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**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL
TWINNING AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING**

8th May 2017

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Town Council Twinning and Tourism Committee, held at the Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore, Commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllr Val Wood (Chairman)
Mr Peter Dann
Mr Peter Farrall
Mrs Julie Hemming
Cllr Tony Rowley
Mr Robert Speight
Mr John West

There were no members of the public present

062. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Daniels who was away, Mrs Ferris, Cllr Gillmor who had a prior engagement, Mrs Gunhouse, Mr O'Loghlen who was away and Mr Shepherd who had another meeting.

063. Declarations of Interest

There were none

064. Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs Hemming, seconded by Cllr Rowley and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 13th February 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

065. Matters of Report from the minutes

- a. The Clerk advised that the noticeboards had now been repaired and that Mr Knight was currently looking after two of the 6 noticeboards in the town. It was agreed this be reviewed in November.
- b. An update on progress with revised town signage would be available in time for the next meeting.

066. Twinning

a. Mrs Hemming reported on the recent visit to Bad Neustadt when a party of 65 travelled including members of the Town Choir and Scottish Dancers. Various excursions had been arranged and the Saturday saw a European Cultural evening at the new town hall with some 250 guests from Bad Neustadt's twin towns. The choir joined with the choir at the church in Brendlorenzen to sing during their Sunday mass and all enjoyed the experience. The final evening was a farewell when everyone was on their feet being patiently taught dances which crossed all cultural, language and age differences.

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b. Cllr Wood advised that Plouay had would be coming to Pershore from 22nd to 26th October and the working group would meet shortly to finalise arrangements.

067. Visitor Information Centre

The Clerk presented a brief report from the Visitor Information Centre and explained that a new member of staff, Mrs Townsend, was now in post. It was commented that the Visit Pershore web site was in need of a further update and the Clerk will look at putting funds in the 2018 budget. It was also suggested she speak to Mr Knight for possible help with funding this.

068. Reports on Events

a. Pershore Plum Festival

Cllr Wood advised that organization of the event was well under way and sponsorship was being sought to help with costs. It was anticipated the programme would be published in mid June.

b. Jazz Festival

Mr Farrall advised that all was in place for this event with bands contracted although accommodation was becoming an issue with the college and local B and Bs all full. Bookings have been received from all over the world including USA and Israel.

c. Carnival

In the absence of Mr Shepherd members noted the date of 29th May.

d. Midsummer Brass

Mr West reported that all was in place with entrance fee of £7.50. He asked for assistance in finding a small ice cream van

e. River Festival

It was noted this event would take place on 15th July.

f. Avon Meadows Open Days

Cllr Wood advised that the next Bioblitz would be 8th August 2017, with an open day on 1st July and noted national meadows day on 7th July.

069. Items for information

a. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 14th August 2017 at 7.30pm

b. Mr Dann advised that the Chamber of Trade were trying to work with the events with membership steady but involvement reducing.

070. Items for future agenda

There were none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman

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