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

**20<sup>th</sup> May 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:- Mr Peter Farrall  
Cllr Julie Hemming  
Cllr Art Lavelle  
Mr Peter Stansbie  
Mr John West  
Cllr Val Wood

There were no members of the public present

**001. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Wood was nominated by Mr West, seconded by Cllr Hemming. There being no further nominations Cllr Wood was duly elected Chairman of the committee for the ensuing year

**002. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Hemming was nominated by Cllr Wood, seconded by Mr West. There being no further nominations, Cllr Hemming was duly elected Vice Chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

**003. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Jane Daniels, Cllr Chris Parsons and Mr Colin Shepherd

**004. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**005. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Hemming, seconded by Mr West and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with the addition of apologies from Mrs Ferris .

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

Cllr Wood paid tribute to the late Chris O'Loughlin who had been involved in Twinning for many years and had been Chairman of the Twinning Association at one time. He would be sadly missed.

**007. Twinning**

a. Cllr Wood advised that proposals were now being discussed for the visit to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning with Bad Neustadt and flights had now been booked for the return visit in October. Civic reception would be on the Saturday evening and a visit to a Gin distillery was to be organized for the Friday. There was also a great deal happening for them to take part in relating to the Plum Fair.

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b. It was noted that a date for a visit for Plouay to visit Pershore in 2020 was awaited.

**008. Visitor Information Centre**

There was no report but the Clerk advised that an average of 350 a day visited the library including residents.

**009. Reports on Events**

a. Pershore Plum Festival

Cllr Wood advised that arrangements for this event were well in hand and things taking place throughout the month of August. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the site manager regarding the Mayor's hospitality tent.

b. Jazz Festival

Mr Farrall advised that much local accommodation was now full and he was looking forward to a very successful event. He was already in discussions with the college for 2020.

c. Carnival

In the absence of Mr Shepherd members wished this event well the following Monday

d. Midsummer Brass

Mr West advised that the organization of this event was all in hand and he hoped to see many people there on the day. More volunteers were needed and an additional venue this year would be the Star Inn instead of the Baptist Church.

e. River Festival

There was no report but members noted that the event would be taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> July

f. Avon Meadows Open Days

Cllr Wood advised that these were currently on hold although it was anticipated school visits would continue.

**010. Items for information**

a. It was noted the next meeting would be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 although this may be subject to change as neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman would be available.

b. Members noted there was to be an exhibition of Mr Tim Vivian's paintings from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June followed by an auction.

**011. Items for future agenda**

Membership of the committee

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15

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