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

13th February 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
Mrs Jane Daniels
Mrs Elizabeth Gunhouse
Mrs Julie Hemming
Mr Steve Knight
Cllr Tony Rowley
Mr Colin Shepherd
Mr John West

There were no members of the public present

053. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Gillmor and Speight who had prior engagements and Mr O'Loghlen who was away.

054. Declarations of Interest

There were none

055. Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs Hemming, seconded by Mr Knight and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 14th November 2016 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

056. Matters of Report from the minutes

- a. Members noted that Mr Farrall would need to be invited to the next meeting..
- b. The Clerk advised that the noticeboards had now been repaired.
- c. An update on progress with revised town signage would be available in time for the next meeting.

057. Twinning

- a. Members noted the dates for the visit and the Clerk advised that with choir and dancers a total of 65 people would be visiting Bad Neustadt. There was some discussion on a possible gift and the suggestion of a collage created by a local person was made. The Clerk will investigate further although it was noted that there not be enough time for this to be completed.
- b. Cllr Wood advised that Plouay had suggested coming to Pershore in October and

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the Clerk will contact those on the twinning database and ask whether they were interested in taking part.

058. Visitor Information Centre

The Clerk presented a brief report from the Visitor Information Centre in view of the very recent installation of a new computer. The Clerk advised that Miss Evans had now left the employment of the Town Council and the recruitment of her replacement was underway.

059. Reports on Events

a. Pershore Plum Festival

Cllr Wood advised that the recent Open Day at Number 8 had been well received and a number of people had shown an interest in helping. The AGM was to be held on 21st February at 6.00pm at the Civic Centre.

b. Jazz Festival

Cllr Wood reported that all the arrangements were now complete and some excellent musicians had been booked. The college accommodation is already fully booked and ticket sales were building. There were links on the web site for those seeking accommodation elsewhere in the town and further afield.

c. Carnival

Mr Shepherd advised that the theme for the 2017 Carnival was "The World of Music" and it was hoped this theme and the committee would make the Carnival even bigger and better. Various fund raising events were to be held including a "Great Pershore bake off" It was hoped there would be sufficient funds for an evening concert but it was unknown whether fireworks would also be funded.

The committee would be grateful to borrow a lorry or trailer for transport on Carnival day. In response to some concerns from Mr Shepherd Cllr Wood offered to help to write an article for the Town Council newsletter.

d. Midsummer Brass

Mr West reported that all the slots had now been booked and as usual more bands wanted to come than could be accommodated. They were now on Facebook and Twitter. The ticket price had yet to be confirmed.

e. Open Gardens – nothing to report.

f. River Festival

Cllr Gillmor advised that the committee were currently looking for a secretary.

g. Avon Meadows Open Days

Cllr Wood advised that the next Bioblitz would be 8th August 2017, with an open day on 1st July. The Friends would be having a stall at Tiddesley Wood Open Day on 30th April.

060. Items for information

a. The Clerk advised members that the new visitor's guide was nearly ready to go to print and she would ask members to look at the final proof before agreeing it.

b. Mrs Daniels advised that Number 8 would be closed in part during July and August for alterations to be undertaken.

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c. The next meeting would be held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm

061. Items for future agenda

There were none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.26

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

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