

Minutes of the meeting of Hay Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on 10th May 2010

Present:

Cllr M Fellowes (MF) Cllr P Lloyd (PL) Cllr D Gittins (DG)
Cllr N Birch (NB) Cllr S Like (SL) Cllr R Golesworthy (RG)
Cllr K Showler (KS) Cllr F Howard (FH)
County & Town Cllr G Ratcliffe (GR)

Apologies: Cllr A Lloyd-Penny (ALP) Cllr J Kramer(JK)

In Attendance: Nigel Lewis, Clerk to the Council

754. Declarations of Interest

GR – all planning issues, Warren Close, Gwernyfed High School.
PL – Community Enterprise CIC, Hay Parochial Church Council, Hay 2
Timbuktu Co Ltd. MF – Dial-a-Ride.

755. Minutes of Meeting dated 12th April 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 2010 were signed as a correct record.

756. MATTERS ARISING

a. Black Lion Green

NL advised that he had n't yet contacted Paul Clayden, CE of the Local Councils Advisory Service for advice on this matter.

b. Office Lease Debt

NL advised that PD had not replied to his latest letter advising that the Council would consider an offer of part payment.

Resolved that the matter be pursued through the small claims Court.

c. Toilets

NL advised that the cost of putting 10 temporary Toilets in the Oxford Road car Park over the Festival period would be in the region of £1300 + VAT. The Chamber of Trade had indicated that they may be willing to make a contribution(possibly 25%) towards the cost but the Festival Committee were not in a position to contribute anything other than a very

small donation.

Resolved not to pursue this matter any further.

GR advised that the Oxford Road toilets had been redecorated and Powys County Council had advised that they will try and improve the condition of the toilets at the Town Clock before the Festival even though this was n't in their schedule of work.

d. Christmas Lights

GR was still working on the proposal to concentrate the lights over a smaller area in the centre of town and he and MF had met with Selwyn(PCC) who advised that he would provide a quotation for the erection and dismantling of the Lights this year.

NL advised that he had contacted R Gardner to advise him that he would need full Insurance cover in order to erect the lights in 2010 who then indicated that he would n't be interested in doing the work on that basis.

e. Railway Line

It was reported the bollard to prevent vehicular access onto the Railway Line had still not been replaced and so it was agreed that NL write to Freemantle Developments as a matter of urgency.

f. Office Electrical Repairs

NL advised that he was waiting for Jamie to provide a more accurate estimate of costs.

g. Timbuktu Groups

GR advised that the meeting with all Groups had not yet been arranged.

NL to investigate cost of new twinning signs on the approaches to Hay.

h. Fairtrade

NL advised that Jo Elliot had suggested that in order to save money it may be better to put the Fairtrade flag/banner on an existing lampposts. FH mentioned that this had been done in Leominster and so she would contact Leominster Town Council to obtain details.

i. Waste Contracts Officer

NL read out a letter received from Lee Marshall, Snr Manager - Policy & Waste, Powys County Council, responding to the TC's letter of complaint concerning the attitude of Mr J Pearson. FH advised that since this incident Heidi Lewis, Waste Services, had been very helpful.

j. Any Other Matters arising not listed

(a) Warren Close

SL advised that he had approached McCartneys for a professional valuation to establish the value of the land.

757. Review of Code of Conduct

NL to enquire whether Powys CC are offering any training for Councillors and/or Clerks.

758. Gipsy Castle Play Area

The RoSPA inspection had indicated that the equipment was unsafe and as a result the Play area had immediately been closed to the public.

It was agreed that SL would ask S Morris for a quote to have the equipment dismantled and removed and that a report be sent to the Brecon & Radnor Express advising why the Play Area had been closed and explaining that plans were in place to refurbish the area.

759. Town Crier Presentation

It was generally thought that the event went well. NL advised that a letter of thanks had been received from J Beard, Town Crier of Llandovery.

760. Invite of Officials from Tieling City, China

NL advised that he had been advised that the Officials were now not able to make the visit.

761. Prioritisation of Workstreams

It was agreed that the priorities for the next month be as follows: -

- (a) End of Year accounts and VAT reclaim
- (b) Office lease documentation
- (c) Investigate Funding streams for the Refurbishment of the Play Areas
- (d) Register Council owned land with the Land Registry

762. Office PC

NL advised that the office PC was extremely slow due to their being insufficient memory and it was running Windows Vista. He had been advised by Giles that it would cost in the region of £180 - £200 to upgrade.

Resolved that NL establish the cost of a new PC.

763. Questions from the Public

No questions submitted.

764. Correspondence

- a) BDO - Audit Details for yr end 31st March 2010
- b) Kompan Playground Equipment Brochure
- c) Signs of the Times - Cast Sign Brochure
- d) BT - Confirmation of on-line Billing
- e) Tenovus - Request for Donation

Agreed not to make a donation.

- f) Inst of Local Council Management - Seminar : Is our Democracy in Good Health
- g) Society of Local Council Clerks - Cemetery Management Course
- h) One Voice Wales - Response on Review of Planning Application Process
- i) Mid & West Wales Fire Authority - Advance Notice of Annual Action Plan
- j) Powys County Council - Response to complaint re attitude of Waste Contracts Officer
- k) Wangping Travel - Visit of Chinese Officials
- l) Powys County Council - Licensing Information Flyer
- m) Carl Sargeant AC/AM, WAG - Guidance on Relationship Building Measures between Councils
- n) HMRC - Remittance Advice 2007/08 VAT Refund
- o) Thorne Widgery - PAYE Annual return Details
- p) Powys CC - Business Rates Instalment Plan

NL to investigate hardship allowance

- q) Urgent correspondence received after agenda circulated
(1) M Scruby, Gwernyfed Action Group – Threat to Gwernyfed High School

Resolved that NL write to Mr Scruby advising that the Town Council had agreed that it would be appropriate for Councillors to respond individually to Powys CC if they so wished.

(2) G Jones – Letter of thanks re blocking the hole in the Hedge at Warren Close and advising that the fence had immediately been knocked down.

Resolved to ask J Watkins (Wombles House & Garden Services) to urgently carry out remedial work.

765. Finance

Balances

Current Account: £12513.02 High Interest Account: £18697.51

Council Offices Account: £2415.26

Schedule of Cheques Issued/to be Issued

Period 13th April 2010 - 10th May 2010

Date	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Sub- total £	Amount £
Main Account - Cheques Issued					
13/04/2010	102251	One Voice Wales	Membership 2010/11		222.00
19/04/2010	102252	CN Trophies	Brass Plaque		45.00

Main Account - Cheques to be Issued					
10/05/2010		BOSS	3 Black Ink Cartridges	33.14	
	102253	BOSS	Credit Note Inv 238589	-20.87	12.27
10/05/2010	102254	MR Budd	Town Criers Outfit		1000.00
10/05/2010	102255	Mixing Bowl	Buffet - Town Criers Reception		200.00
10/05/2010	102256	The Wye Gallery	1 x Print - Town Criers Gift		24.00
10/05/2010	102257	Old Forest Arts	Frame & Glaze Print		24.00
10/05/2010	102258	The Flower Shop	Bouquet - Town Criers Reception		25.00
10/05/2010		M Budd	April Salary	135.17	
	102259	M Budd	April Expenses	4.00	139.17
10/05/2010		N Lewis	April salary	683.32	
	102260	N Lewis	April Expenses	6.07	689.39
	102261	CANCELLED			
10/05/2010	102262	M Fellowes	Co-op Drinks - Town Criers Reception		60.94

For information - Standing Orders

30/04/2010		OTM	Grass Cutting		273.33
06/05/2010		MJ Eager	Tidying Recycling Area		50.00
			TOTAL		2765.10

Council Offices Account - Cheques Issued

Council Offices Account - to be Issued

10/05/2010	100025	CSL Solutions	Council Offices Maintenance		45.00

For information - Standing Orders/Direct Debits

06/05/2010		Scottish Power	Electric 2/2/10 - 15/4/10		2608.72
			TOTAL		2653.72

766. Council Offices

NL advised that although he had not received a firm commitment it was highly likely that one of the two vacant offices would be taken in June.

767. County Councillor's Report

GR advised that :

(1) the next South Powys Community Stakeholders meeting would take place on 19th May in Brecon. GR and PL to attend.

(2) he had been re-elected onto the Board of Powys County Council.

(3) he had ordered 600 Dog Fouling Leaflets for distribution in Hay

(4) a Policing and Neighbourhood Watch meeting was scheduled to take place on 17th May at Hay School.

(5) the Fair had indicated that they want to come to Hay a week earlier than previously advised.

(6) vehicles had been noticed travelling the wrong way in Lion Street. This was confirmed by RG. It was agreed that NL write to the Police to point out the Council's concern. GR advised that Powys CC had agreed to undertake a review of the traffic issues including the one way system, parking, crossings etc.

768. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

769. Sub Committees

Finance – nothing to report

Fishing and Estates – nothing to report

Christmas Lights – see item 756(d).

Christmas Party – nothing to report.

Recycling Grants - nothing to report. Twinning – nothing to report.

770. Reports from Representatives

Tourism Group – nothing to report.

Dyfed/Powys Police – nothing to report.

Community Support – meeting arranged for next Thursday

Gwynne's Almshouses – AGM held, repairs are in hand.
Dial-a-Ride –meeting held, potential problem being lack of grants available
Hay Youth Club – numbers still low.
Hay School Governors – meeting held which included a review of the staffing structure.
Community Centre Committee – nothing to report.
Gwernyfed Sports Centre – nothing to report.
One Voice Wales – nothing to report.
Health Focus Group – nothing to report
PACT – Priority this next month was to minimize the impact of the Festival on the residents.
Cheesemarket – meeting held on 28th April. The consultation ended on 30th April, analysis of forms not yet available. Next meeting scheduled for 26th May. The Glanusk Estate have now agreed to the Change of Use re the Covenant.

771. Planning

(a) Urgent Mayor and Deputy Mayor Authorisations

None received.

(b) Planning Applications for Comment

None received.

772. Additional Item not on the Agenda – Replacement of Gas Services

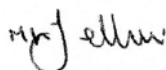
SL proposed and it was agreed that the Council should write to the Gas Contractors and Powys CC expressing the Council's appreciation for the efficient, helpful and polite manner of the Contractors and Mr M Abraham of Powys CC during the period that the Gas Mains and Services have been replaced in Hay.

773. Date of Next Meeting and AGM

Monday 7th June 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9:50pm

Signed



Date 7th June 2010