

<p>Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.15 pm at Myrick Training, Hendomen.  <b>Present:</b> Cllr L Weaver (Town Mayor) Cllr H Andrew (Deputy Town Mayor)  <b>Councillors:</b> M Mills, C Thomas, J Kibble, C Weston, W Beaven, D Jaunzens.</p> <p><b>MINUTE 176 – APOLOGIES</b>  Cllr D Jones – Farm Business</p> <p><b>MINUTE 177 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  None</p> <p><b>MINUTE 178 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  Cllr Weaver congratulated Town Clerk on the birth of her Granddaughter.</p> <p><b>MINUTE 179 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>  Resolved to approve the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 which were signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>MINUTE 180 – MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllr Thomas commented that minutes did not always offer enough information.</li> <li>2. Cllr Beaven advised that Russell George AM was keen to follow up the community project and would liaise to find a suitable date.</li> <li>3. Cllr Weston advised that she asked for a cost to update the defibrillator at the Institute and requested that a further defibrillator be placed at the bottom of town. This item will be on the agenda for March.</li> <li>4. All Councillors have agreed to be contacted via e mails on the town website.</li> <li>5. Cllr Kibble advised that Planning Aid Wales were considering Place Plans.</li> <li>6. Circus had replied to Town Clerk that they would be in touch at a later date.</li> <li>7. Town Clerk had been in touch with the proprietor of May Fair and had agreed with him to advertise fair in advance and help with removal of cars on Broad Street. He would possibly supply the school with money off tickets for rides.</li> </ol> <p><b>MINUTE 181– CO-OPTION</b>  Mr. Roger Oliver Lewis had applied to be co-opted to the council, after considering his resume councilors RESOLVED to accept the application. Mr. Lewis will receive appropriate forms to sign for ready for March meeting.</p> <p><b>MINUTE 182 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>19/0210/FUL – Formation of vehicular access, construction of fence and gate Together with bollards and hard standing area. – Sewage Disposal Works Montgomery.  <b>No Objections –</b></p> <p>19/0280/TRE – Reduce Ash3-4 metres remove limb from Sycamore &amp; crown lift over neighbours fence The Old Orchard Kerry Road.  <b>No Objection</b></p>	<p>Agenda</p> <p>MM LW HA</p> <p>TC</p>
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<p>It was agreed to write to Planning Officer regarding an application for Greenfields, Montgomery that had not been received thereby not allowing Council to comment. There is concern over green space land that is now being cultivated in Arthurs Gate this needs to be reported to PCC.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 183– REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apologies from Cllr Hayes</li> <li>2. Cllr Hayes had sent a report which was read by the Chairman</li> </ol>	
<p><b>MINUTE 184 – HIGHWAYS</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was suggested that a Give Way sign that had been missing for some time at the junction of New Road and Forden Road could be dealt with at the same time as Sewage Works.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. It seems the wall at the junction of Forden Road and Station Road is now crumbling away. This will be reported to PCC</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Parking on the pavements in Arthur Street was causing paving slabs to crack, as parking on the pavement was a breach of the law it was agreed that Town Clerk would speak to PCSO regarding this along with other illegal parking in town.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Broad Street was in need of attention between Spar and Philip Humphreys</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Cllr Thomas had received complaints regarding cakes being sold on the pavement outside the old Nat West Bank building in Broad Street. Councillors agreed it was up to individuals to complain to the resident if they were not happy.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Cllr Weston advised that the grit bin had not been placed in Mortimer Road, Brades Meadow as promised last year.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Tanat Valley (Bus Company) and PCC had advised that it was not possible to change the bus stop.</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Signs stating Welcome to Montgomery are looking worn Mr. Bedford has offered to do Crowd Funding to have the five signs refurbished. It is intended to send one sign at a time to manufacturer. Cllr Mills asked if Council were willing to make a contribution towards the cost if needed.</li> </ol>	
<p>AGREED.</p>	
<p><b>MINUTE 185 – TOWN HALL</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Town Hall refurbishments are on track, toilets have been installed and tiles laid.</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Tiles will not be laid in rear entrance as yet, hirers will be informed of this</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Need new sign to show where public toilets are.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Cllr Mills had proposed colour scheme for Town Hall as some councillors were undecided it was agreed to go back to architect to discuss other colours.</li> </ol>	<p>MM</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Councillors and Trust members had considered the Heads of Terms Cllr Kibble asked that the Trust would apply annually for funding and Town Council would use the hall free of charge for any official meetings with advance booking. RESOLVED to accept the terms with alterations.</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Letter by recorded delivery regarding the broken window as an invoice had been sent twice via e mail and ignored.</li> </ol>	<p>TC</p>

<p><b>MINUTE 186 – TOURISM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MWT subscription had been renewed</li> <li>2. Eco Fair would take place in November</li> <li>3. Ms. Gilder had produced a What’s on Leaflet</li> <li>4. Delage visit is planned for May businesses in town have been informed about this visit organized by Delage Club. Cllr Mills is organizing various item for Rolls Royce visit in April.</li> <li>5. It was suggested that Civic Society may have photos of past May Fairs, Cllr Thomas will check on this.</li> <li>6. World Book Night will have two sessions, one being people bringing their favorite books to share. An offer of 80 free books has been made for distribution.</li> <li>7. MWT have suggested Slow TV which is live streaming for St David’s Day. Mr. Wilson a resident in town has offered to film from his house for this event.</li> </ol>	<p>CT</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 187 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Destination Montgomery Officer has been to various markets to encourage traders to Montgomery.</li> <li>2. There will be a Meet the Producers day in October. Taste Montgomery have had a meeting to try to revitalize the group.</li> <li>3. Approval has been given for Brown Signs now awaiting costs of the signs, if new signs can be installed where old signs have been removed it would prove more cost effective.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>MINUTE 188 – GRASS CUTTING</b></p> <p>Greenfingers had written to say they were no longer able to carry out grass cutting services. Town Clerk had provided a Tender Notice for Councillors. It was RESOLVED to add Whitegate Pool to the list and then advertise on Social Media, My Newtown, My Welshpool and Notice Board, with a closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.</p>	
<p><b>MINUTE 189 – WAR MEMORIALS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two local residents had costed 2 rolls of heavy-duty mesh and their labour to be £400, this is to protect the trees at the County Memorial Site from cattle. AGREED</li> <li>2. Lighting at the Memorial at The Pound needs to be replaced as it is water logged. It’s possible to get sealed lighting units’ electrician will be asked to quote for new lights and it was agreed if this is below £1k work can go ahead.</li> </ol>	<p>LW TC</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 190 – PLAYGROUNDS</b></p> <p>A quote had been obtained for re-surfacing where required on both playgrounds. Councillors agreed to put this on hold until after the annual inspection.</p>	
<p><b>MINUTE 191 – LIBRARY INTERNET</b></p>	<p>CW</p>

Cllr Weston posed the question if Library was on Powys Library system surely, they would be linked to the internet, Cllr Weston will check with librarian. Councillors were happy agree for library to link to Council's internet.

**MINUTE 192 – VMRC**

Cllr Kibble advised that the group had put in an application to Awards for All, Cllr Thomas advised that Destination Montgomery had also put in an application and it was unlikely that both groups would be considered.

**MINUTE 193 – SHOW/CARNIVAL INSURANCE**

Town Clerk had checked with two insurance companies regarding group insurance. One group with representatives of various organisations in town would need to be formed with their own constitution, they would then be able to purchase one insurance to cover that constituted group. Destination Montgomery Officer had also looked into this.

**MINUTE 194 – PLACE PLANS**

This item will be an agenda item for March.

**MINUTE 195 – MARKETS**

After considering impending changes to the lower floor of the Town Hall and safety issues Councillors were asked to consider moving market traders tables to leave Fire Exits free, particularly the steps leading to the toilets and upper floor. It was agreed that Town Clerk would measure space in the hall and produce a drawing to show the planned changes.

**MINUTE 196– MONTGOMERY CASTLE**

Following an e mail from Mr. John regarding the Castle and car park, Councillors requested the Town Clerk to write back to Mr. John asking that a pedestrian gate wide enough for disabled access be installed as disabled members of the public could not access the other paths up to the Castle owing to the terrain. Also, would it be possible to have a bench on Castle grounds for people to sit.

Copy of e mail to tenants

**MINUTE 197 - FINANCE**

	<b>PAYMENTS February 2019</b>	
BACS	Lymore Estates – Rent Gaol Road	26.00
	One Voice Wales – Subs	220.00
	Greenfingers -Grass Cutting -Jan	136.80
	Ditto – February	136.80
	G Smith – Expenses	36.90
	Salaries	646.70
	Bowen Consultants – Refurb	960.00
	E On -Electricity	40.15
	G 17 – Hosting Website + various	891.00

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	G17 – Install Encryption device	35.00
	HMRC- Tax	39.80
	Davies Roberts & Bowen – Refurb	39,780.30
D/D	BT – Telephone - Quarter	93.24
	BT – Internet	105.84
	Positive Energy -Electricity	89.80
Chq 25	Kerry Village Hall – VMRC	15.00
	<b>DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</b>	
	Salary	742.66
	S Gilder Exp	307.73
	HMRC – Tax & NI	11.91
	Dr Weston – January	324.15
	Dr Weston - February	286.81
	Sprout UK – Trails Notice Boards	350.00

Resolved to accept the above payments

**MINUTE 198 – COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING**

Tender, Speed watch, Trees, Memorial, Gate for disabled access at Castle, Rubber Tiles, Fencing, Tow Hall, Crowd Funding for Town Signs

**MINUTE 199 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted

**MINUTE 200 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Place Plans – Cllr Thomas  
 Plastic Free – Cllr Weston  
 Defibrillator – ditto  
 Dementia Friendly  
 Operation London Bridge  
 Briefing on budgets  
 Charter 2027 - Tourism