

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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, W Beaven, D Jaunzens.

Prime Cymru had been invited to the meeting to explain how this project worked to help those people aged 54 and over to keep active and obtain work either paid or voluntary.

#### **MINUTE 107 – APOLOGIES**

No apologies

#### **MINUTE 108 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Lionel Weaver – Planning 18/0543/HH (Relative)

Cllr Mike Mills – Planning 18/0705/HH (Parents own adjacent property)

#### **MINUTE 109 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

#### **MINUTE 110 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Resolved to approve the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

#### **MINUTE 111 – MATTERS ARISING**

1. Destination Montgomery Officer thanked Mr. Cusack for proving stats
2. Dave Phillips had examined the lights at The Pound and found that water had seeped into the mechanism, he will examine them again prior to Remembrance Service. If they still do not work new sealed lighting system will have to be considered.

#### **MINUTE 112 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. **18/0543/HH** – Demolition of existing conservatory & utility erection of extensions. Caenant Montgomery  
**Concern over the size of the square meterage of the extension**
2. **18/0511/LBC** – Installation of oil combi boiler – Cartref, Princes Street
3. **18/0705/HH** – Conversion part of existing garage, erection of porch to front & rear.
4. **18/0576/LBC** – Works to listed building to include internal alterations to reduce the number of flats from 7 to 5 general refurbishment and thermal upgrade. External work restoration and replacement of windows.

No objection to 2/3/4.

#### **MINUTE 113 – WEBSITE**

Mr Cusack gave a presentation of the new website which will be available shortly.

A small group had helped with processing information to be included on the site.

Agreed that the group would be authorised to launch the website upon satisfactory completion.

<p><b>MINUTE 114 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr Hayes informed that Powys CC have to look at new various ways of saving money including cutting senior posts within the council.</li> <li>2. Social Care budget may remain the same as 2018 but Children’s Services will be increased following the recent review.</li> <li>3. Daycare is limited as most centers have been closed, loneliness is an issue and people must be encouraged to achieve what matters to them.</li> <li>4. Cllr Beaven questioned whether closing Neaudd Maldwyn could have repercussions, Cllr Hayes advised it was very expensive to run and the dynamics of working have now changed. By placing staff in the library and museum it would enable Powys CC to keep these buildings open for the public.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>MINUTE 115 – HIGHWAYS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A burst water main had caused massive disruption causing the Fire Brigade and Police to be called out and the school to close. Severn Trent took a number of days to attend to the problem. This is an historical issue and work on old and worn pipes needs to be addressed. A letter will be sent to ST inviting a representative to the next meeting.</li> <li>2. Town Clerk will now write to bus company after failed attempts to contact by telephone.</li> <li>3. Cllr Thomas advised that drains on Conduit had been cleaned and now seem to be working efficiently.</li> <li>4. No news as yet on Brown Sign application.</li> <li>5. Check if the correct traffic order can be obtained for Chirbury Road.</li> <li>6. Cllr Weaver had spoken to Police re parking in Arthur Street.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 116 – TOWN HALL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A site meeting with Bowens, Architect and Contractor are due to take place shortly.</li> <li>2. Asbestos will have to be moved professionally.</li> <li>3. Cllr Mills has asked Dragon Hotel to remove all contents from the beer cage in the foyer.</li> <li>4. Skips will be placed at the rear of the Town Hall where at present the Euro Bin is sited. Town Clerk will suspend services for 6 months.</li> <li>5. Cllr Mills has requested a payment schedule, loan will now have to be applied for.</li> <li>6. Cllr Andrew will ask Mr Emberton if he is able to repair window, this window was broken when a youth threw an apple, this incident has been reported to the Police.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 117 – TOURISM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rolls Royce owners club event has now been confirmed as 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019</li> <li>2. Library have agreed to have an A board advising tourist information and leaflets can be obtained there.</li> </ol>	

**MINUTE 118 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY**

1. Cllr Mills advised that Mrs. Long Destination Montgomery Officer had given her notice to leave at the end of December this was due to a house move to Scotland.
2. A meeting had been held on how this would be carried forward, a few names have been identified and these people will be approached it is possible that this could be a job share. Following a review of the next twelve months group had agreed to work with the MCBPT and not only promote the Town Hall as a wedding venue but try to increase the Thursday market.
3. Work on trails has now finished.
4. Group are planning a Winter Fayre in 2019.
5. A Notice Board will be purchased and placed in car park.

**MINUTE 119 – SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS MEAL**

1. Looking into possibility of having a function when the Town Hall refurbishment has been completed.
2. It was agreed to have a receptacle to collect donations during this event.

**MINUTE 120 – SITING OF PLAQUE FROM BARDS OF WALES PROJECT**

Town Clerk had spoken with Mr. Lewis Powys CC and she had no objections to the proposed site being used for the plaque. Awaiting a confirmation from Mr. Prothero Powys CC.

**MINUTE 121 – ALLOTMENTS**

1. Cllr Jones advised that allotments at Tan Y Mur were looking untidy again.
2. Hedge at allotment needed attention.
3. Fence needs attention at Church Bank as it is falling into town ditch.

**MINUTE 122 – YOUNG PEOPLE**

Cllr Kibble suggested inviting guide leaders to speak about this to encourage young people to be pro-active.

Welshpool Town Council had a very pro-active group working from the High School.

**MINUTE 123 – PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY**

1. Following from September's meeting when it was suggested that this idea was taken forward with the Town Council leading by example.
2. It was Resolved therefore, to support the plastic free initiative
3. Council will lead by example to remove single-use plastic items from their premises.
4. Encourage plastic-free initiatives promoting the campaign and supporting event.
5. Name representatives to represent council on the Plastic Free Steering Group.
6. Cllr Mills advised he would like to be named as representative for the group and Cllr Mrs. Beaven advised she would be his deputy.
7. It was agreed to have an audit of plastic material used in the Town Hall.
8. Mrs. Visser will be informed of the decision.

**MINUTE 124 – TOWN WALL**

Cllr Andrew advised that bushes had been planted along the Town Wall in Arthurs Gate and also steps and a gate on the land belonging to Powys CC. Photos will be taken and Powys CC advised.

**MINUTE 125 – FOOTBALL CLUB**

Football Club had written to advise they wished to lop trees and remove dead trees surrounding Football Ground, Council has no objection to this providing that said trees do not have a TPO. Football Club will be advised.

**MINUTE 126 – CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Letter received requesting funds. Suggestion that they hold a surgery once a month in Montgomery without charge. AGREED.

**MINUTE 127 – WHITEGATE POOL**

1. Cllr Kibble advised that right of way bridge will be replaced shortly.
2. Mr. Stallard had looked at the other bridge and advised that horizontal pieces of wood had rotted at each end and although volunteers could work on this it was likely to cost between £5/6K for the materials. This will be considered in the Precept.

**MINUTE 128 – MEMORIAL SERVICE**

1. Remembrance Service will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at St Nicholas Church. Parade will leave the Town Hall at 09.45.
2. Service at the County Memorial will be at 18.50 and Beacon will be lit t 19.00. Transport will be available from the Town Hall from 18.00 hours.
3. Cllr Weston advised that she had received photographs showing damage to trees by the County Memorial which had been caused by cattle. These trees may need to be surrounded by wire netting. Contact Mr. Boundy.

**MINUTE 129 - FINANCE**

	<b>PAYMENTS October 2018</b>	
BACS	David Wilson – Leaflets VMRC	163.75
	Salaries	1,410.75
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	136.80
	Howells Fuel Oils – Oil	843.95
	E-on – toilets	6.54
	McMillan Masonry – Memorial	14,267.16
	Gaskells – Waste	90.00
	Dragon Hotel – Caretaking	192.00
	HMRC – Tax & NI	67.07
	Transfer to Destination Montgomery	2,382.86
	M Bufton Plumbing – Boiler	626.77
	Transfer from Savings a/c	14,267.16
D/D	BT – Internet	105.84

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D/D	BT – Phone	31.08
	Positive Energy	135.25
	Nest Pensions	32.49
300020	Royal British Legion - Wreaths	34.00
300021	L Shearer -VMRC	610.40
	<b>DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</b>	
BACS	Salary	£906.12
	Expenses	137.63
	HMRC Tax & NI	227.18

Resolved to accept the above payments

Completed Audit received. Comments regarding the audit form were noted and form corrected.

Conclusion of Audit was approved and signed by Mayor and Town Clerk.

**MINUTE 130 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES**

Cllr Kibble suggested that Mr. Shearer VMRC would be invited to November meeting. Agreed.

**MINUTE 131 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted

**MINUTE 132 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Zebra Crossing  
 Community Provisions  
 Precept  
 Mr. L Shearer VMRC