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Draft Minutes for the meeting of Hay Town Council on Monday 5th February 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 R Golesworthy, Cllr S Morris, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr G Williams, Cllr A Powell, Cllr J Prothero.
   Also present: Clerk C Bunton.
   Apologies for lateness: Cllr G Ratcliffe.

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct
   AP – The Warren, Hay Woodland Group
   FH – HADSCAL, Cheesemarket, Castle Trust, The Warren & proposed cycleway, Christmas lights testing, North Wier Trust, Gwynne's Almshouses, Tourist Information, Clifford Primary School, Hay Summer Show.
   RG – The Warren.
   JP – Hay Woodland Group, Member of St Mary's Church.
   SM – 1st Hay on Wye Scout Group, Radnor Explorers, Hay Summer Show, Country Supplies & Post Office.
   JM – HADSCAL, Hay Woodland Group, Hay Warren Anglers, Repair Café.
   PJ – Hay Primary School, North Wier Trust, Hay Summer Show.
   AB – Repair Café. WB – Chemist.
   GW – Hay & Brecon Farmers, Payroll.

3. Questions from Members of the Public
   None – However it was noted that questions from the public either need to be in person by the public or submitted to the Clerk by Cllrs for adding to the agenda.

4. Minutes of the meeting dated 8th January 2023
   Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed

5. Town Wifi

Person who was overseeing the project from Powys is on long term sick, awaiting response from the person that has taken over. To be an agenda item next month.

6. The Warren Bathing Water Status
   Cllrs FH, AP, JM, RG declared an interest. It was agreed that Cllrs could stay for the conversation but could not vote.
   Cllrs Wendy Bielska and Alex Bielski joined the meeting.
   The Warren Bathing Status application was discussed at considerable length. It was noted that Council needs to represent the views of the residents of Hay. Concerns were raised over access, parking, services, littering, bio-diversity and safe usage especially during times of flood.

   4 Cllrs could not vote as they are Warren Trustees; of the remaining 7 – 5 were against the application and 2 abstained.
   JM and CB to complete the form and circulate to Council.

   Cllr G Ratcliffe joined the meeting.

7. Fly tipping Warren Close
   Concerns were raised that a number of household items have been left on communal ground on Warren Close. CB to report fly tipping to Powys CC.

8. Twinning
   There has been some delay with emails. More research is needed. FH to invite a couple with much more experience to come and explain.

9. Horse drawn Taxi
   It was felt that this was an issue for Powys CC and Highways not HTC.

10. Speeding Concerns
    Concerns were raised of peoples speed through the centre of the town and down onto Lion Street. An education programme is soon to be released from Powys CC. Cllr Ratcliffe is awaiting more information. Discussion ensured around the Community speedwatch campaign that requires 3 people at the same time present and slow down signs. CB to contact Taylbont Community Council and ask for information. GR to write to Go Safe Partnership.

11. Subcommittee Reports / Minutes
    a) Finance
       I) Reserves Policy while it was noted that no timeline has been put in place to achieve the target reserves.
       Figures proposed AB, seconded JM Unanimously agreed.
       II) Beacon – There is already one in the Cupboard, RBL are welcome to borrow adhering to Health and Safety.
       SM proposed, AB seconded, unanimously agreed.
       III) Clerk pay to be back dated in line with national guidelines.
       IV) Date of next meeting to be confirmed.
    b) Estates
       I) Cemetery
       Has been completed and handed over to Powys CC. We have asked for an official hand over and photo opportunity.
       II) Estates survey

Form to be emailed out with every agenda.

III) Containers

Have been tidied up and Scouts container previously agreed has been installed. It was noted that the 3 now take up less space that 2 previously.

No climbing signage proposed SM, seconded FH unanimously agreed.

IV) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

c) Premises

I) Clock Tower Toilets

Lights have been replaced however are florescent not LED. Concerns raised over cleanliness. It was noted that photos are needed.

II) Oxford Road Toilets

Have received a complaint about Oxford Road toilets, also having communication issues with Danfo. Paddlegates are sticking open.

CB working on Expression of Interest form for grant towards new toilets.

III) Pavilion

3 carpet quotes for the office have been circulated.

SM proposed the cheaper of the carpet quotes, WB seconded, 3 abstentions, 6 in favour.

Thank you to WB for painting the office.

IV) Date and time of next meeting - TBC

d) Communications

I) Banner

There is some money left in Comms budget with which we would like to buy a banner. Comms to meet and discuss.

II) Survey so far has had 78 responses. PJ to post weekly on facebook. Closing date 29th February.

III) Date and time of next meeting – TBC.

e) Events

I) Easter Event is all go, very promising. Spar and COC have offered donations, Hay Castle are very kindly letting us hold the event there. PCI are happy to provide an person dressed as an Easter Bunny. GR to sort PA system. Cricket, Football, Hay PTFA, Hay Primary, Youth Club, Scouts, HADSCAL all involved.

II) Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 8th Feb 7pm

12. Report of the Clerk / RFO

i) Bank Reconciliations

Previously circulated. No questions were raised.

ii) Major Correspondence

a) Swimming Pool

Concerns raised that if the swimming pool closes we will loose it. HADSCAL may be able to incorporate a swimming pool in their plans but this is 5 years minimum from fruition. GR is a trustee and having meetings to see what is exactly needed. They are looking for new trustees. Would also like a HTC representative.

Savehayswimmingpool.com

b) Election

CB to have address changed on polling forms.

c) Walk Well leading to Lords Landing has become significantly damaged due to flooding. RG to investigate if it is possible to put it forward for scheduling as something special.

13. Response to Powys Consultation lead by GR
Car parking review figures for Hay have been shared to Cllr Ratcliffe. GR has written to Powys CC asking for an explanation on highly increased car park closure charges for Memorial Car Park.

14. Report from County Councillor
GR has been working on lots of confidential issues. Wales Government are looking to revalue all homes Council Tax bands in Wales.

It was asked why the traffic enforcement officer was in Hay every day last week.

Old Cattle Market, GR, FH, SM met with Powys reps and were shown potential plans for the area. This would include community / small businesses and car parking.

15. Reports of HTC Representatives:
a) Gwynne's Almshouses - GR to get contacts.
b) Dial a Ride – the bus is in need of repair.
c) Dyfed Powys Police – none.
d) Hay School Governors – are having to teach in the area down the middle of the school as some rooms are closed due to drains. They are being investigated during half term.
e) One Voice Wales – next meeting is in Llyswen.
f) Cheesemarket – Concerns raised over length of time the scaffolding has been up at Red Cross. GR to chase.
g) Hay2Timbuktu – none.
h) BBNP – none.
i) Chamber of Commerce Previous meeting HADSCAL attended and shared their plans.
j) Hay Summer Show – Fundraising events are going well, next Quiz, 17th Feb 6pm in the Parish Hall.
k) Hay Markets – Thank GR.
l) Hay Youth Club – Doing well, received a few grants to spend on events, training and equipment.

16. Date and time of next meeting:
Monday 4th March 2024 at 6.00 pm – confirmed.

Meeting closed 8.30pm