



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Hall Committee Date 4th March 2025

Present in the Chamber: Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Deputy Chair), Cllr Gwen Baty. Ex Officio Members: Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell and Deputy Mayor Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Bond, Cllr Sami, Acting Town Clerk Clair Helen Davis.

Committee Members:

Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Deputy Chair), Cllr Gwen Baty. Ex Officio Members: Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell and Deputy Mayor Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Bond, Cllr Sami

72/TH2025 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, although noted that John Andrew has resigned from the council as of 28 February 2025 the committee wish him all the very best for the future.

73/TH2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no declaration of Interests

74/TH2025 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

75/TH2025 MATTERS ARISING

To consider any matters arising, to receive updates on the below.

Coronation collage the Acting Town Clerk updated the committee that the photos are with the printers and the script is very near completion. The frame will then be purchased. It is hoped that the collage will be in place before the end of April.

Roof repair and grant progress Acting Town Clerk updated the committee that Cadw and the Vale Listed Building Planning officer had been out to check all was in order for the grant to be released unfortunately due to inaccuracies in the works specification further work is required, Acting Town Clerk to contact the roofing company to arrange a meeting to discuss further to make sure all works are carried out. This delay will mean that the Cadw grant will not be received this financial year.

Minor repairs audit. The maintenance staff have worked very hard over the last few months ensuring all works are carried out. The Committee asked that all works in future to be in materials sympathetic to the historical nature of the Grade 2 Listed Building and approved by the listed building officer as appropriate. , The Committee also asked that at the next meeting the Acting Town Clerk reported the overall progress being made in undertaking the works identified in the minor repairs audit

The Council Lift the Acting Town Clerk reported that she recently engaged in a conversation with Gartec. Unfortunately, Gartec did not fully grasp our concerns. The representative was rather curt in their communication, it was agreed that that no further progress can be made at this time.

76/TH2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports were approved for February, we are now aware that the grant from

Cadw will not be in the financial year. There shows an underspend of around £3,00

The council has decided to award the projector installation contract to the local business **IBO Sounds**, as they provided a reasonable quote and have demonstrated reliability. Additionally, they are readily available to assist the council with day-to-day issues. Once payment is received, the installation will proceed, allowing plans for the **Cinema project** to move forward.

Once the projector is installed, the Cinema can restart.

Who should run the Cinema now needs to be decided at this point in the absence of any strong approaches from the community using an established community cinema provider is preferred.

However, Cllr Wilson offered to talk to Phil Chappell, who was involved in the original setup of the community cinema to see if a community group approach could work.

This will also be raised with the Community working group to see if there is any interest from that group to get involved with the cinema. Cllr Weddell to put this on the next community group agenda.

77TH2025 TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT

Cllr Wilson presented the architect's drawings to the Town Hall Committee, who responded positively, especially to the idea of opening up the office space. Experts from **Cadw** and **Vale Council's Listed Building** representatives reviewed the plans last week and, while requesting more details, were not opposed to possible internal configuration changes subject to detailed proposals. Key changes could include making the **stairs less steep** and **reconfiguring, the office the cleaning and toilet areas**. An architect has been consulted for conceptual input, and advice will also be sought from **Hiraeth**.

The Charter Trust has been approached regarding funding the Expression of Interest in which they have agreed to consider.

78/TH2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1 April 2025