

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 7.15 pm at Myrick Training, Hendomen.

Present: Cllr L Weaver (Town Mayor) Cllr H Andrew (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, C Thomas, J Kibble, C Weston, W Beaven, D Jaunzens.

Mr L Shearer had been invited to the meeting and explained at length his role within VMRC. He has now spoken to all of the councils within the group. He advised his position as project officer would be funded until March 2019.

Cllr Kibble advised that following a meeting with Joan Lockett they were happy with the progress of the plan.

MINUTE 133 – APOLOGIES

No apologies

MINUTE 134 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Thomas - MCBPT

MINUTE 135 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver advised that Remembrance Sunday had been very well attended both morning and evening.

MINUTE 136 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 25th October 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 137 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Contact contractors regarding hedges and fence
2. Due to numbers it would not be possible to use either the Dragon Hotel or the Activity Centre for the annual Senior Citizens party, therefore something will be arranged following completion of refurbishment.
3. Plastic Free will be continued in the New Year.
4. Resident is willing to cut grass at the wall in Arthur Street, there is some concern about the trees.
5. Following a letter to Severn Trent requesting a representative to attend the meeting, Town Clerk had been informed by telephone that this would not be possible.

MINUTE 138 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/0862/LBC – removal of flat roof and replacement installation of rooflight opening.
Manor Hose, Pool Road.
No Objections

MINUTE 139– REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

1. Apologies from Cllr Hayes

MINUTE 140 – HIGHWAYS

1. A further burst water main had caused chaos on Pool Road/Station Road junction, this has now caused even more damage to the road and drains have been blocked again with silt. Agreed to write to Ofwat with a letter of complaint.
2. Hedge at Lions Bank was in need of attention.
3. Trees at recycling site at the corner of Maldwyn Way were obscuring views for motorists.

MINUTE 141 – TOWN HALL

1. Contractors can only get so far as they are waiting for asbestos to be removed.
2. Fire alarms in Town Hall will be removed next week, insurance will be notified.
3. Toilets have been locked and beer cage has been removed. A notice will be placed outside to advise that toilets will be available at The Dragon Hotel, Institute and St Nicholas Church.
4. It was agreed that Christmas Lights at the Town Hall would be switched off following the town lighting ceremony.
5. MCBPT had discussed raising fees for hire of the Town Hall, it was proposed that fees of £11 per hour be introduced on 1st April 2019. Fees for Kitchen and bar would be removed. Mr. Cusack will be requested to remove hire fees from the website with immediate effect advising hirers to contact Town Clerk.
RESOLVED to accept this proposal 6 for 2 against.

MINUTE 142 – TOURISM

1. Walking Festival 2019 will be 4th – 6th October.
2. French Classic Cars will visit Montgomery on 16-17th May 2019.
3. Thanks to Penri Jones there are now a number of geocache sites around town and on Offa's Dyke Path. They are proving a popular attraction and also engaging groups such as the Cubs.
4. Footpath bridge has now been repaired by volunteers
5. Bridge at Whitegate Pool is in need of repair. Estimated cost of materials is £4/5 K.

MINUTE 143 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. Destination Montgomery Officer Mrs. Long would be leaving on 30th November 2018. A new Officer Ms. S Gilder had been appointed and will commence her employment on 3rd December 2018.
2. A new sign is now available for Recycling Site which will include a map and trails.
3. A video is being made of Montgomery.
4. New website is expected shortly.
5. Ms. Gilder will concentrate on promotion of the Town Hall for the re-opening at the end of June 2019.

MINUTE 144 – ABERMULE & LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. A letter had been received requesting support regarding the proposed Recycling Site in Abermule. This has been deferred to VMRC.

MINUTE 145 – SITING OF PLAQUE FROM BARDS OF WALES PROJECT

Still awaiting a confirmation from Mr. Prothero Powys CC.

MINUTE 146 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVE

1. Cllr Kibble advised that this was a continuation of the Footpath Project which VMRC have dealt with. More volunteers are being trained for this project.

MINUTE 147 – ZEBRA CROSSINGS

1. It was suggested that two Zebra Crossings were needed at Bishops Castle Street to help with access to the Post Office and Chirbury Road. It was agreed to contact Chris Lloyd PCC to obtain details on how to start this process.

MINUTE 148 – COMMUNITY PROVISIONS

1. Cllr Beaven had spoken with groups in Welshpool regarding community support, this was not always available due to cost cutting.
2. It was suggested that maybe the Church could take something forward such as a Dementia Café. If a group starts there would be a number of people who would like to join.

MINUTE 149 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS November 2018	
BACS	E On- Final Payment	329.07
	HMRC – Tax & NI	49.19
	E-On – Toilets	12.78
	Gaskells – Waste	117.07
	Salaries	1363.01
	Greenfingers	136.80
	G Smith – Expenses	42.90
	Montgomery Crier – Harps & Gardens	120.00
	Ditto – Mayors Ball	85.00
	Ditto – Play Distribution	65.00
	Howells Fuel Oils	539.75
D/D	BT – Phone	31.08
	Nest Pensions	32.49
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
BACS	Salary	
	Expenses	
	HMRC Tax & NI	

Resolved to accept the above payments

Precept – Town Clerk had prepared the budget for Councillors to consider.

Following considerations and discussion it was agreed that the Precept for 2019-2020 would be set at £36,936.45.

MINUTE 150 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

No Comments

MINUTE 151 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 152 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Place Plans – Cllr Thomas

Defibrillators

Governors Meeting

Community Transparency Strategy.

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