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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 1st July 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 Hall, Cllr W Bielska, Cllr A Bielski.
   Also present: Clerk C Bunton
   Apologies: Cllr J Morgan, Cllr A Powell, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr G Ratcliffe;

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

   AP – HADSCAL, The Warren, Hay Woodland Group
   FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Christmas lights testing, Northwier Trust, Gwynne's Almshouses, Hay Swimming Pool, Clifford Primary School.
   RG – The Warren, Cheesemarket, Hay Swimming Pool.
   JP – Member of St Mary's Church.
   SM – 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, Repair Café, HADSCAL.
   PJ – Hay Primary School, Northwier Trust, Welsh Liberal Democrats, Senedd - Jane Dodds MS
   AB – Repair Café.
   WB – Chemist.
   GW – Hay & Brecon Farmers.

   Advice from One Voice Wales has been received which only requires Cllrs to declare an interest as an when it is required depending on the matter to be discussed at a council meeting. Therefore Cllrs will need to read the agenda in advance.

3. Questions from Members of the Public
   a) Cycle racks.

It has been requested that HTC install more cycle racks in town. It was noted that cycle racks are a Powys CC – Highways issue. Current cycle racks in Hay were discussed however it was noted that they are not fully used. To be passed to Powys.
b) Useage of Bowls Club. HTC understands that the green is a public green as long as their green fees are paid.

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 3rd June 2024.
   Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed

5. Mill lane
   Awaiting reply from BBNP. All information to be compiled ready to share with incumbent MP.

6. Bus Network
   SM and JP had a meeting that was not attended by any of the other external Cllrs invited. Suggestions were made regarding leaving student bus and from 10am onwards doing smaller buses to go around the back villages.

7. Training Policy & Surveys
   Please can everyone complete their training surveys. If you are not keen then FH, SM and CB to complete for everyone.

8. Community Engagement Policy
   Policy was reviewed and agreed.

9. Mayoral Chain
   Currently missing 12 links if assuming that Cllrs have acted as mayor on consecutive years counts as one link. This is a historical record and the links need to be purchased. To be added to next years budget. CB to get costings.

   Proposed RG, Seconded SM unanimously agreed.

10. Potential source of community funding
    There is a local gentleman who has been doing some charity fundraising, it has been proposed that the person continue running whist drives and donate funds to HTC as a local community fund. Concerns were raised ensuring that Council are fully open and transparent with it.

    Proposed SM, seconded RG unanimously agreed.

11. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes
    a) Finance
       I) Reserves Policy

Reserve Balance 71,234.67

Type	Reserve	Target	Time Frame Reserve (years)	Estimated Years Remaining	Balance
G	Elections	7,000.00	1	0	7,000.00
G	Contingency 6 Months Net Running Costs (1)	32,884.50	1	0	32,884.50
E	Pavilion	60,000.00	25	5	10,450.06
E	Toilets	20,000.00	10	2	3,483.35
E	Children's Park	100,000.00	10	2	17,416.76
					71,234.67

Proposed GW, seconded FH unanimously agreed

II) Training

Recommendation is that if anyone wants to do any training over and above training budget would need to come out of the relevant sub committee budget.

Proposed FH, seconded SM unanimously agreed

III) Asset Register

Can the chairs of all sub committees please check. The Dragon and tennis nets will need to be added.

IV) Date of next meeting

b) Estates

I) Cemetery

Waiting for Comms to do a write up.

II) Car parking area.

All is planned work to be started soon. Will be completed by end of August and for All patrons of the facilities.

III) Estates survey

Completed.

IV) Tennis Courts

a) Meeting to be arranged with old Tennis Club regarding nets and marking out.

b) We have been contacted by We do Tennis CIC who would like to come and start running tennis lessons. Meeting to be arranged to discuss options. Need to ensure that locals have space to be able to play tennis free also.

V) Bailey Walk planting

Letter has been sent, dead grass and waste has been removed. No invasive species to be planted.

VI) BBNP Funding Meeting

Is for Bio-diversity. JM working on project.

VII) Login Brook footpath

Is all over grown, and fence has collapsed, owned by Powys. They will be assessing during July.

VIII) Gipsey Castle Play area

Serious problems at Gipsey Castle, the wood has rotten through in a number of places leaving the equipment unsafe. Discussed options of purchasing new equipment from Reserves. Concerns were raised over length of time wooden items last for. Cllrs agreed to get the posts replaced as a matter of urgency. Awaiting a ROSPA report on the status of play equipment. Public consultation has already been undertaken. Project team to be arranged for the play areas to update play equipment. GW and PJ to head up the team.

Cutting of the brambles needs to be added to the grass cutting specification.

IX) Bathing water status

Welsh Water is monitoring water for human Ecoli, but not measuring for animal Ecoli. Wildlife and Countryside Act 28d 28e. Concerns raised as no infrastructure to facilitate tourists. HTC supports the Warren Club.

X) Stolen Heron

£600 kindly donated by the public to go fund me arranged by Woodland Group.

XI) Dragon carving

Has kindly been donated to the Town by Danny Thomas.

XII) Fly tipping Warren Close

Powys have notified that as it is HTC land it is HTC problem. JM to get quotes to remove. HTC to consider what can be done with the land.

XIII) Litter picking update
Recommendation that Cllrs litter pick during September. Cllrs to choose a couple of streets. Streets that have public bins and air b&b bins left out all week long. General litter around Hay is an issue that needs to be addressed.

XIV) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets
All working ok at the moment.

II) Oxford Road Toilets
Paddlegates are still being a problem, gates are sticking open. Danfo to be called out. Had to reset 5 times per day.

III) Pavilion
All ok at the moment.

IV) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

d) Communications & Events

I) D – Day 80th Anniversary
Was a good event, pleased with the turn out. Comments on insufficient advertising.

II) Hay Summer Show
Wendy & Alex are running a bottle stall, bottles are being collected. And a guess how many sweets are in the jar. All Cllrs welcome to come and help for the day. Money to be the start of the community fund.

III) Hay Standard at events
RBL to be written to, to request the Hay Standard at any events HTC would like it at. CB to write to RBL.

IV) Date and time of next meeting – TBC.

12. Report of the Clerk / RFO

i) Bank Reconciliations
Previously circulated. No questions were raised.

ii) Major Correspondence

a) Oxford Road Toilets – Morelli Estates have been keeping the drains clear on a weekly basis. They would like to know HTC plans for ongoing maintenance. HTC are working on a plan to improve the toilets. HTC is under licence from Powys CC for the toilets. Plan to ask a specific person to weekly check toilets and flush the drains to be paid by HTC. Morelli Estates to contact the clerk when there are problems.

b) HADSCAL – letter from Powys, request to utilise funds. HTC to respond asking for clarification.

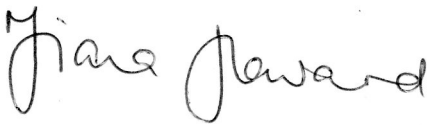
13. Reports of HTC Representatives:

a) Gwynne's Almshouses - none.
b) Dial a Ride – none.
c) Dyfed Powys Police – selection of emails forwarded out to Cllrs.
d) OVW – AGM in Builth 2nd July.
e) Cheesemarket – none.
f) Hay2Timbuktu – none.
g) BBNP – none.
h) Chamber of Commerce – none.
i) Hay Summer Show – we look forward to seeing everyone at the show.

j) Hay Markets – none.

14. Date and time of next meeting:
Monday 2nd September 2024.

Any Other Business:
Projects within teams, little projects, potentially over a 5 year plan. Everyone please think of something they would like to take on as a small project, to consider and come back to Council with ideas at the next meeting.

Play Area on Black Lion Green was removed and needs to be considered.

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