

HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the **Tourism and Economy Committee** held on Monday 10th June 2019 at 8.35pm in The Library, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs, Chicken, Downe, Cusack, Simpson and Alford.

1. Propose election of

- **Chair** – Cllr Downe proposed Cllr Crane as Chair, seconded by Cllr Simpson, all in favour.
- **Deputy Chair** – Cllr Simpson proposed Cllr Alford as Deputy Chair, seconded by Cllr Downe, all in favour.

2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Crane

3. Declarations of interests – Cllr Cusack (Chamber of Commerce)

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 – Cllr Downe proposed the minutes as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr Chicken, one abstention (Cllr Cusack) rest in favour.

5. Hungerford Trade Showcase 2019 – The date is set for Tuesday 22nd October at 6.30pm at John O Gaunt School. It will be joined up with the 6th form event. It was agreed that HTC should look to attract companies/organisations that will be relevant for further education for students such as those that offer apprenticeships, or employment that provides a qualification. Particular trades were identified by John O Gaunt such as Hospitality, Hairdressing, Health and beauty, Plumbing/electrician/building, Retail (management training e.g. Tesco), Office based apprenticeships, Services – Police/Fire/Army and companies offering higher level apprenticeships/advanced BTECS.

Tyler Hardwoods was identified as a company that may wish to be involved. A working party is needed to help with the project. Cllrs Chicken and Downe offered to help support Cllr Crane and the office with the organisation of businesses for the event. Keys players from Chamber of Commerce and Town & Manor should also be involved.

Action: Arrange meeting in the office with those involved.

6. Welcome Signage – Update on current status – The Welcome signage is up, and positive feedback has been received! Many thanks to Cllr Crane for all his work on this.

Action: Inform press. Mayor will write a Hungerford Matters article for the Adviser soon and will look to include this.

7. Pop- up tourist information stand on the Town Hall steps & town leaflets - Progress and future dates – This pop up stand was a success and members of the public came and asked questions. It was suggested we should have a permanent spot/kiosk somewhere on the High St. Cllr Simpson would like to give Cllr Crane the support of the committee to see this through.

Cllr Simpson is arranging a meeting with key people of the town to talk about ideas for the Heritage High St fund. Cllr Chicken raised the idea of moving the taxi rank to outside the town hall along with a kiosk.

8. **Great West Way Network - Update on how other members of GWW use their websites (Cllr Crane) - Deferred as Cllr Crane not present**
9. **Update on Blue Plaque Scheme - Outcome of discussion with Town & Manor (Cllrs Knight & Simpson) – Cllr Simpson has not yet met with the new constable.**
Action: Bring this back to the next meeting with a report.

Meeting closed 8.55pm