

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 27th September 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, Cerys Thomas, J Kibble, C Weston, D Jaunzens.

MINUTE 85 – APOLOGIES

Cllr Wendy Beaven - Bereavement

MINUTE 86 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTE 87 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver advised that Cllr Beaven's husband has passed away recently.

MINUTE 88 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 26th July, 2nd August, 15th August and 4th September 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 89 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Kibble had spoken to Cadw and they assured her after an extensive search of paperwork the footpath was nothing to do with them. Cllr Kibble will speak to Powys Estates again.
2. As yet Town Clerk had heard nothing regarding Brown Signs application.

MINUTE 90 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

MINUTE 91 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

1. Cllr Hayes informed there would shortly be a consultation on Green Waste, this waste continually becomes contaminated. Businesses use recycling sites when they should use trade waste sites.
2. It may be possible that brown bins are introduced for households who required them. It will be possible to still use recycling centres.
3. There is a review taking place re office space in North Powys, it is probable that Neuadd Maldwyn will be closing. It is also possible that the library will move into the museum.
4. CQC has served notice that Telford hospital will be closed for emergencies between 20.00-08.00 hours for at least six months.
5. Cllr Kibble informed that there will be a GP liaison officer in Shrewsbury.

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MINUTE 92 – HIGHWAYS

1. Mr. Whitehouse attended the meeting and informed that some residents in Caerhowel were concerned about the parking in Montgomery particularly Arthur Street, recently there had been a number of incidents with the buses and this is caused by poor parking. Mr. Whitehouse had contacted Chris Lloyd PCC and been

advised that he had visited Montgomery and advised on various solutions. Councillors did not wish to impose restrictions and suggested that maybe transgressors should be fined and this would be up to parking wardens or police. There are seven volunteers for Speed watch in Caerhowel.

2. Traffic order had not been issued correctly on Chirbury Road which means that speeding traffic cannot be fined.
3. Water flowing on Conduit during heavy rain is a problem drains need clearing.
4. Sutton Farm to Llandyssil does not have signs advising unsuitable road.

MINUTE 93 – TOWN HALL

1. Contract had been received for refurbishment from Davie Roberts & Bowen the starting date for the work for the rear of the Town Hall and toilets would now be 12th November 2018 – 29th March 2019 which means the upper floor will be out of use during this time. Lower floor will be closed for refurbishment 30th April 2019 – 28th June 2019.
2. Councillors Resolved to sign the contract with one abstention.
3. Cllr Jaunzens reminded Councillors that appropriate documents for maintaining the building in future should be sought upon completion.
4. Insurance will be asked to confirm council is insured should they have to cancel any bookings if work was not completed on time.
5. Dragon Hotel had complained that they had not received sufficient notice of Caretakers holiday.
6. G17 had requested permission to provide statistics on website use to Destination Montgomery. AGREED.
7. Coffee mornings would now be available to book.

MINUTE 94 – TOURISM

1. Rolls Royce owners club will be visiting Montgomery in April 2019.
2. Various events would be taking place in 2019
3. Walking Festival is fully booked.
4. It had been suggested that a tapestry completed by residents would be a good idea to commemorate 2027. This idea will be looked into further.
5. Committee are planning historic walks for 2019. Cllr Thomas advised that Civic Society should be contacted.

MINUTE 95 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. Destination Officer would be helping MCBPT promote the Town Hall for weddings.
2. Signage is required on Car Park.
3. Textile event is in planning stages for 2019.
4. WAG have not replied as yet to application for Brown Signs.

MINUTE 96 – MICROSHADE

1. Town Clerk had requested that council consider employing this company who offer a range of services connected to security of documents, files and computers. Councillors felt the cost was too much and suggested G17 be contacted with a view to helping with this type of work.

MINUTE 97 – PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY

Jenny Visser had been invited to the meeting to speak about a plastic free community, she advised that certain types of plastic took years to degrade as not all plastic could be recycled.

There are a number of ways the community could help with recycling.

1. Use re-usable bags rather than plastic
2. Don't use plastic trays for food ie chips, take-aways.
3. Don't use plastic knives forks etc for parties and picnics.
4. There are free water refills available at Dragon Hotel
5. Spar are now selling milk in glass bottles
6. Conservation is taking place now on beaches and in the sea

The aim is to make Montgomery and the Town Hall plastic free. It was suggested that a councillor would be a representative on a steering group to move this forward.

MINUTE 98 – PLANTING TREES – MALDWYN WAY

Letters had been received from Mr Burns suggesting planting of various varieties of trees around the playing field in Maldwyn Way. Councillors agreed that at this time it would not be suitable but would be happy to keep options open. Advise Mr Burns he would be welcome to assist with Whitegate Pool.

MINUTE 99 – TOWN BUNTING

Cllr Andrew advised that the Street Fair committee have to pay £220 pa to erect bunting and asked if the council would be willing to contribute. Small Grant scheme will be considered when setting the precept.

MINUTE 100 – WHITEGATE POOL

1. Cllr Kibble advised that a willow arch would cost £300 this would include tips on maintenance, councillors discussed various concerns regarding the arch but did Resolve to purchase this item.
2. Bridge repair will be considered when setting the Precept.
3. Cllr Kibble advised that although Ms Herd would still be involved she no longer wish to be organiser or the working party for the pool. Cllr Kibble will send a note of thanks.

MINUTE 101 – SCHOOL GOVERNOR

1. Cllr Jaunzens advised that she had attended her first meeting of the Governors and they were finding it difficult to fill vacancies. Cllr Jaunzens asked if there was another councillor who may like to take on this role leaving her free to possibly will a different role on the board. Cllr Kibble agreed she would be happy to take on the role. It was agreed to advise the school of the change.

MINUTE 102 – COUNTY MEMORIAL

Mr Hodgson had requested that Mr Phillips (electrician) be asked to repair the lights at the Pound.

MINUTE 103 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS June 2018	
BACS	JDH Business Services – Accounts	477.60
	AHGTC – Subs Town Crier	35.00
	Salaries	1363.01
	G Smith – Expenses	104.80
	Dragon Hotel – Caretaking August	192.00
	Gaskells Waste	111.72
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	HMRC – Tax & NI	49.19
	Viking – Ink	76.38
	Hafren Water – Toilets	63.76
D/D	BT – Phone	29.52
	Positive Energy	89.24
	Nest Pensions	32.49
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
BACS	Salary	£906.12
	Expenses	132.40
	HMRC Tax & NI	227.18
	Sprout – Trails-Quiz	450.00

Resolved to accept the above payments

MINUTE 104 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

1. Cllr Kibble advised there was a VMRC meeting next week.
2. Montgomery Medical Practice had reported waiting times are longer, a new emergency number has been displayed on Notice Boards.
3. Cllr Weston had attended a MNPDM meeting and reported Wales Way were revamping their website.
4. Little cars trail and quiz had been mentioned at the meeting.
5. 2019 would be the Year of Discovery.
6. Get in touch with PCC website for events.

MINUTE 105 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 106 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Young People
 Senior Citizens Christmas Meal
 Hungarian Plaque
 Memorial Service
 Steering Group-Plastic Free