

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 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 49 – APOLOGIES**

None

**MINUTE 50 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Kibble – Walkers are Welcome

Cllr M Mills – Board Member Myrick Training

**MINUTE 51 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Weaver advised that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 2.30 pm.

**MINUTE 52 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Resolved to approve the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

**MINUTE 53 – MATTERS ARISING**

1. Hedge at Tan y Mur needs attention check with Powys CC
2. Cllr Kibble had checked with Powis Estate re footpath to Castle and it is CADW responsibility.
3. Greenfingers have now cut the hedge at Gaol Road playground.

**MINUTE 54 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None

**MINUTE 55 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR**

1. Cllr Hayes is still in touch with the owner of The Brades, he cannot be compelled to do the work. Environmental Health have no powers.
2. There is concern with large lorries using narrow roads and getting stuck often leading to delays for other road users.

**MINUTE 56 – HIGHWAYS**

1. Contact Royal Mail regarding positioning of new post box on Bishops Castle Street.
2. Contact Tanat Valley and Powys CC regarding the possibility of moving the Bus Stop during refurbishment of the Town Hall.

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#### **MINUTE 57 – TOWN HALL**

1. There will be a meeting to open and discuss Tenders on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at 19.15 hours.
2. Phil Humphreys is in talks with Powys CC re parking and toilet facilities during refurbishment.
3. Letters have been delivered to residents in Broad Street and part of Arthur Street regarding Charter Market being on Broad Street during the refurbishment.
4. Plans will be available at the coffee morning 11<sup>th</sup> August and councilors will be available to answer questions, a set of plans will also be available in the library.
5. Asbestos Survey had to be undertaken, Councillors were asked for their agreement to this cost. Agreed.
6. Town Clerk had spoken to four Market Traders regarding gazebos, they did not feel they would be able to work outside during the refurbishment, Town Clerk agreed to speak to them again following the 2<sup>nd</sup> August meeting when dates of closure would be more certain. Following a search of the internet for market stalls it was agreed to purchase a stall rather than hire from Bishops Castle.
7. Following a recent Annual Meeting of MCBPT there has been a change of trustees, Cerys Thomas is Chairman with seven other trustees, they are hoping to encourage members.
8. Grant for toilets and car park has been unsuccessful.

#### **MINUTE 58 – TOURISM**

Cllr Kibble advised that the Old Bell Museum had received praise from a leading archeologist.

#### **MINUTE 59 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY**

1. Trail leaflets had been ordered.
2. Destination Officer was still working on textile event.
3. Promotion of the Town Hall would be the next project.

#### **MINUTE 60 – BROWN SIGNS**

1. Councillors had been provided with two drawings showing proposed signage. Following discussion, it was proposed and agreed that drawing two would be more suitable.
2. A quote had been received from Powys CC and members resolved to accept the cost. (The cost for the signs is earmarked funds).

#### **MINUTE 61 – VMRC**

1. Following a successful grant application Councillors were asked to agree until March 2019 that Town Council would be responsible for the administration of the grant. Agreed.
2. Following interviews, a candidate had been chosen who would be self-employed therefore managing his own Income tax and National Insurance. Travel expenses and hire of rooms along with administration to facilitate the project would be paid.
3. Paperwork for WAG was signed by Chairman and Town Clerk.

**MINUTE 62 – WALKERS ARE WELCOME**

When this group originally started it was agreed that Town Council would pay the annual subscription and hold any monies for the group, but when the group became self sufficient it would conduct its own administration. Following discussion, it was agreed that the group would stand alone following the Walking Festival in October.

**MINUTE 63 – CHURCH CONSULTATIONS**

Councillors are in agreement to link the Church plans to its website.

**MINUTE 64 – CARE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Cllr Beaven advised she was still investigating this matter.

**MINUTE 65 – TOWN CRIER**

1. Cllr Weston had researched a Town Criers role and although there were some observations, Councillors agreed that the present Town Crier was very proactive in the community and would often 'CRY' at very short notice, therefore they did not consider she needed permission from the Council to do this.
2. It was suggested at the next Precept meeting that an Honorarium maybe considered apart from the annual subscription.
3. Town Crier will be offered a Town Council e mail address for her Town Crier work, therefore allowing her to keep her private e mail address for her own personal use.
4. Town Crier will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct.
5. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Weston will meet with Town Crier to discuss the role and also thank her for her continued promotion of the town.

**MINUTE 66 – PLAYGROUNDS**

Ongoing

**MINUTE 67 – MYRICK TRAINING**

E mail offering community groups occasional use of their building.  
Councillors support this idea.

**MINUTE 68 – MONTGOMERY MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Cllr Kibble asked Councillors if they wished to make a response regarding A & E being in Telford or Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury is a preferred location for Doctors.  
Agreed to support option one Shrewsbury.

**MINUTE 69 – PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY**

E mail received from Jenni Visser regarding Montgomery being a Plastic Free Community.  
Councillors would like to invite Ms Visser to September's meeting to discuss this idea in more detail.

**MINUTE 70 – LDP**

Cllr Kibble had provided a detailed report for all Councillors to read.

**MINUTE 71 - FINANCE**

	<b>PAYMENTS June 2018</b>	
BACS	K Williams – Poster for Open Gardens	95.00
	R Emberton – Benches	600.00
	Bowen Consultants – Town Hall Refurb	5760.00
	P Humphreys – Fees	4949.00
	V Wallis- walking leaflets	50.00
	SLCC – Conference	90.00
	Kings – Hanging Baskets	206.00
	Eric Neville – Goods	90.68
	Dragon Hotel -laundry	21.00
	Gaskells Waste – Refuse	90.00
	Destination Montgomery – repayment	2088.06
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	136.80
	G Smith – expenses	99.45
	HMRC – Tax & NI	64.35
	L Weaver – Signage	25.00
	Destination Montgomery – repayment	1045.43
D/D	BT – Phone	29.52
	BT – Internet	102.24
	Nest Pensions	32.49
	<b>DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</b>	
BACS	Salary	£906.12
	Expenses	217.00
	HMRC Tax & NI	227.18

Resolved to accept the above payments

**MINUTE 72 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES**

None

**MINUTE 73 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted

**MINUTE 74 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Coffee Mornings

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS:** Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (2) to resolve that members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted

