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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 2nd December 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 G Williams, Cllr J Prothero, Cllr A Powell, Cllr J Morgan.
   Also present: Cllr G Ratcliffe, Clerk C Bunton
   Apologies: Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr J Hall, Cllr W Bielska, Cllr A Bielski

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
   None

3. Questions from Members of the Public
   None

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 4th November
   Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed.

5. Congratulations Cllr Williams
   HTC would like to wish Cllr Williams congratulations on the birth of his daughter.

6. Councillor Numbers
   2 requests for Cllr breaks in service, one for 3 months, one for 6 months.
   Concerns raised regarding low numbers, Council being quorate to be able to make decisions and the same Cllrs doing all the work. It is felt that if Cllrs are able to work they should at least be attending via zoom / teams.
   FH Proposed that Cllrs unless off work attend via online platform, JM seconded, Unanimously agreed.

7. Xmas Lights
   Generally a good event, well attended, some complaints received that there was less aimed at children. To be discussed outside of Council with other interested organisations. Concerns were raised over the costs of lights installation and lights needing to be updated.

Meeting Joined by Cllr G Ratcliffe.

Concerns have been raised regarding the parking over the winter weekend. Cllr Ratcliffe has requested a meeting to discuss lessons learnt.

8. Emergency provisions
   Thanks to Cllr Ratcliffe for checking the defibs.
   Discussed changing all defibs to the same code.
   Red Cross and Gordon Snape are happy to come and do First Aid Training.
   Council would like a list of Good SAMs locally and active.
   FH propose to invite Gordon Snape to come and talk to the Council as a whole about First Aid in the Community. AP seconded Unanimous. FH SM to meet with Gordon and arrange.

9. Cllr Renumeration
   This money is for expenses. If a Cllr does not want their renumeration please let the clerk know.

10. Cllr Projects
    a) Play Area Teams – GW is investigating CIC.
    b) Land at Warren Close – SM has been speaking with trustees of the allotment society. 20 closest houses have had a hand delivered questionnaire, online questionnaire has been shared on community facebook.
    c) Town Enhancements – grant does not start until next year.
       Planters need to be looked after, the one by the cenotaph needs to be removed. Request from Clifford School to have the planter, suggestion to offer to Hay Primary.
       Another suggestion would be install a milk bar, idea would be just inside the play area. FH and SM to meet with possible vendor.

11. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes
    a) Finance
       I) Precept
          Suggested precept previously circulated to Cllrs via email. This would enable a part time handy man to be employed. Recommendation that the precept is increased by approx. 60p per household per month. Inline with neighbouring Councils.
          Proposed FH, seconded AP, unanimously agreed.
       II) Date of next meeting - TBC
    b) Estates
       I) Estates survey – Footpath is ok, no other issues have been brought up.
       II) Trees by pumping station. JM met with WW representative, trees have been taped off. Disabled footpath has not been completed properly. JM is following up.
       III) Bailey Walk steps – Grant application has been approved. Will include revetment on both sides, 3 sets of steps and a small post and rail fence and steps at underpass. Area of foothpath will need to be re-profiled. FH proposed AP seconded unanimously agreed that HTC will accept the funding. Clerk to sign and return. To be completed by 28th Feb.
       IV) Railway footpath – spring has sprung. Area is flooding. JM / AP to investigate and FH propose that work is done up to £1000, GW seconded, unanimously agreed.
       V) Warren Steps – suggestion is to create steps with scaffolding pipes.
       VI) Daffodils at car park – GW to sort out bulbs, FH to invite the primary school to help plant.

VII) Rec facilities sign – 2 quotes received.
Proposed to go with lower quote GW seconded JP unanimously agreed.

VIII) Date and time of next meeting – TBC

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets
Wallgates have not been cleaned properly which has caused one to keep cycling. A full cleaning specification is needed.

II) Oxford Road Toilets
Need to discuss with Powys CC, meeting requested. More vandalism also at the 24hr unit, validator also broken Clerk to contact Danfo. Paddlegates have been forced again and need re-setting. Metalwork needs to be cleaned.
Builth have closed the public toilets due to level of vandalism.

III) Pavilion
a) Emergency Lighting. At 6 monthly check 3 of emergency lighting did not work. Quote has been requested.

IV) PHS – SM & AP met with 2 representatives. They are going to credit HTC for missed services and bins. SM to do a register for PHS staff in the shop to get their 30p to enter the toilets.

V) Date and time of next meeting – TBC.

12. Report of the Clerk / RFO

a) Major Correspondence
Invitation to visit Fire Station – yes please, clerk to arrange.
Dog Fouling in Cemetery – lobbied CC Gareth Ratcliffe. If people don't adhere to keeping dogs on leads and clearing up after their pets then we will have no other option but to ban from public areas. It was also noted that fly tipping of furniture has also happened at the cemetery. GR has written to Powys CC requesting if Powys have any plans, that they install a dog bin, HTC and Powys to work together on this issue.
Scouts Car Wash Request that they hold a car wash 3rd Sunday of every month excluding January. – agreed.
Cricket request to dig exploratory hole. – agreed.
Parking during festival – noted.
Letter from RBL. – noted, clerk to reply.

b) Bank Reconciliations
No questions raised.
Clerk has completed the CiLCA qualification and is now fully qualified.

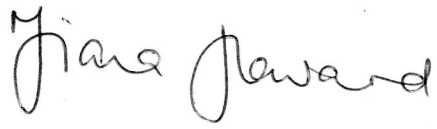
13. Reports of HTC Representatives:

a) Gwynne's Almshouses – none.
b) Dial a Ride – new minibus on the way.
c) Dyfed Powys Police – concerns raised over the lack of attendance, new County Lines poster has been shared.
d) One Voice Wales – training and warm spaces conference.
e) Cheesemarket – none.
f) Hay2Timbuktu – none.
g) BBNP – none.

h) Chamber of Commerce – social meeting tomorrow.
i) Hay Summer Show – Buckets out at turning on of the lights, meeting Thursday evening to select acts.
j) Hay Markets – none.

14. Date and time of next meeting:
6th January 2025

15. Any other business:
Clerk to write and thank fire boys for attending switching on of lights.
Need to investigate sound system.
GR will work with AB – VE Day proposal needs to be in by Feb. to be added to Jan meeting.

GR update
Cartref residents have been moved and are safe.
Hay Primary and secondary schools parents are concerned about new policies about phones in schools.
Defibs are all up and running and up to date. Suggestion to add another defib on Wyeside and one on Wyeford Road. Clerk to write to Black Mountain Lions Club.

Meeting Closed 8.21pm