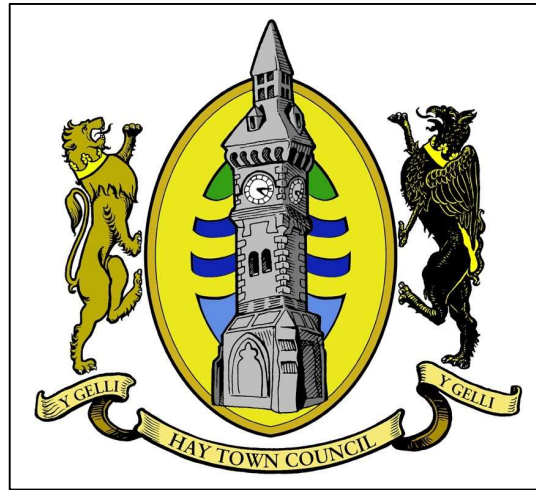


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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 6th October 2025 at
6.00pm in the Council office, Brecon Road, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DY.

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1. Apologies for absence
Present: Cllr F Howard, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr Alan Powell, Cllr G Williams, Cllr P Jenkins, Cllr A Bielski, Cllr Wendy Bielska, Cllr B Paul.
Also present: Clerk C Bunton, Cllr G Ratcliffe and a member of the public.
Apologies for absence: Cllr T Owen.
2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
None
3. Questions from Members of the Public
None
4. Minutes of the meeting dated 1st September & 24th September
Signed both
5. 50 years Independence of Hay
Suggestions that HTC apply for Independence and Cultural World Heritage Status. JM to investigate.

Cllr G Ratcliffe joined the meeting.
6. Social Media and Engagement
Postponed discussing until Cllr Paul arrives.
7. Safety
Postponed discussing until Cllr Paul arrives.
8. Cllr Projects
 - a) Play Area Team
 - i) Play Area update. Work has started, Noted that HTC has been successful in the grant application to Powys CC. Considered need to arrange an opening and thank local businesses

Powys have given us permission to do footpath from gate to public footpath. No clear decision made on turf.

WB proposed that the budget increased to £67k for completion of project. AB seconded. 3 in favour, 3 abstain.

- ii) Fencing & hard standing
No decision made.

- b) Allotments

Waiting on hearing back from Powys CC, nothing heard. GR to contact.

- c) Town Enhancements

FH, SM, GR had a meeting about Town enhancements, 17 sites have been identified as possible, decide to use 10. Will be advertising local businesses. Castle are keen to be involved. Suggestion that school could design a flag for the lamp post near them.

- d) Remembrance Day

AB has contacted all local bands however not able to get a band, they are all already committed. Bag piper confirmed. AB will speak to first aider.

9. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes

- a) Finance

Have not met, will need to be looking at the precept next month. Needs to be submitted middle January. Grass cutting tenders to be considered.

- b) Estates

- I) Watkins Trough – has been hit and post broken. Quote received to put a stainless steel rod in and fix with granite cement. 2 refusals to quote. It is not clear who owns or is responsible for it. It is not currently listed on HTC asset register. GR to clarify ownership.
- II) Estates survey – Only completed by 1 Cllr. This is a legal requirement from insurance. It needs to be completed next month.
- III) Working Party @ Pavilion anyone come and do some when they can.
Quote was received for drains, CB to approach Bowls club need to provide adequate drain covers.

Cllr B Paul joined the meeting.

Social Media and Engagement

Concerns were raised on how HTC engage, it was proposed that a strategy and plan be considered. BP to write strategy for Cllrs to review.

Safety

Concerns were raised over safety on the streets of Hay, used to have a police presence every month, they are no longer interested in coming. AP is police liaison Cllr, there is a major issue with speeding in town. HTC pushed through the 20 mph however these tend to be ignored. GR has met with Powys and Highways and look at strategic parking, on Gipsy castle it doesn't work. Speed bumps don't work locally due to cobbles. Would like to see a strategy in place like the town plan would be advantageous. There are legal requirements for all alterations. BP to investigate.

- c) Premises

- I) Danfo

There have been ongoing Issues with the card payments. One of the machines is now classified as legacy and can not be transferred. Prices have been updated however the machines need to be

powered down for 10 mins. Danfo will need to be booked to do this.

II) Sanitary Collection

Contract has been moved to Direct 365. Keys and cash for entry to be kept at the Post Office for 365 to be able to enter 24 and DDA

III) Clock Tower Toilets

When the monies going in when gets to a certain weight the bag is unclipping.

IV) Oxford Road Toilets

Paddle gates are an ongoing issue, regularly need resetting. Because they are being forced so much they are not resetting.

SM proposing refurbishment take out paddle gates and have same doors as at Clock Tower, one on ladies, one of gents.

AP request quotes to be investigated.

a) Security Camera in foyer area pointing at gate. To be discussed at Finance.

b) Welsh Water – Current leak has been reported since 14th August, was assessed, has been chased and now have a meeting on 10th October. Concerns raised how long this has taken and from the road blowing up last year from major leak on main water supply will have affected it. Water is continually flowing.

V) Pavilion

No development at the moment.

10. Report of the Clerk / RFO

- i) Tender Documents – historically a document would be prepared so that all quotes and tenders were given the same specification. This needs to be re-started.
- ii) Holiday – CB will be on holiday 26th Oct – 2nd Nov therefore the next agenda will be published on 25th Oct

b) Major Correspondence

- i) PCC Meeting – no further response.
- ii) ATM – Previous contact no longer works for NoteMachine. Contract is due for renewal May 27. Concerns have been raised with NoteMachine again about signal and not enough money in the machine. Dates for busy periods have been provided again.
- iii) Pay rise for Town Crier
Town Crier has not had a pay rise in 16 years. 5 that we name at £250, rate of £50 per cry. GW and CB to met with George to investigate.
- iv) New Town Crier
An application has been received. CB to arrange a meeting with George and person to discuss training.
- v) Town Clock
Current clock winder will be retiring it has been suggested that HTC ask Powys to consider automated Clock winding. GR to investigate.
- vi) Debates @ The Globe
The Globe have been in contact requesting if any Cllrs would like to chair or join the panel for their next debate which again will be on pollution levels of River Wye. JM confirmed he would be interested.

11. Reports of HTC Representatives:

- a) Gwynne's Almshouses – None
- b) Dial a Ride – None

- c) Dyfed Powys Police - None
- d) One Voice Wales - None
- e) Cheesemarket - None
- f) BBNP - None
- g) Chamber of Commerce - None
- h) Hay Summer Show - None
- i) Hay Primary School - None

12. Date and time of next meeting:
3rd November 2025

AOB:

- i) ITV have been in touch to book the Pavilion for an interview with Jane Dodds.
- ii) Mobile Dentist will be returning Nov / Dec.
- iii) Jeff Schulman 12th Oct doing a film about Hay and Richard Booth and is looking for people to interview that knew Richard Booth.

County Cllr Report

Powys CC full Council on Thursday, motion coming forward on tourism Levey Cllr Ratcliffe read to Cllrs the proposals and asked for their thoughts.

Meeting closed 19:48

