Wednesday before Festival. Engineer visited 4 times over the 10 day period. TO to investigate options to improve Wifi. CB to contact notemachine on their opinion on piggy backing on wifi. HTC to write to MP regarding banking.

8. Clock Tower

Still waiting on a reply from Powys CC.

9. Festival Feedback

ATM

Signs – Thank you to Gareth for removing used ones, it was suggested that a charge could be made to businesses for removing signs next year that are out of date.

Phone signal was awful.

General Parking – Thank you Gareth for getting the travellers moved on. HTC to write to Powys about having a height restriction bar at old Cattle Market Site.

Brecon Road, concerns raised that someone could drive on the pavement. HTC can not negate every risk. To be brought up with Festival.

There were 3 major medical incidents, resulting in a broken leg and a fatality with 2 air ambulance visits.

4G Signal, why has the mast not been put up this year.

Toilets over the festival have been the best they have been for years. Only twice have the padel gates been re-set and no blockages.

Reports of Shoplifting were up over the Festival.

HTLGI – Very interesting, would like Cllrs to go back next year. Promote schools visit. Cllrs very impressed with event as a whole but especially youth activities. Well organized this year. Many more police this year in attendance. Festival paid for additional police.

10. Charity Parking & Rules

Next year to discuss sharing out the money and the work equally. There were set rules previously agreed, specifically clean the toilets and no overnight parking. One organization took the money for a 4 day booking. Signs with rules suggested to go out over the festival period. Suggested using clamping system in the future as it is for patrons of the site. Nappies and wet wipes were put down the toilets during Festival blocked the drains at Pavilion, needed rodding. Thank you GR for checking and maintaining.

11. Parish Hall

No further forward at the moment.

12. PCC Meeting

Awaiting on a response from Powys for a meeting this week. GR has compiled a list.

13. Drainage

Drain is broken next to the storage container. Blockage from wet wipes, nappies and soils. Man hole covers that are there are not suitable, need to be commercial man hole covers. SM to find out costs of manhole covers. Two drains are collapsing.

14. Cllr Projects

- a) Play Area Team – local businesses have be written to asking for a donation. Thank you to JM for sharing list. Grant applications are currently in to Warren Trust, North Weir Trust, PCI, Cheese Market. Concerns raised about the safety of the remaining play pieces.
- b) Land at Warren Close – Contractor hoping to start by Friday. Powys CC are doing the work

on site and supply 5000 rainwater storage tank as part of a WG scheme encouraging new allotment plots.

There has been various discussions without a decision made previously as to how the allotment will be run. Options are: Is it being Council run? Is it being let to the allotment society for a peppercorn rent and they run it.

JM proposes that let to the allotment society for a peppercorn, seconded AB, £1 a year agreed. 1 abstain and 5 agreed.

c) Town Enhancements

FH, GR, SM Teams meeting tomorrow.

d) Future Remembrance Events

All Cllrs to try and attend event 3rd Aug at Craft Centre. AB has been investigating ST John Ambulance or other first aid provision to attend the next Remembrance event. Costs will need to be shared with RBL.

e) Keep Hay Tidy (PJ) – plan circulated to all Cllrs. GR has litter grabbers. To be discussed at next meeting.

15. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

a) Finance

I) Reserves discussed.

b) Estates

I) Estates survey – it has been observed that residents are putting household rubbish in public bins, which is illegal fly tipping. Thank you to all Cllrs that completed their area.

II) 6pm Monday 9th June for walk around.

III) Gipsy Castle playground – boards are rotting through, is as safe as we can make it at the moment.

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets – been the best festival to date for toilets.

II) Oxford Road Toilets - Closing of the toilets earlier has helped reduce amount of vandalism.

III) PHS – TO to investigate who local businesses use for sanitary collections as want 12 months paid in advance. CB to look into consumables costs.

IV) Pavilion

a) meet with architect – price list has been sent through, need to get another architect and have another chat, similar footprint. Water tank and containers would need to go, provision could be put in the end of the building. Very much at a brain storming stage.

We need to develop a core group what we want from the building. Office, or 2, toilets, function area, chamber room, archive room. Could potentially include the garage development into it. Working group to consist of: TO, AB, SM, FH.

b) Asbestos Report – Do not need an asbestos report. HTC now have a copy of the report and there is none in the building. Thank you to GR for obtaining the report.

c) Boiler – combi boiler is instant heat when its called for, less space, Gas. / 2 tanks will have water heating all the time.

TO Proposal to Go for Gas combi 27KW, second AB unanimously agreed.

16. Report of the Clerk / RFO

a) Major Correspondence

i) Warren Close Hedge - GR left the room. When allotments are created area will be reduced for grass cutting so tender document will need to be altered, but amount of work is not much difference. HTC will need to include the additional hedges in cutting plan.

- ii) Planning Application – previously discussed.
- b) Bank Reconciliations
 - i) Annual Accounts – Accounts were circulated to all Cllrs. Annual Governance Statements were read out and voted on by all Cllrs. They were agreed unanimously. It was noted that the recommendation stated updating the fixed asset register, this was done in May 25 however not shared with the accountant. CB to ensure that it is shared in future.

17. Reports of HTC Representatives:

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses – water problem AGM coming up
- b) Dial a Ride – none.
- c) Dyfed Powys Police – No report from DPP, however it was observed by a Cllr that 2 people stopped one for DD, one for speeding.
- d) One Voice Wales – none.
- e) Cheesemarket – none.
- f) BBNP – none.
- g) Chamber of Commerce – Shop lifting around during festival. AGM soon.
- h) Hay Summer Show – Thank you to HTC for parking for 2 days and this years donation. Costs for this years show have been covered.
Wendy & Alex will be running stall can everyone donate bottles bring into the office. Please donate.
- i) Hay Primary School - – none.

18. Date and time of next meeting:

7th July 2025

19. IN CAMERA: Councillor Co-option

Meeting closed 8.33pm

