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**PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL
TOURISM AND TWINNING COMMITTEE**

28th September 2020

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Town Council, held via Zoom at 2.30pm

Present:- Cllr V Wood (Chairman)
Mrs Jane Daniels
Mr Peter Farrall
Cllr Julie Hemming
Cllr Art Lavelle
Cllr Liz Turier

Items referred by members of the public

There were none

041. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Margaret Ferris, Cllr Chris Parsons, Mr Peter Stansbie and Mr Colin Shepherd

042. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

043. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hemming, seconded by Cllr Turier and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 10th February 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

044. Matters of Report from the minutes

a. Members noted that the production of the revised Visitor Guide had been delayed due to the current crisis and was planned for Spring 2021. The Clerk would email out a draft once this was received.

b. The Clerk reported that perspex had been purchased with a grant from Wychavon and this would be installed shortly.

045. Twinning

Cllr Wood reported that it was unlikely any exchanges between Plouay or Bad Neustadt would be able to take place for the foreseeable future.

046. Visitor Information Centre

Members noted that the Visitor Information Centre had moved to the Town Hall in view of the restricted numbers being allowed access to the Library. This situation would be reviewed in line with Government guidance over the coming months.

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047. Christmas Lights

Members noted that new festoons had been ordered and that the Christmas tree would be installed on 20th November.

It was agreed to recommend to Council that in view of the current crisis no event to switch on the lights should take place and the money saved (£600) be used to buy 4 stars to hang on the festoons.

It was also agreed to try to film the lights once they were on and upload the video to YouTube with a link from the Town Council's website.

Members noted their wish to investigate the possibility of a Georgian Christmas Market for 2021, guidance permitting. It was agreed to hold a further meeting at a time Mr Steve Knight from Wychavon could attend to discuss this in more detail.

048. Reports on events

Number 8 Community Arts Centre

Mrs Daniels advised that the Centre was now open although tickets had to be purchased online. The cinema was open with social distancing in place and could seat 80 - 100 people. The bar was not open although the café was in the daytime.

Plum Festival

Cllr Wood reported that although the festival had been cancelled, they had sold plums in Chapman Court on three successive Saturdays.

Jazz Festival

Mr Farrall explained that the Jazz festival had been a "virtual" one this year which had been well received. Bookings for 2021 would not start until April in view of the current restrictions. The marquee and insurance had agreed to roll over to 2021 and he hoped the organisation might be eligible for recovery funding which would give the committee some confidence that 2021 would be a success.

Carnival

In the absence of Mr Shephard, Cllr Wood reported that things were currently on hold and they hoped to be in a position to hold an AGM in due course.

Midsummer Brass

There was no formal report, but members noted that a "virtual" concert had been undertaken which had been very successful

River Festival

There was no report

Open Gardens

A few gardens had opened, and it was hoped the event could take place in 2021

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Avon Meadows

Cllr Wood advised that the current crisis and the floods had rather disrupted the usual maintenance of the meadows which was becoming rather overgrown. However, paths and the boardwalk had now been repaired and the new path from Cherry Orchard House had been installed. It was likely contractors may need to be brought in to do some of the more heavy works.

049. Items for Information

A meeting was currently planned for 9th November 2020 but it was agreed this be postponed if there was little to discuss.

050. Items for Future Agenda

Georgian Christmas Market

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15.04

Signed
Chairman

Date

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