

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 7.15 pm in Montgomery Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

Present: Cllr L Weaver (Town Mayor)

Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, C Thomas, J Kibble, C Weston, D Jaunzens.

MINUTE 91 – APOLOGIES

Cllr Andrew – Holiday

Cllr W Beavan - Illness

MINUTE 92 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Thomas – Planning P20171188 – Owner of property

Cllr L Weaver – P2017/1184 – Neighbour P2017/1188 Fellow Councillors property

Tourism – Hungarian plaque – Freeman of Montgomery

MINUTE 93 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Walking Festival was a great success
- Letter of thanks received from High Sheriff re Treaty
- Senior Citizens party 7th January 2018
- Mayors Ball 24th March 2018
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MINUTE 94 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting on 28th September 2017 with amendments which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 95 – MATTERS ARISING

- Skips have still not been re-positioned at recycling site.

MINUTE 96 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P2017/1184 – Land near Tyffos Hendomen Outline application for erection of detached dwelling with associated work

P2017/1188 – Erection of single storey extension at Lyndon House, Market Square.

P2017/1201 -amended plans Old Stores Arthur Street

Councillors support the above applications

P2017/1157 – Residential development 5 dwellings land adj Casa Serena
Caerhowel.

Concern re local needs and affordable housing

MINUTE 97 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

- County Councillor S Hayes appreciated the work from the council with regard to the Treaty event.
- Hill Farm planning application had been passed by Powys CC, and this should be accepted as part of moving on.
- Email received re tractors speeding through Montgomery during harvest times in particular. Without photos etc it is difficult to take this any further.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of land at Station Road and Pool Road has been passed to Community Garden Initiative, hedge is a concern Cllr Weston advised this would be dealt with between Powys CC and CGI. • Cllr Hayes asked if council could give some thought to The Brades, Chirbury Road, could they consider options for this property. <p>MINUTE 98 – HIGHWAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pot Hole by Castle • Obtain map for street lighting • Check ownership of passage by Greenfield • Path slip hazard Chirbury Gate bungalows • PCSO has advised speed initiative is ongoing • As planters in the main are maintained by local residents it has been agreed not to accept the offer of crocus. <p>MINUTE 99 – TOWN HALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gents toilets are now working again ▪ It has been agreed to steam clean the public toilets ▪ It has been agreed to carry out essential works to the electrical supply for the clock and internet which will allow these switches to be isolated from the public. Also, electrical work to stage lighting. ▪ Planning for work to incorporate toilets on the lower floor has been granted, various forms of funding have been considered. Dementia Friendly usage will also be considered. <p>MINUTE 100 – TOURISM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEG is planning a Winter Festival on 1st December 2017 with entertainment for children. • Walking Festival went well. Cllr Kibble had conducted a short survey on how people had heard about the festival, there was a good mix of people some travelling a good distance. Participants used businesses in the town. • Councillors felt social media would be more effective than the Bedroom Browser that had been used on two occasions in the past. <p>Mr. Fairbrother gave background information regarding the plaque expected from Hungary.</p> <p>Civic Society and Freemen have spoken to the Conservation Officer at Powys CC re siting this Plaque on the front wall of the Town Hall and she had advised verbally that she could not see a problem with this. The wording on the Plaque would be in three languages – Hungarian, Welsh and English.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to meet in daylight to view a poster size version of the Plaque in situ on the Town Hall. Possibilities of other sites was discussed.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that it had been inappropriate for the groups concerned to contact Powys CC without discussion and also agreed listed building consent would be required. It was agreed to write to Mr. Fairbrother (Civic Society) requesting information he had received during his time as Mayor of this Council and Mr. Davies (Freemen) advising a decision would not be taken until later in the year.</p>	<p>TC</p>
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MINUTE 101 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

- Leaflets had now been printed
- More leaflets were planned
- Awards for All application had been successful.
- Destination Montgomery Officer has offered to undertake training on Facebook.
- Talking to Welsh Government re Brown Signs.
- More accommodation was needed in the vicinity
- Treaty weekend had been within budget
- Suggestion that as well as a Shakespeare play maybe a Gilbert and Sullivan or similar could take place in June.

MINUTE 102 - 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Councillors are pleased to recognise that Montgomeryshire would be retained in the constituency title.

MINUTE 103 – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Nine or ten people had done awareness training and businesses are starting to be involved. Montgomery Medical Practice are very keen to get involved and the wider community should be encouraged also.

MINUTE 104 – WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

A copy of the existing policy had been provided for all Councillors. Cllr Thomas had made some updates to the policy which will now be included and a new policy will be made available to Councillors by the Clerk for approval.

MINUTE 106 –HILLS VALES AND TRAILS

Cllr Kibble advised that Terms of Reference had now been agreed, and the group were now looking for funding.

MINUTE 107 – FUNDING FOR PLAYGROUNDS

A new group or Recreation Association would be able to apply for funding for new equipment. Cllr Thomas advised she would help a new group with a Constitution and funding applications.
Council could consider paying for inspections and maintenance should this be required.

MINUTE 108 – WELFARE COMMITTEE

Following a meeting of the Welfare Committee where it was noted that they required a further member.

It was proposed that Cllr Jill Kibble would be elected as a member of the Welfare Committee.

AGREED

MINUTE 109 – TABLE TENNIS TABLE

The possibility of an outdoor table tennis table had been put forward by a member of the public. Councilors were enthused by this very good idea and agreed a possible place for this would be at the playing field by the Recycling Site. Maybe the way forward for funding would be sponsorship.

MINUTE 110 – ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Jones advised that Church Bank allotments were clean and tidy, Tan y Mur was still in need of attention.

MINUTE 111 – FINANCE

	PAYMENTS October	
BACS	British Telecom	71.28
	Marquees Shropshire Ltd	252.00
	CWM Dial - Treaty	500.00
	Powys Luxury Loos - Treaty	204.00
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	227.81
	Viking - Stationery	91.40
	Eric Neville – cleaning products	77.82
	Salaries x 2	1269.32
	G17 – Internet & Training	190.00
	Wales Audit Office – Audit 16/17	225.00
	HMRC – October	34.80
	Cae Post – Euro Bin	81.60
	Ellis Davies – Plumber	60.00
	G Smith – Expenses	97.26
	Worthen Motors - Treaty	200.00
	One Voice Wales – Training	80.00
	Mike Williams signs – Mayors Board	30.00
	British Telecom	142.82
	Philip Humphreys – Architect	2800.00
D/D	Powys CC – Council Tax	530.00
	Nest Pensions –	11.88
	Destination Montgomery	
	Officers salary	915.28
	Officers expenses	122.95
	HMRC Tax & NI	221.06
	Imprint	433.00

MINUTE 112 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 113 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr Mills wished to note that he had passed £120 to the Clerk for the Defibrillator, that he had been holding for some time. This was money raised toward the Defibrillator now situated at Montgomery Institute.

MINUTE 114 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None