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

14th January 2019

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)
Mrs Jane Daniels
Mr Peter Farrall
Cllr Julie Hemming
Cllr Chris Parsons MBE
Mr Peter Stansbie
Cllr Robert Speight
Mr John West

There were no members of the public present

126. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Mr Steve Knight, Mr Chris O'Loughlin, Cllr Tony Rowley and Mr Colin Shepherd

127. Declarations of Interest

There were none

128. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Speight, seconded by Mr West and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 13th August 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

129. Matters of Report from the minutes

There were none

130. Twinning

- a. Members noted the dates for the visit from Bad Neustadt in August and the return visit in October. The Mayor of Bad Neustadt would be attending and it was agreed the Bad Neustadt bench should be put up for the occasion. Letters to all those on the database would be going out the following day.
- b. It was noted that Plouay had decided not to visit in 2019 but to arrange a visit in April or October of 2020. The charter was signed in September 1996 making 2021 the 25th anniversary. This will be an item for discussion at a future meeting.
- c. Members noted that the Town Choir had donated £500 to Twinning and a letter of thanks had been sent.

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131. Visitor Information Centre

- a. Members accepted the report from the Visitor Information Centre.
- b. Members noted a new Tourism Action Plan was to be discussed by the District Council in February and in due course the Town Councils would be asked to become involved in some aspects of its implementation.
- c. Cllr Wood thanked all the staff who worked in the Visitor Information Centre who she felt did an excellent job.

132. Noticeboards

- b. The Clerk advised that she was liaising with Mr Knight about a possible noticeboard for Pershore Railway Station.

133. Christmas Light switch on

Members noted that the last Saturday in November was 30th and it was agreed this be the date for the 2019 switching on of the Christmas Lights.

134. Reports on Events

- a. Pershore Plum Festival
Cllr Wood advised events would be taking place from the Saturday to Monday inclusive and there was a committee meeting the following week.
- b. Jazz Festival
Mr Farrall advised that all the college accommodation had been booked and he was now referring those interested to the Visitor Information Centre for their accommodation guide. Most bands had been booked. Mr Farrall also reported that the Jazz Club was also doing well with a number of people travelling some distance to attend. There was to be a charity concert on 17th May in Number 8 in aid of the Air Ambulance and featuring the Pasadena Roof Orchestra.
- c. Carnival
In the absence of Mr Shepherd the Clerk read a written report advising that the theme this year would be Fairy Tales and there would also be a Quiz Night, Duck Race and window competition. Donations were made from the 2018 bucket collection to the Sea Cadets and three other local organisations.
- d. Midsummer Brass
Mr West advised that 2019 would see the event over 4 venues, the Star, Angel Hotel, Pershore Abbey and Chapman Court. Organisation of the event was all in hand.
- e. River Festival
A written report from Cllr Gillmor, Chairman of the Festival, advised that the event would take place on 20th July with a theme of "Beach Party". The website had been updated, trade bookings were being taken and the on-water activity programme had been drafted.
- f. Avon Meadows Open Days
Cllr Wood advised that Open Days had not yet been organized and updated members on the recent vandalism to the pond dipping platform which it was hoped would be replaced in due course.

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135. Items for information

It was noted the next meeting would be held on Monday 13th May 2019 although being so soon after the elections and Annual Meeting precise membership details may be uncertain until the last minute.

136. Items for future agenda

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15

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