

collected at their event on 27th March and as previously agreed this would be used for the Play Area project.

d. Public Toilets

SL concerned with the state of the public toilets at the clock. MF had recently inspected them and thought they were ok. However it was felt that they would benefit if the walls were treated and painted. It was agreed that we should investigate the cost of providing 10 temporary toilets in the Car Park for the Festival period. NL to contact the Festival Committee, Chamber of Trade and Powys CC to see if they would be willing to contribute to the cost.

e. Christmas Lights

NL advised that GR was still working on the proposal to concentrate the lights over a smaller area in the centre of town and he had n't yet contacted R Gardner to advise him that he would need full Insurance cover in order to erect the lights in 2010.

g. Registration of Council Land

No progress.

h. Allotments

NL reported that A Walsh from Allotment Regeneration Assoc had advised that there was more chance to secure funding for this project if bids were made by Community Organisations rather than the Town Council.

Representatives from Transition Towns advised that in view of the lack of progress they had leased the land for 12 months with a view to establishing a Community Garden. They were also willing to take forward this project with those interested in having an allotment. The TC wished them every success and advised that they would support Transition Towns in their discussions with Powys County Council.

i. Railway Line

RG advised that he had asked a representative of Freemantle Est to replace the bollard to prevent vehicular access onto the Railway Line as had been agreed. NL to follow up with a letter. GR had spoken to the owner of Warren Cottage about vehicles using the Railway Line. SL had advised the contractor who had been on the Railway Line that he had to make good any damage. FT advised that driving other than on the road was an offence.

j. Warren Close

Agreed that we ask for a professional valuation to establish the value of the land.

k. Office Electrical Repairs

Powys CC required a more accurate estimate of costs. FH to ask Jamie for further details. NL advised that there could be a VAT issue if the Town Council as tenants contract for the work but it is then funded by the owners ie Powys CC. NL to obtain clarification.

l. Timbuktu Groups

No progress

m. Any Other Matters arising not listed

No other matters arising.

737. Police/PACT Update

PC FT advised that generally there had been an increase in crime in and around Hay but that fixed cameras throughout Powys were helping to identify suspected criminals coming into the area by the Automatic Number Recognition system. He advised that their current priorities were drugs, anti-social use of vehicles and travelling criminals and that since January they had enjoyed a high level of success in these areas.

The PACT priorities included criminals travelling into the Hay/Glasbury area and excess speed on Brecon Road, Newport Street and the A438. PC FT stated that Mercia Radio Links were offering to provide retail radio links in the town. The cost was likely to be £10 per month or one payment of £115 plus £30 for the base station. It was suggested that they should meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

738. Review of Code of Conduct

Defer to May meeting.

739. Prioritisation of Workstreams

NL produced a schedule of workstreams. It was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for each meeting and the progress of scheduled work be monitored and prioritised. It was agreed that the priority for April would be the accounts for 2009/10 and outstanding VAT returns.

740. Fairtrade

FH advised that she and NL had met with Julia Richardson and Jo Elliot on 22nd March 2010 who had produced a new Fairtrade resolution for the Council to consider and approve.

The resolution was circulated and approved(copy with signed minutes).

Other items discussed were: -

(a) Establishing a website link with the Fairtrade Blog

NL advised that he had spoken to Giles who had agreed to produce a Fairtrade page on the Hay website and include the Fairtrade logo on the Council page as a link.

(b) Flagpole in Council Offices Grounds to display the Fairtrade flag

The Council agreed to the idea of a flagpole in the Council grounds for general use with the Fairtrade flag being flown at agreed times during the year. It was also agreed that the Council would not be able to contribute to the cost of the flagpole, but would be prepared to (1) investigate the position regarding obtaining permission from Powys CC for erecting it on their land, and (2) establish if Planning permission is needed.

741. Town Crier Presentation

Date of presentation was confirmed as 1st May at 2pm.

MF to try to obtain a Cut Glass Engraved Bell as a gift.

Agreed to invite previous Mayors and County Councillors.

NL to obtain a price for the catering from Angela at The Mixing Bowl.

9:20pm – GR and PL joined the meeting.

742. Invite of Officials from Tieling City, China

NL advised that no details had been received concerning dates.

743. Finger Post Project

GR advised that the bid for funding from Powys CC had been unsuccessful but that he would continue to work on the details of the project.

744. Questions from the Public

It was queried whether the drains are cleaned every six months. GR advised that they were cleaned annually.

It was pointed out that currently there is a mess at Mill Bank.

745. Correspondence

- a) BBNP - Alterations Golden Oak House, Brecon Rd - Permission granted
- b) BBNP - Change of Use of Retail Unit to Chartered Surveyor's Office, Pavement House - Permission granted
- c) Powys Domestic Abuse Forum - Request for Donation
- d) Coleg Powys - Short Courses for Businesses
- e) One Voice Wales - Membership application 2010/11
- f) Bronllys Hospital & Community League of Friends - Annual Report
- g) Powys CC - New Heritage Advice Leaflets
- h) Rural Housing Enabler - Invitation to Rural Housing Event
- i) BBNP Local Access Forum - Minutes of meeting 8th December
- j) Dyfed Powys Police Authority - Consultation on Employment Targets
- k) Hay & Dist Community Support - Letter of thanks for Recycling Grant
- l) Society of Local Council Clerks - Playground Safety Training Course
- m) BBNP Green Valleys - Invite to Community Action Day (prev circulated)
- n) Hay TIB - Letter of Support re Fingerposts
- o) Medics4Timbuktu - Letter of thanks - donation from Xmas Lights 2008
- p) Zurich Ins - revised policy
- q) Lord Lieutenant - Invitation to County Service of Remembrance and commitment to World Peace
- r) Hay Focus on Health Group - Agenda for meeting 13th April
- s) Powys CC - Notification of Adoption of Powys UDP
- t) Powys CC - Rate Demand
- u) EuropeAid Global Calls Team - Acknowledgement of application & Timetable for submission & Evaluation of Applicants

746. Finance

Balances

Current Account: £2835.32 High Interest Account: £18697.51

Council Offices Account: £4322.71

Schedule of Cheques Issued/to be Issued

Period 2nd March 2010 - 12th April 2010

Date	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Sub-total £	Amount £
Main Account - Cheques Issued					
	102240	CANCELLED			
02/03/2010	102241	Hay & Dist Comm Support	Balance of Recycling Grant		175.00
09/03/2010	102242	BT	Rental 1st Mar -31st May + calls		71.24
15/03/2010	102243	Hay2Timbuktu	50% Christmas 2008 Light Collection		100.00
25/03/2010	102244	J Watkins	Inv Play area repairs etc Mar/Jun 2009		130.00
01/04/2010	102245	M Budd	Mar Salary & arrears		141.49
01/04/2010	102246	N Lewis	Mar Salary & addtl hrs payment		869.82

Main Account - Cheques to be Issued					
12/04/2010	102247	D Brown	Clock Winding Jan - Mar 2010		100.00
12/04/2010	102248	A Greenow	School Easter Eggs		53.96
12/04/2010	102249	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Jan - Mar 2010		1020.84
12/04/2010	102250	OTM	Hedge Cutting - Hay Meadows		85.00

For information - Standing Orders

		MJ Eager	Tidying Recycling Area		50.00
			TOTAL		2797.35

Council Offices Account - Cheques Issued

02/03/2010	100023	Jamie Howard Electrics	Inspection of Council Offices		775.00
	100024	CANCELLED			

Council Offices Account - to be Issued

For information - Standing Orders/Direct Debits

		OTM	Grass Cutting		273.33
			TOTAL		1048.33

747. Council Offices

NL advised that there were now two offices empty, however he had received enquiries from two potential tenants.

748. County Councillor's Report

GR advised that :

(1) he had arranged a meeting with a representative of Powys CC next Monday to discuss the erection of the Christmas Lights.

(2) Neighbourhood Watch – community meeting to be held on 17th May

(3) Traffic Problems in Hay – a report was being prepared by D Price, Powys CC for consideration by the Highways Committee.

(4) Parking permits were being issued to parents to allow them to drop off and pick up their children to and from school.

(5) South Powys Community Stakeholder Update – GR and PL had attended this evenings meeting where the two main topics were (a) What do we need and (b) How do we provide the service to meet the needs.

(6) Hay Youth Club – there was concern about the drop in numbers and they had recently held a brainstorming session to think of ways to get more members.

749. Chairman's report

FH advised that she had recently attended Gaynor and Derek Keeble's High Sheriff Award presentation.

750. Sub Committees

Finance – nothing to report

Fishing and Estates – nothing to report

Christmas Lights – see item 748

Christmas Party – nothing to report.

Recycling Grants – NL advised that we had recently received a payment of £822 from Powys CC.

NB FH advised that she had recently had a conversation with Mr Pearson, Waste Officer, Powys CC as Powys had removed the school recycling bins as a punishment because the school had put rubbish in the wrong bins. She was further told that she faced prosecution if she then put school rubbish in the Residential recycling bins. He also advised that the Recycling containers were situated at the Co-op car park because Hay Town Council had refused to have the bins 12 years ago. FH pointed out that Mr Pearson was extremely rude.

It was agreed that NL write to complain about Mr Pearson's attitude to Mr L Marshall, Snr Manager Policy & Waste with copies to the Cllr K Harris(portfolio holder), Chief Executive and Head of Schools.

Twinning – meeting not yet arranged.

751. Reports from Representatives

Tourism Group – Public meeting held at the Swan Hotel.

Dyfed/Powys Police – nothing to report.

Community Support – nothing to report.

Gwynne's Almshouses – nothing to report.

Dial-a- Ride – nothing to report.

Hay Youth Club – see agenda item 748.

Hay School Governors – nothing to report.

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 – see earlier agenda item.

Cheesemarket – the questionnaire, letter and architect's drawings outlining the proposal had been circulated. There was concern expressed that a number of residents had not received the questionnaire. GR asked if the Committee would consider an extension to the deadline to ensure that all residents and businesses had an opportunity to comment.

752. Planning

(a) Urgent Mayor and Deputy Mayor Authorisations

None received.

(b) Planning Applications for Comment

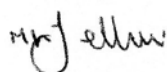
None received.

753. Date of Next Meeting and AGM

Monday 10th May 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10:05pm

Signed



Date 10th May 2010