

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful The Mayor Cllr Hey and Cllrs Boulter, Butler, Dykes, Foxton, Kenyon, Hornsey, Hunt, Milln, Stevens, Toynbee and Tyler.

C2019/20.41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Andrews, Oliver, Powell, Tillett and Wilcox.

C2019/20.42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

C2019/20.43 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from members of the public present.

C2019/20.44 MINUTES

Members considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 25th June 2019.

Cllr Stevens proposed, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 25th June 2019 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and be duly signed by the Chair.

C2019/20.45 CIDER MUSEUM

David Marshall from the Cider Museum gave a brief presentation on “The Apple World” and the Chinese origins of the apple. David informed Members that due to the significant importance of their collections, the Museum now has links with the National Trust and key experts from around the World. The Museum will deliver eight new exhibitions in 2020 which the China Council of International Trade are advertising and promoting on their website.

Cllr Hey then asked David for some more information on the Ciderlands Festival and he explained that activities are mainly taking place in Birmingham but that there is an event taking place at the museum which is a great tourism opportunity.

Cllr Kenyon wanted to understand why a cider company not local to Herefordshire were involved as one of the partners with regards to the work the Cider Museum are currently engaged with and the exhibitions that will be delivered. David explained that the work that is being delivered is about the national story as well as local.

Cllr Milln asked David to elaborate on the relationship with the National Trust and he explained that they have provided support and training and that their interest is in the collections held at the museum. The two organisations have a formal agreement for key areas of delivery and also to track visitors to each organisation and try to convert their respective visitors to experience what is on offer at the other organisation's site.

C2019/20.46 HEREFORD BID – CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN FOR HEREFORD GRANT APPLICATION

Council considered a recommendation from Community Development Grants Committee, held on 22nd July 2019, to award a large grant of £6,380 to Hereford BID to provide entertainment during the Christmas period in the city centre.

It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Stevens and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award a large grant of £6,380 to Hereford BID to provide entertainment during the Christmas period in the city centre.

C2019/20.47 VIERZON TWINNING TRIP PRESENTATION

John Marshall, Mayor's Officer, gave a powerpoint presentation about the Twinning visit to France that took place in June. He explained that 10 attended, including representatives from NMiTE and Hereford College of Arts and that the event was for the inauguration of Place de Jacques Brel. Five Mayor's also attended from other countries and each planted a tree in the new square. Excellent, food, drink and entertainment were provided throughout the visit, including a bowling competition which the Mayor of Hereford, Councillor Kath Hey, won.

In other Twinning news, the Hereford girls' rugby team has been invited to go to Vierzon in January and St Paul's Primary School is going to be twinning with a primary school in Vierzon.

C2019/20.48 HEREFORD BID 2 – COUNCIL'S POSITION RE BALLOT

The Town Clerk gave an overview of his report and he asked Members to provide him with a mandate to vote in favour of a second BID term.

Cllr Kenyon reported that he has spoken to local businesses and that small businesses are frustrated by the BID, especially that Herefordshire Council receive 12% of the vote, however he felt that it is running better now since City Council's involvement. It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon that HCC should abstain from voting in the ballot, but this was not seconded.

Cllr Boulter asked how many businesses contribute and the Town Clerk explained that small business under a certain value are exempt, however they can make a voluntary contribution.

Cllr Stevens explained he takes the opposite view to Cllr Kenyon, due to his involvement with the BID and the improvements that have been made. He felt that many of the things happening in the City would cease if the BID does not achieve a second term.

Cllr Tyler explained that the BID represents some 480 businesses in the City, and she supports and seconds Cllr Stevens proposal.

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Tyler, and with one abstention it was

RESOLVED:

To provide the Town Clerk with a mandate to vote in favour of a second BID term.

C2019/20.49 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Hey informed Members that she and the Deputy Mayor had taken part in lots of positive meetings over the last few weeks and that it looks like City Council are moving forward with some very exciting initiatives.

C2019/20.50 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES:

To note the draft minutes of the meetings, as laid out below:

Governance and Procedures Committee

23rd July 2019 - Noted

Finance and Policy Committee

16th July 2019 - Noted

3rd September 2019 - Noted

Community Development Committee

No meetings

Planning and Highways Committee

27th June 2019 - Noted

18th July - Noted

15th August - Noted

C2019/20.51 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were asked to report any relevant information from attendance at meetings of outside bodies.

- a) **Municipal Charities (x 1 Member)** Cllr Boulter
Cllr Boulter was unable to attend the last meeting – nothing to report
- b) **Herefordshire Market Towns Forum (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Andrews and Hunt
No meeting yet – nothing to report *(for ad hoc meetings)*
- c) **The Enterprise Zone Stakeholder Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Hornsey
Nothing to report

- d) **Three Choirs Festival (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Foxtan and Hornsey
No meeting yet – nothing to report
- e) **Hereford Twinning Association (x 1 Member)** who is always the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford as President of the Twinning Association.
Report covered in Twinning presentation and she informed Members she was due to visit Dillenburg on Thursday 19th September for four days.
- f) **Hereford City Tourism Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Hornsey
No meeting yet – nothing to report
- g) **Hereford in Bloom (x 1 Member)** Cllr Boulter
Cllr Stevens reported that a meeting was held on the 9th September. Unfortunately HIB had lost gold this year and been awarded Silver Gilt due to the number of weeds around the City which quite clearly needs addressing. They covered issues regarding the roundabout on Edgar Street and many other ideas moving forward. It was a very positive meeting.
Cllr Kenyon asked that the Mayor sends a letter to thank all the HIB volunteers for their hard work.
- h) **New Hereford University Working Group (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Powell and Stevens
The Mayor and Cllr Stevens met with the CEO of NMiTE who informed them that there is still some criteria to be met to achieve LEP funding.
- i) **Close House (x 1 Member)** Cllr Boulter
Cllr Boulter was unable to attend the last meeting – nothing to report
- j) **The BID Group (x 1 Member)** Cllr Stevens
Covered already in items above.
- k) **Hereford Area Plan (x 2 Members)** Cllrs Powell and Stevens
HAP is pausing and reflecting as a result of the postponement of the bypass. The Town Clerk informed Members he intends to try and resurrect the HMO policy voted out by Herefordshire Council in the last administration.
- l) **Community Land Trust (x 1 Member)** Cllr Milln
Cllr Milln's report to be circulated to Members.

C2019/20.52 TOWN CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk presented his report about the City Council business plan and in addition informed Members that an invitation has been received for them to attend the Hereford Childrens' Partnership event at the Shirehall.

He informed Members that he had not received responses/declarations from everyone for their Cllr email addresses and business cards. The only way for him to deliver this mandate is to issue them to everyone, regardless of whether he has received their declaration. Opening up the address would be taken to imply acceptance of the terms. The Mayor stated that she supported this approach.

C2019/20.53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29TH OCTOBER 2019, at 6 PM.

There being no further business the Mayor called the meeting to a close at 19.22hrs

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