

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 28th June 2018 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, J Kibble, C Weston, W Beavan, D Jaunzens.

MINUTE 28 – APOLOGIES

Cllr C Thomas – Work commitment

MINUTE 29 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MINUTE 30 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver advised that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 5th August 2018 at 2.30 pm. There would not be a parade. Councillors were asked to congregate at the Chapel.

MINUTE 31 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 24th May 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 32 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Kibble advised that she had attended a meeting about a proposed chicken shed and there was a lot of local opposition. Kerry Street would not be at all suitable for the heavy traffic connected to this proposal. Cllr Kibble will advise when planning application is submitted.
2. Rubble from road surfacing is still in Maldwyn Way
3. Cllr Kibble advised she had been in contact with Powis Estates and they have agreed to meet her to examine the path from Arthur Street to the Castle.
4. Keys for the outside toilets are kept by the Caretaker, Dragon Hotel had managed to lock the outside toilets with the front door key, but the same key will not open the toilets.

MINUTE 33 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

Chief Planning Officer for Wales has sent a letter re material planning considerations. In particular the cumulative impact on residential amenity regarding intensive livestock units.

MINUTE 34 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

Cllr Hayes on holiday

Cllr Weston had been informed by Cllr Hayes that The Brades had now been reported to Environmental Health.

MINUTE 35 – HIGHWAYS

1. Hedge by playground in Gaol Road needs attention Town Clerk will contact Greenfingers and request a cost for this.
2. Tan y Mur has a similar problem this is cut by PCC

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. It has been reported that tractors have damaged cars parked in Kerry Street and Well Lane. Check with PCC re hashed lines. 4. Cllr Andrew reported that he had been advised by Police that there were no traffic regulations on Chirbury Road. Check with PCC regarding Traffic Order. 5. Speed-watch volunteers were still needed. 6. Post on the corner of Station Road and Welshpool Road has been knocked down again. This is a very tight corner and not suitable for large vehicles to turn. 7. Street Fair committee will ask residents of Broad Street to move their vehicles on Friday evening to enable them to set up early for the Street Fair on Saturday 7th July. Their permit states from 07.00 – 22.00 on 7th July. 8. Castle Car Park – gully has not been repaired check again with PCC as this is dangerous and could cause damage to vehicles. 	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 36 – TOWN HALL</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakdown from Quantity Surveyor had been received. Maximum council can borrow is £240K, with extra fees it is estimated to cost £242K. 2. It has been agreed to request that bids to be received by end of July, a council meeting will take place in August to agree the contractor only. 3. A penalty clause has been built in. 4. It is expected that completion will be middle of March 2019, with the lower floor available for some use by middle of December 2018. Due to Health and Safety Upper floor will not be available for use from October – March. 5. It has been agreed to put plans in the Library and Post Office as well as make them available at a coffee morning. Residents will be advised via Crier where plans can be viewed. 6. Lottery grant will not go ahead as MCBPT would not support the application. Cllr Mills has put forward a grant application to Tourism. 7. During the refurbishment market stalls will have to move from the Town Hall on Thursdays which is Charter Market day. Traders will have the opportunity to trade on Broad Street if so required. Council has purchased a gazebo 3x3 m at a cost of £74.99 for members to assess its suitability market stalls are available to hire from other communities. Following a discussion, members agreed to go for the cheaper option which was to purchase the gazebos. Market Traders will be asked if they intend to trade on Broad Street during the refurbishment to ascertain how many gazebos will be required. Resolved to give Town Clerk permission to purchase gazebos upon requirement confirmation from the traders. Consider hiring from Bishops Castle. 	
<p>MINUTE 37 – TOURISM</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Kibble had been trying to find a contact for the May Fair, without success. 2. Open Gardens event had been very successful. 3. Committee had agreed to only have leaflets within 10 miles of Montgomery in TIC thereby keeping it more local. 4. Cllr Mills requested that council write to Cadw to ask if they would re-consider the opening time at Castle Car Park. May-Sept 09.00 – 21.00, also to check if dogs are allowed on Castle grounds if kept on a lead. 5. Tickets were now available for Shakespeare Play in August. 6. Thanks to Cllr Kibble for organizing open gardens. 	

7. VMRC had applied and have been successful in obtaining a grant of £3K to conduct a feasibility study for a number of different projects. Applications will be sent to Town Clerk.
8. Benches are being refurbished one by one.

MINUTE 38 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. There is to be a re-print of small cars quiz
2. Destination Officer is looking into the possibility of a Wonderwool event for 2019.
3. You can now re-fill plastic drinking bottles at the Dragon Hotel.
4. Montgomery is now in the Japanese Tourist Guide.
5. Adam Cusack has set up a new e mail address news-events@montgomery-wales.uk

MINUTE 39 - ALLOTMENTS

There had been an issue raised between two allotment holders regarding ownership and invasion of space. Following discussion by the council it was agreed firstly for the Town Clerk to meet with the allotment holders to try to solve this issue. If this could not be resolved allotment holder would be requested to remove the items to their own allotment.

MINUTE 40 – PLAQUE FROM BARDS OF WALES PROJECT

1. Powys CC would have to be approached for permission to use the area in Arthur Street.
2. Hungarian film crew had contacted Cllr Weaver as Mayor after being given permission by Cadw to film at the Castle, there will be a series of eight programmes to be shown in October.

MINUTE 41 – SILHOUETTE FOR REMEMBRANCE

A letter had been received offering a grant for councils who would be interested in purchasing the silhouettes. As Montgomery have two memorials they will not apply.

MINUTE 42 – ONE VOICE WALES

An agenda had been received for the Montgomeryshire Annual Meeting in Machynlleth. Councillors did not wish to attend.

MINUTE 43 – TOWN CRIER

Town Crier had requested that her status within council be verified. Cllr Weston will contact AHGTC for guidance. Councillors agreed Town Crier is a valuable asset to Montgomery.

MINUTE 44 – LDP

Notification of the dates for viewing will be placed on the Notice Board and in Crier

MINUTE 45 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS June 2018	
BACS	Mayors Allowance	700.00
	G Smith – Expenses	179.92
	Picaw – Alarm Contract	822.29
	PPL/PRS – Licence	222.34
	Newsquest Ltd – Advert Tender	158.40
	M Griffiths – Town Hall	90.00
	HMRC – Tax & NI	136.84
	Salaries	1596.48
	Eric Neville – Supplies	103.86
	Gaskells Waste – Euro Bin	111.72
	R H Bunner – Supplies	13.75
	G17 – Website	35.00
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	136.80
	Walkers R Welcome – Meeting	15.00
	Zurich Insurance	1243.38
	Battlefield Surveys – Town Hall	270.00
D/D	Nest Pensions	35.92
	Powys CC – Council Tax	655.00
	British Telecom	29.52
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
BACS	Salary	£906.12
	Expenses	223.69
	HMRC Tax & NI	227.18

Resolved to accept the above payments

Accounts had been received from Internal Auditor and distributed to Councillors.

It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts for 2017-2018 which were signed by the Mayor Cllr L Weaver.

Annual Return for 17-18 part one was reviewed and agreed signed by Cllr Weaver and Town Clerk. This would now be sent to Internal Auditor for signature.

MINUTE 46 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr Kibble had attended a Medical Practice meeting, the consultation regarding Future Fit will go on July agenda.

MINUTE 47 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 48 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Care in the Community
Community Consultation
Method Statement

