

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 28th March 2019 at 7.15 pm at Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

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, O Lewis.

MINUTE 201– APOLOGIES

MINUTE 202 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Jaunzens – Planning 19/0383/FUL

MINUTE 203 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver thanked all those who had helped with cleaning the Town Hall.

MINUTE 204 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 28th February 2019 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 205 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Weston has received agreed contact details from individual Councillors for the website.
2. Cllr Weston advised there is a bench on the path up to the Castle.

MINUTE 206 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 19/0462/TRE Felling of 1x ash tree in a conservation, School House, School Bank.
2. 19/0356HH – 2 storey extension to existing dwelling, 4 Corndon Drive

Councillors have no objections to the above applications.

Cllr Jaunzens left the meeting

3. 19/0383/FUL Erection of 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments, and demolition of existing retaining wall and reconstruction of wall to include wrought iron pedestrian gate. Church Bank House Church Bank,

1. concern regarding the volume of traffic and parking facilities (there could be potentially four cars to park)

2. that the proposed apartments will be in keeping with surrounding Grade II listed buildings.

3. that if built appropriate brick is used and render is reconsidered, as these are proposed in a conservation area.

4. Sight line of the roof's

Cllr Jaunzens returned to the meeting,
Cllr Thomas joined the meeting

MINUTE 207 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

1. Cllr Hayes apologized for missing previous meeting.
2. Bushes can now be removed from Arthurs Gate but any holes must be filled in, Powys CC had contacted the resident and had advised them that the land in question is registered with Land Registry as Powys CC property.
3. Cllr Hayes advised he is happy to provide support re Brown Signs.
4. It was recommended that County Councillors be reduced from 73 to 68.
5. It has been proposed that Montgomery will be combined with part of Forden and will be known as Forden Montgomery Ward. Representations can be made to Powys CC with regard to this particularly with Montgomery having historical association.
6. Cllr Lewis questioned what was happening to The Brades property, which is gradually becoming more dilapidated. No progress at the moment it could result in court action but this would prove very costly for Powys CC.
7. Green bins will be removed in April 2019 and replaced with roadside collections which will be paid for by householder.

MINUTE 208 – HIGHWAYS

1. Broken street sign Well Street
2. Cllr Weston asked if Town Clerk could contact Water Board for a progress update
3. Cllr Andrew will organize a street sweep in Broad Street.
4. Cllr Weston had received comments on Social Media regarding parking. A note had been found on a vehicle parked on a pavement from a Powys CC Traffic Warden advising they would be carrying out checks in the area. Both Cllr Mills and Thomas had undertaken a survey regarding parking in Montgomery and the general opinion was that residents did not have a problem with parking.
5. Write to request a tree that was moved by BT be put back in place as it is blocking a window.
6. Mr. Bedford a resident will open a crowd funding page for refurbishment of town signs.
7. Cllr Jones felt pavements could be shortened on Arthur Street.

MINUTE 209 – TOWN HALL

1. Town Hall toilets should be painted by the end of March.
2. Cllr Mills has obtained a quote for a new water boiler in the kitchen he will pass this to Town Clerk.
3. Town Clerk had been in touch with police regarding the broken window, awaiting a reply.
4. Lease will hopefully be available early next week.
5. Community Clerk to Clun gave advice regarding digital footprints, as there is no system in place for archiving this information which is important to consider for the future.
6. Coffee Mornings should be publicized they are from 09.00 – 12.00

MINUTE 210 – TOURISM

1. Cllr Kibble advised Mrs. Michaels had attended the last Tourism meeting to share her ideas for 2027, this would be a tapestry or similar designed and made by local groups. Concerns were raised as to where this might be displayed and kept.

2. Cllr Kibble requested that the Tourism group be allowed to adopt terms of reference which included being allowed to spend its allocation of funding without returning to the Full Council, as this caused delays. The terms of reference would need to be ratified by the whole council, and would be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and ratification

MINUTE 211 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. Cllr Mills that trails maps would be reprinted at a cost of £2K
2. E mail had been received from Welsh Government regarding Brown Signs advising that the likely cost would be £19.5 K, this was unacceptable. Cllr Mills will contact Powys CC to ask if there is a more economical way of completing this project.
3. This group will advise residents in Broad Street regarding the Rolls Royce visit later in April.
4. Need to verify domain names this item will be on April agenda.

MINUTE 212 – STANDING ORDERS

A copy of new Standing Orders had been made available to all Councillors to check and agree.
RESOLVED to accept Standing Orders 2018.

MINUTE 213 – VMRC

1. Cllr Kibble advised that VMRC officer's contract would cease on 31st March 2019, he has provided a report on his work for the last twelve months.
2. VMRC will be discussing opening a new bank account at their next meeting.
3. All members of the group had paid £200 each this was to cover Town Clerk's salary and any expenses incurred.

MINUTE 214 – OLD RESERVOIR

An e mail had been received from Powis Estates to advise that the light in Market Square was not working, broken and possible live. Town Clerk replied that this area belonged to Powis Estates and they should contact Powys CC lighting department to advise.
Town Clerk also advised Powys CC Street Lighting regarding this problem and will contact again to enquire if the light will be replaced.

MINUTE 215 - MARKETS

Town Clerk and Destination Montgomery Officer had drawn maps showing where market traders should be situated leaving the steps and fire exits free due to Fire Regulations. Following a discussion Cllr Jones requested that his market stall could be split in two thereby leaving the steps free, this was agreed. New map will show this new arrangement.

MINUTE 216 – PLASTIC FREE

1. Cllr Beaven had attended an event in Newtown and the group had collected an enormous amount of rubbish from Dolerw Park, Jenni had advised there was a lot of community support for this initiative.
2. Welshpool Rotary were organising an all-day event with the same idea.
3. Hirers of the Town Hall are to be encouraged not to use single use plastic and council will encourage plastic free initiatives.

MINUTE 217 – DEFIBRILLATORS

1. Cllr Weston advised that the code for the defibrillator at the Institute was held in the library but this needed to be displayed on the equipment. As this equipment was out of date consideration should be given to replacing.
2. Check for a suitable place at Chirbury Road end of town for equipment, possibly the bus shelter.
3. A maintenance contract needs to be put in place, and Dr Ashton will be contacted for information about the equipment at the Bowls Club, including the maintenance schedule and costs.

MINUTE 218 – PLACE PLANS

Cllr Kibble has some information on this, she will pass this to Councillors.

MINUTE 219 – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Cllr Beaven advised that registration was in progress and discussions were also taking place with other organisations. People who require the service need to be identified. Training had already been completed in two businesses.

MINUTE 220 – OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Following information regarding this, a group of councillors will get together to formulate a plan suitable for Montgomery.

MINUTE 221 – SLCC/OVW

It was agreed that Town Clerk would attend the joint conference in Swansea in May.

MINUTE 222 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS March 2019	
BACS	Ivy House – VMRC	38.50
	L Shearer – VMRC	610.40
	Abermule Community Centre – VRC	102.00
	G Smith – Expenses	112.85
	Salary	646.70
	HMRC – Tax	39.80
	Davies Roberts & Bowen – Refurb	24,390.30
	Safe & Secure – Notice Board	45.00
	Viking – Stationery	116.52
	Gaskells – Waste	3.72
	Gaskeels - Waste	3.36
	Greenfingers – Grass	136.80
	Hafren Dyfrdwy – Water	184.83
	ALCC – Membership Clerk	40.00
	SLCC – Membership Clerk	122.00
D/D	Positive Energy	76.68
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	

	Salary	742.66
	S Gilder Exp	135.40
	HMRC – Tax & NI	11.91
	Dr Weston – March	295.87

Resolved to accept the above payments

MINUTE 223 – COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING

Ward changes, VMRC report, Co-option, Dementia Training, code number for Defibrillator Institute.
Trees on Town Hill

WAW are now independent Group, Wardens are checking footpaths, Medical Practice will have a round table discussion on 20th June 2019. Coffee Morning WAW 6th April.

Regional Meeting for WAW at Town Hall on 13th June 2019.

MINUTE 224 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 225 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Allotments – Cllr Jones

Electric Points – Cllr Andrew

Archiving Electronic

Parking

Domain Names/e mail addresses

News Events

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