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

**14<sup>th</sup> August 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 Farrall  
Mrs Margaret Ferris  
Cllr R Gillmor  
Mr Peter Stansbie  
Mrs Julie Hemming  
Mr Steve Knight  
Cllr Tony Rowley  
Mr Robert Speight

There were no members of the public present

**071. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Wood was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Rowley, seconded by Cllr Speight. There being no further nominations Cllr Wood was duly elected as Chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

**072. Election of Vice Chairman**

Mrs Hemming was nominated by Cllr Wood and Seconded by Cllr Speight. There being no further nominations, Mrs Hemming was duly elected as Vice Chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

**073. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Daniels and Mr O'Loughlen who were away, Mr Shepherd who had another meeting and Mr West who had a family commitment.

**074. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**075. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Speight, seconded by Cllr Rowley and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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

Mr Knight advised that he hoped to be in a position to bring a signage report to the November meeting of this committee

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**077. Twinning**

Cllr Wood advised that 34 people, including the coach driver and 12 children, were coming from Plouay in October. A programme had been produced and all guests had accommodation. It was noted that the Town Choir would like to be involved in any visit to Plouay in 2019.

It was agreed to consider arrangements for the Bad Neustadt visit at the November meeting.

**078. Visitor Information Centre**

The Clerk presented a brief report from the Visitor Information Centre and members noted the possibility of further updating the Visit Pershore web site. As agreed the Clerk would put some funds in the 2018 budget and liaise with Mr Knight for possible help with funding this.

**079. Reports on Events**

a. Pershore Plum Festival

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

b. Jazz Festival

Mr Farrall advised that this event would be opened by Cllr Gillmor at 7.00pm on the Friday. He explained that there were some issues with people "googling" Jazz in the Vale of Evesham" and being directed to his phone number. Mr Knight advised that he was working on making improvements if possible in time for 2018.

c. Carnival

In the absence of Mr Shepherd there was no report

d. Midsummer Brass

Mr West had sent a written report and advised that although ticket sales had been a little lower than 2017 the price increase to £7.50 meant an increase in revenue so securing the event for 2018.

e. River Festival

Cllr Gillmor and the Clerk advised that there had been a number of issues regarding the timely production of information needed for the festival but it was anticipated that this would be addressed for the 2018 event.

f. Avon Meadows Open Days

Members noted that the recent Bioblitz had gone well and the 1000<sup>th</sup> species had now been recorded. The event would be repeated in 2018.

g. Cllr Rowley raised the issue of the Tour of Britain which was to come through Pershore on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Wood advised that a Robin Walker, cyclist, would be commentating from Brown's balcony and she would try to get bunting out to the shops. The District Council were looking at how to publicise the event with cyclists coming through the town from about 11.00am until 11.30am and the support vehicles also driving through.

**080. Items for information**

a. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

b. Cllr Rowley advised of a Mayor's Coffee morning the following Saturday in aid of the Talking Newspaper

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c. Mr Stansbie advised that the Abbey were holding a coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Stained Glass Window fund and he asked for books and bric a brac.

**081. Items for future agenda**

There were none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10

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

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