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**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL  
TOURISM AND TWINNING COMMITTEE**

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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

Present:- Cllr V Wood (Chairman)  
Mrs Jane Daniels  
Cllr Julie Hemming  
Cllr Art Lavelle  
Cllr Chris Parsons  
Mr Colin Shepherd  
Cllr Liz Turier  
Mr John West

**Items referred by members of the public**

There were none

**031. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Mr Peter Farrall and Mr Peter Stansbie

**032. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**033. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Hemming, seconded by Cllr Parsons and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**034. Matters of Report from the minutes**

It was agreed a meeting be called during the week of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to consider the proposed new Town Guide.

**035. Twinning**

a. Members noted the Mayor's message of friendship to Pershore's two twin towns following the UK's leaving the European Union. Cllr Hemming advised that those in Bad Neustadt had been most disappointed that Pershore High School were not visiting the town in 2020 but were instead on an exchange to China. It was agreed the Clerk write to the Headteacher at the High School regretting their decision and hoping that exchanges to both Bad Neustadt and Plouay would continue.

b. Cllr Wood advised that she was awaiting confirmation of who was going to be taking over the organisation of twinning in Plouay before starting to arrange a visit to Pershore for them in October 2020.

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### **036. Membership of the Committee**

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Town Council that a representative from the Civic Society be invited to join the committee as nothing had been heard from the Chamber of Trade.

### **037. Visitor Information Centre**

- a. The Clerk advised that due to staff shortages a written report was not available.
- b. The Clerk was asked to obtain more prices for the replacement Perspex and report to the next meeting of the committee. The possibility of a noticeboard at the station was also discussed.
- c. Members noted the need for copy for the new visitor guide. It was also agreed that the new guide would need to be distributed and members agreed to help with getting copies to various locations in the area. The Clerk will ensure that all the events text is correct.

### **038. Reports on events**

#### **Plum Festival**

Cllr Wood reported that all was in hand with the organization of the event.

#### **Jazz Festival**

A written report had been submitted by Mr Farrall who advised that all arrangements were in place with 5 venues at the college campus. Ticket booking had opened on 6<sup>th</sup> January and all the on line college rooms had been booked within 10 minutes. The remaining 45 rooms had also now been allocated. An accommodation on the Jazz Festival web site was proving popular and publicity for the event had already started.

#### **Carnival**

Mr Shepherd advised that the theme for this year's event would be inventors and inventions. He was hoping for more floats and the committee had offered a £50 incentive to groups to enter. The 2019 bucket collection of £1,460 had been donated to the War Horse project with £300 to Abbey Park School P.T.A, and £500 to Pershore Abbey towards the new pipe organ. The evening event would, in 2020, take place at the rear of the Angel.

The Duck Race would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April and the Clerk reminded Mr Shepherd of the importance of booking King George's Field for this event.

#### **Midsummer Brass**

Mr West advised that invitations to bands had gone out and they already had more bands than slots. There would be 4 venues including the Star Inn and the November fund raising concert would be a Last Night of the proms style event.

#### **River Festival**

There was no report but it was noted the theme for the event would be Wind in the Willows.

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**Open Gardens**

It was noted this would take place in 2020 with the next one being 2022

**Avon Meadows**

Cllr Wood advised that the area was currently waterlogged. A bridge needs to be put back in position and the replacement dipping platform installed.

**039. Items for Information**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm

**040. Items for Future Agenda**

Christmas Market                      ET

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....