

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7.15 pm at Myrick Training, Hendomen.

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

MINUTE 154 – APOLOGIES

Cllr D Jones – Farm Business

MINUTE 155 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Jaunzens – Planning 18/1069/LBC

MINUTE 156 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver hoped all present had enjoyed Christmas and wished them a Happy New Year.

MINUTE 157 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 22nd November 2018 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 158 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Item Min 144 deferred to VMRC – Cllr Kibble advised she would forward a letter to Town Clerk with comments from VMRC for posting.
2. Application for footpath funding had been successful, there were now 14 trained volunteers.
3. Cllr Beaven advised that Ms. Evans a nurse who deals with Parkinson's was willing to get involved with the Community project.
4. Cllr Kibble advised that tree removal agreed by council with the Football Club was untidy and unprofessional.

MINUTE 159 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/1069/LBC – Remove and replace dormer windows Cartref, Princes Street.

No objections

18/1052/TPO – Westmead School Bank

Trees had already been removed.

MINUTE 160– REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

1. Apologies from Cllr Hayes

MINUTE 161 – HIGHWAYS

1. A copy of the rules and regulations on how to acquire a zebra crossing were required, this would enable councillors to make an informed decision where they could be sited.
2. Cllr Janzens suggested lowering the speed limit in the problem areas. Councillors felt that people would still drive too fast.
3. Drains need attention, particularly following the work carried out by Severn Trent in 2018.

<p>4. Cllr Beaven reported that the road in Tan y Mur was in urgent need of attention.</p> <p>5. Concern was raised regarding an Ash Tree in the alleyway behind house in Broad Street.</p>	
<p>MINUTE 162 – TOWN HALL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asbestos has now been removed. 2. 1st fix has been completed. 3. Work will commence outside the Town Hall in April. 4. Cllr Jaunzens is not happy with critical path updates 5. Check on one off insurance against failure above our contractual agreement. 6. Cllr Mills has applied for a £10k grant from Awards for All. 7. Lease has not been received as yet, Town Hall committee will examine the lease and suggest any amendments. All Councillors will have an opportunity to view the lease prior to February meeting. 8. Quotes to be obtained for cleaning the Town Hall as and when required. 9. Market traders will be asked to sweep up their residual debris prior to leaving the Town Hall. 10. Councillors have agreed to clean the Town Hall when necessary by contacting each other via e mail. 11. Cllr Mills has advised that neutral colours will be used in the new toilets, he also provided samples of floor tiles. 12. Two quotes had been received for hire of cherry picker and replacement of panes of glass to front and rear of the Town Hall. Councillors agreed that half the cost of the cherry picker plus one pane of glass should be paid by the individual who had broken it and an invoice will be forwarded to them. Agreed to accept these quotes. 	<p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 163 – TOURISM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Destination Office Ms. Gilder had attended the last meeting. 2. Cllr Kibble had suggested to the steering group that following the end of the project they should meet quarterly with Tourism Committee. 3. Cllr Kibble has spoken to Powys CC regarding the tree at The Pound. 4. A What's On sheet will be available shortly. 5. Mr. Wilson is in contact with Delage group and will provide updates to Cllr Kibble. 6. Rolls Royce enthusiasts will be visiting in April and are expected to be in town between 12.00-14.00 hours. Mr. Lawson has questioned street closure during this time as there could potentially be 40 Rolls Royce in and around Broad Street. Town Clerk will speak to Mr. Lawson regarding the closure and costs involved. 7. Cllr Thomas had sought details of the May Fair. It was agreed to write and offer support and promotion of the event plus advise that rides for 7-11's were needed. Also advise that a representative would be happy to meet with them to discuss the event. 8. An e mail had been received from Harris & Aspinall's Circus enquiring for possible sites in and around the local area. Councillors agreed that this would be possible on the playing fields in Maldwyn Way and agreed to write to them with this suggestion. 	<p>JK</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

<p>MINUTE 164 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Mills advised that DM officer was concentrating on the promotion of the Town Hall, she was also looking at group insurances. 2. New members had joined the steering group. 3. Play and Castle have been booked for Shakespeare play. 4. Cllr Mills has had to move funds around to accommodate changes. 5. A new print run is needed for leaflets. 6. Although numerous attempts have been made to contact Mr. McBride re Brown Sign application, they have not yet been successful. Russell George AM is looking into this matter. 	TC
<p>MINUTE 165 – WHITEGATE POOL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost for repairs to the bridge would amount to £5/6K. Cllr Weaver has made two suggestions and has drawn rough plans which will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting. 2. Wildlife Trust will be carrying out a survey time to be arranged. 3. MEG will be organising the next three work days at the pool per annum. 	
<p>MINUTE 166 – SITING OF PLAQUE FROM BARDS OF WALES PROJECT</p> <p>Mr Gealy Powys CC has agreed that the plaque can be sited in Arthur Street as suggested, Powys CC will not have any responsibility for this.</p> <p>It was suggested that a good time to unveil the plaque would be at the literary festival in June 2020. Cllr Thomas will advise her contact and Town Clerk will write to Mr Asquith to advise.</p>	TC
<p>MINUTE 167 – SHOW/CARNIVAL INSURANCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Andrew advised again that the show committee were under increasing pressure to cover costs of insurance for the show and carnival. Cover for any event that does not come under the council umbrella and cannot be covered by the council insurance. 2. It was suggested that if all town events were given a group name it may be possible to obtain insurance for that group. 	TC
<p>MINUTE 168 – PLACE PLANS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Thomas suggested that council may wish to undertake a place plan which is a mix of a business plan and planning for the town. Cllr Thomas will make an outline of a plan and distribute it to councillors for the next meeting. 	
<p>MINUTE 169 – DEFIBRILLATORS</p> <p>Check make and model of the defibrillator at the Institute</p>	TC

MINUTE 170 – GOVERNORS MEETING

1. Cllr Jaunzens advised she was now a Foundation Governor and as such would not report to this council.
2. Cllr Kibble will e mail her report of School Governors meeting to parents.
3. Cllr Kibble advised that solar panels at school were now twelve years old and MEG had agreed to assist with the maintenance cost of these.

MINUTE 171- COMMUNITY TRANSPARENCY STRATEGY

1. Cllr Jaunzens had met with the Community Connector and discussed items including Dementia. They will meet again in a few weeks for further discussions.
2. How to communicate what council do? Focus will be placed on the new website, informal networking works for Montgomery. It was suggested that maybe a pie chart may work to inform residents of expenditure.

A new heading for next meeting will be **Communication from this meeting.**

MINUTE 172 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS December 2018	
BACS	Gilbert Davies	300.00
	E-On Electricity	12.78
	Salaries	2,621.56
	G Smith Exp	78.30
	R Bunner & Son	10.66
	Greenfingers – Grass Cutting	136.80
	Gaskells Waste	26.27
	Harrisons Solicitor	842.40
	HMRC Tax & NI	
D/D	BT – Phone	31.08
	Positive Energy	133.05
	Nest Pensions	94.47
	Powys CC – Council Tax	655.00
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY - DEC	
BACS	Salary	742.66
	Expenses	118.03
	HMRC Tax & NI	11.91
	PAYMENTS JANUARY 2019	
	VMRC	1,220.80
	G Smith – Exp	61.03
	HMRC – Tax & NI	39.80
	Salaries	646.70
	R Bunner & Son	12.66
	Gaskells Waste	3.72
	Bowen Consultants	19,000.00
	Mid Wales Tourism – Meeting	15.00
D/D	Powys CC	

	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
	Salary	742.66
	S Gilder Exp	
	HMRC – Tax & NI	11.91

Resolved to accept the above payments

New cost of living adjustments had been received from NALC with effect from 1st April 2019. RESOLVED to accept their recommendations.

MINUTE 173 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr Beaven apologized she had not been able to attend One Voice Wales meeting.

MINUTE 174 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 175 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Place Plans – Cllr Thomas

Rolls Royce

Communication from this meeting.