

<p>Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7.15 pm in Montgomery Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery. Present: Cllr L Weaver (Town Mayor) Cllr H Andrew (Deputy Town Mayor) Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, C Thomas, J Kibble, C Weston, W Beavan D Jaunzens.</p> <p>MINUTE 115 – APOLOGIES</p> <p>None</p> <p>MINUTE 116 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No Declarations</p> <p>MINUTE 117 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Citizens party 7th January 2018 <p>MINUTE 118 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting on 26th October 2017 which were signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>MINUTE 119 – MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skips have still not been re-positioned at recycling site. <p>MINUTE 120 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P2017/1289 - 2 dwellings with detached garages at land at Pwll Farm, Hendomen Plans provided do not show the visual impact of this site. Local needs are not being met and there does not appear to be any part of the construction that is eco- friendly.• P2017/1303 new extension Hafod. Chirbury Road. <p>No comments</p> <p>Cllr Mills had attended a Planning Workshop, critical comments were made regarding on line plans. When receiving a pre-planning application, it should include a report.</p> <p>MINUTE 121 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Hayes advised that Nat West would cease to provide a mobile banking service as from 4th December 2017, as this is not feasible due to distance of travel. Cllr Weston advised she had tried to contact the Community Banking Officer whose job it is to assist customers, without success on a number of occasions. Cllr Jaunzens had spoken with the Customer Banking Officer regarding the closure and will provide his contact details.• Cllr Hayes also advised that only statutory support will be provided for the Social Services budget from Powys CC	<p>Denice</p>
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MINUTE 122 – HIGHWAYS

- Clearing of leaves and drains
- Speed initiative is doing well
- Pot holes on Forden Road by Stalloe
- Letter from Ian Pryce send to Institute.
- Map for lighting in town had been received.
- Town Clerk had signed agreement from Cae Post for a bin to hold soft plastics, this should be delivered shortly. Powys CC have been advised.

MINUTE 123 – TOWN HALL

- All consents have now been approved for the inside work at the Town Hall
- Phil Humphreys will need to undertake more detailed drawings.
- A Quantity Surveyor as already supplied costings and this work will cost in the region of £240K.
- Cllr Mills had provided a Project Plan and Gant Chart and time lines were explained to Councillors. Resolved to proceed with the project and ask Mr. Humphreys to continue with detailed drawings. Cllr D Jones Abstained.
- Resolved to continue with the proposed work and timeline as outlined. Town Clerk will complete Welsh Government, Borrowing Application form and post same. Cllr D Jaunzens Abstained
- MCBPT have agreed a donation of £10K.
- A suggestion was made to raise money for specific items.
- Paper towels needed in kitchen and hand-wash in ladies' toilet.
- Public Toilets had been steam cleaned

MINUTE 124 – TOURISM

- Cllr Kibble reminded Councilors that dates of fixed events were needed for the Welshpool leaflet.
- Monthly Harp workshops were being considered.
- Country Walking magazine will be doing a spread of Montgomery
- Two Councillors are now on the Destination Montgomery committee.
- Cllr Weston advised that there would be an Awards for All photo opportunity on 25.11.17.
- Cllr Kibble thanked Cllr Andrew and Jane for their hard work planting bulbs and looking after Tourism Site.

MINUTE 125 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

- Application for Brown Signs has been submitted.

MINUTE 126 – SITING OF PLAQUE FROM HUNGARY

Lázló Irinyi is a concert promoter (Concert Masters International Ltd).

Following the discussion at Octobers meeting Councillors met with Freeman to discuss possible sites to hang the plaque. It was agreed that Town Hall would not be suitable as it would be too high and people would have to step into the highway to view and it would be by a bus stop. Cllr Mills had taken photographs of various sites. No decisions will be taken at present.

Letter to Mr Irinyi thanking him for the badges.

Reply to letter from Mr Fairbrother noted.

MINUTE 127 – WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

This item will be discussed in January

MINUTE 128 – STANNAH STAIR LIFT

Letter from Stannah to advise that the guarantee for the stair lift would expire in November, two plans were offered and it was RESOLVED to accept the standard 3 Star contract for the next twelve months.

MINUTE 129 – FINANCE

	PAYMENTS October	
BACS	British Telecom	75.64
	CPRW – Walkers R Welcome	82.50
	Girlguiding – Walkers R Welcome	20.00
	Dragon Hotel – Tablecloths	69.00
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	227.81
	Severn Baroque	380.00
	E-On -Electricity Toilets	26.31
	Salaries x 2	1269.32
	Robin Huw Bowen – Baroque	200.00
	HMRC – October	34.80
	Cae Post – Euro Bin	122.40
	Paul Hodgson – Wreaths	54.00
	G Smith – Expenses	198.99
	Water Plus – Town Hall	115.47
	Water Plus - Toilets	84.31
	Howells Fuel Oil	561.10
	Nest Pensions –	11.88
	Destination Montgomery	0.00
	Officers salary	915.48
	Officers expenses	209.68
	HMRC Tax & NI	220.86
		4879.55

Town Clerk had prepared the Precept for 2018-2019, Cllr Mills projected the Precept on to a screen to enable all Councillors to view and discuss. Following minor adjustment, it was RESOLVED that the Precept for 2018-2019 would be £28,781.70.

MINUTE 130 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 131 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- Cllr Kibble had attended a meeting in Welshpool

MINUTE 132 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Welsh Language

Beacon 2018

Town & Community Re-organization

Banking in town

Grass Cutting