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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 4th November 2024 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 R Golesworthy, Cllr G Williams, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr J Hall, Cllr A Powell.
   Also present: Cllr G Ratcliffe, Clerk C Bunton
   Apologies: Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr W Bielska, Cllr A Bielski, Cllr J Morgan.
   Cllr P Jenkins has requested a 6 month break from the HTC.

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
   None.

3. Questions from Members of the Public
   None.

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 10th September.
   With the removal of duplicate record of CLlr R Golesworthy attending these were Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed

5. Paid Parking
   Come to the end of the cycle, 2 people have paid by cheque, 2 paying by monthly standing order and 1 directly via BACS. 4 bays currently vacant. Currently outstanding key. Clerk to write and ask for key to be returned. Clerk to advertise spaces on fb.

6. Cllr Projects
   a) Suggestions – no further suggestions.
   b) Play Area Teams – GW will investigate becoming a CIC.
   c) Land at Warren Close – Questionnaire has been prepared, and approved. FH to hand out questionnaires to properties backing onto land first before making questionnaire public.

d) Keeping Hay Tidy – on hold.
e) Town Enhancements – GR has contacted Powys CC. FH, SM and GR met. 4 proposals:
   1. Hanging signs from lampposts
   2. Benches shaped like books
   3. QR digital tour of Hay
   4. Noticeboard with things to see.

   Concerns raised over planters becoming a place for people to place dog faeces, only the planter by clock tower is being maintained. Considered moving all planters down onto the Recreation ground along the fence line or could be used on the allotments.

   FH propose site with allotments, SM seconded. Unanimously agreed.
f) Remembrance Parade 2024

   Can all Cllrs please be at the church for 2.45pm

   It has been requested that the names were checked and updated if necessary. AB checked and there are none to add since WW2.

   Discussed protocol if additional names in conflicts since are suggested, Council would consider adding an additional plaque.

7. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes
   a) Finance
      I) Precept

         Can all projects please suggest what precept value they will be looking for next year at the next full Council meeting.

         Allotments to be precepted £5000

      II) Defib pads – there have been 4 calls so far this year needing Defib. 3 sets are needed, clock tower, pavilion and school.

         HTC to investigate providing defib training.

         FH proposed Precept £100 a year towards Defibs. SM seconded, unanimously agreed.

      III) Date of next meeting – TBC.
   b) Estates
      I) Estates survey – all checked.
      II) Trees by pumping station – Welsh Water have been contacted.
      III) Bailey Walk steps – only 1 quote has been received. Suggest asking BBNP.
      IV) Fishing Platforms – Welsh Water have been in touch and have confirmed they have cleaned the area.
      V) Railway footpath

         Recommendation: Install some patio slabs at wet area. Rejected.

         Concerns raised over slabs becoming slippy. Woodland Group to be requested to look into possibility of to install some perforated drainage pipe. Could ask for help with volunteers.

      VI) Containers

         Recommendation: Allow Youth club to install 10ft container behind Scouts and Cricket Club container. Rejected.

         Concerns raised regarding parking infront of containers. Suggestion that existing containers are rotated by 90 degrees, and youth club container could fit it behind. Youth Club to arrange with other organizations regarding turning. All containers to be the same green.

         Proposed RG, seconded JH, 1 abstention, 4 votes in favour.

Cricket Club would also like permission to install either 1 x 40ft or 2 x 20ft containers, to be placed adjacent to Cricket netting area. Agreed.
Scouts would like the Cricket container if that becomes available.

Discussion regarding the garage roof needing to be repaired.

VII) Dark Skies
Recommendation: to write and explain that we do not have any control over dark skies within Hay the letter would be better sent to BBNP / Powys CC.
FH proposed. JH seconded, unanimously agreed.

VIII) Warren Steps
One side has fallen, rotted off. Warren Steps are not part of HTC remit, however it is felt that the residents would like them repaired. AP and JM to get quotes without commitment.

IX) Daffodils at car park
Recommendation to: to plant daffodils around the dragon. GW to see if he can get some bulbs.
JH proposed. FH seconded, unanimously agreed.

X) Date and time of next meeting – TBC

c) Premises
I) Clock Tower Toilets
Graffiti by a black flet tip pen.
II) Oxford Road Toilets
a) Recommendation: Ask Powys to help subside toilets, if this is refused look to reduce number of active toilets and redecorate.
There has been numerous issues with vandalism and people misusing the toilets, barriers and coin slots. Toilets are cleaned every morning, however due to continued misuse we are receiving numerous complaints, there is no obligation to keep the toilets open.
It is not fair to Cllrs to continue to give their time to keep having to deal with these issues. Discussed sharing photos of vandalism on facebook page.
Recommendation Proposed JP, seconded JH by unanimously agreed.
III) Pavilion
a) Door
New door lock has been completed and NHS Dentists are using the back office room.
b) Fire Alarms
There was an incident recently with alarms going off.
Recommendation: Add to check zones at next service.
Recommendation Proposed JP, seconded GW by unanimously agreed

IV) Danfo Contract
a) Recommend to renew Danfo Contract.

Discussed and put on hold until a decision is reached regarding Oxford Rd toilets.

V) PHS

Have been witnessed pulling up to toilets and not entering. Previous bins that went missing were collected by PHS. There has been some confusion with Healthmatic ending their contract and the HTC contract.

VI) Date and time of next meeting – TBC.

8. Report of the Clerk / RFO
   a) Major Correspondence

      Park Run – HTC have no issues with an additional Xmas Park run.

      Radnorshire Wildlife Trust – Suggest Tourist Information and Buttermarket.

      Hay Cemetery – Powys CC write up went out without HTC approval.

      Woodland Group – Have requested their annual payment for emptying the dog bins.

   b) Bank Reconciliations

      No Questions.

9. Reports of HTC Representatives:
   a) Gwynne's Almshouses – None.
   b) Dial a Ride – None.
   c) Dyfed Powys Police – Report received and circulated.
   d) One Voice Wales – None.
   e) Cheesemarket – None.
   f) Hay2Timbuktu – None.
   g) BBNP – None.
   h) Chamber of Commerce – Xmas lights, school are not attending, charities will be inside the butter market. Friday 29th November. Castle Street will be closed all day, Fire Engines and Steam Engines are confirmed. CB to talk to Hay Scouts about borrowing litter pickers.
   i) Hay Summer Show – Will be having a stall at turning on of the lights.
   j) Hay Markets – None.

10. Date and time of next meeting: 2nd December.

Meeting closed 7.58pm