

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 25th April 2019 at 7.15 pm at Myrick Training, Hendomen

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

MINUTE 227– APOLOGIES

Cllr Mills – Holiday
Cllr Lewis - Work

MINUTE 228 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr L Weaver– Planning 19/0577

MINUTE 229 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Weaver thanked other Councillors for their support during his time in office.

MINUTE 230 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

MINUTE 231 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Kibble had ordered booklets on Place Plans
2. Cllr Thomas had observed PCC looking at the light at the Old Reservoir.
3. No working light was yet in place. The light is listed as "on all night" in the streetlight plan provided by PCC when requested in Nov 17 which we believe still to be current. County Cllr Hayes would try to follow this up.

MINUTE 232 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Weston asked whether the council would complete the survey for the Planning Officers' Society for Wales. The Clerk confirmed she had already completed this survey and councillors thanked her.

Cllr Weaver left the room

19/0577 19/0577 Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in connection with proposed dwelling approved under outline permission P/2017/1184 Site Address: Land Adjoining Pen Y Ffos, Hendomen, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6HD

Cllr Weston thought the footprint of the house had changed; Cllr Kibble explained which area was involved for planning purposes.

Councillors have no objections to the above application

Cllr Weaver returned to the meeting

19/0464/FUL Proposal: Installation of a ground source heat pump and all associated worksite Address: Court Calmore , Montgomery, SY15 6HQ,

Councillors have no objections to the above application

Cllr Kibble advised that town council can apply to see third party representations if they apply to planning.

NGO's representations should be posted on the Planning Portal

<p>MINUTE 233 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Hayes advised he had not received a response from Nat West regarding a weekly attendance in Montgomery, he suspects the Manager he spoke to may have left. Cllr Hayes will be speaking to Russell George AM regarding this. 2. Green Waste bins have now been removed from Tan y Mur car park and there was some concern there may be fly-tipping. 3. Cllr Jones advised that Tan y Mur had still not had pot holes filled. 4. Cllr Andrew asked if the Give Way sign could be replaced in New Road. 5. Cllr Kibble questioned whether Capital Grants funding would remain and when the Community Engagement fund would start. Cllr Thomas will check with PAVO. 6. Concern was raised about the change of name to Forden Montgomery Ward. Councillors felt that although they could object individually that it would be a good idea to raise issues from the council particularly as Montgomery had been the County Town and its historical connections. 7. Councillors requested that the ward changes information be put onto the facebook page to increase public awareness of the changes and opportunity to comment 8. Cllr Hayes was attempting to make progress re brown signs with Powys Regen. 9. Cllr Jaunzens reported some fly tipping of green waste following removal of green bins from bring sites. Cllr Hayes had not seen evidence of fly tipping of garden waste. 	<p>CT</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 234 – HIGHWAYS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work is needed on pot holes between Stalloe and Salt Bridge, New Road and Verlon Close 2. Cllr Weston enquired if we had received any response from the Water Board re laying new pipes. Town Clerk advised she had spoken to their representative and had been advised work was due to start in Autumn 2019. 3. The pole for the proposed 10-inch tablet sized device (Bus Stop) which would only cater for T12 bus, had now been removed. Powys County Council in conjunction with Street Lighting had erected the pole without discussion advising that there was no other suitable place. Unfortunately, this had caused damage to the brickwork and lower wall of the Town Hall. Cllr Thomas advised this is a result of poor communication and a model example of how things should not be done and PCC will receive town council's written comments on this, together with an invitation to improve communication, and see if a solution to the bus signage can be found, and agreement made as to the repair to the damage caused by the work already done A resident in town had supplied photographs of the work and advised on certain aspects of legality. 4. Cllr Jones advised a bush on the corner of Maldwyn Way had still not been cut, Cllr Weaver will check this. 	<p>TC</p> <p>LW</p>

<p>MINUTE 235 – TOWN HALL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Thomas advised that the building work was still on target, although there was still some snagging work to be done on the toilets. Work is due to finish by 28th June 2019 2. A re- launch party was to be organized for Friday 29th June local people will be invited to see the changes made, with councilors on hand to explain the changes, together with entertainment from an open mike night, using local talent. 3. Town Council were requested to nominate a representative for MCBPT, this was deferred until May’s meeting. 4. MCBPT had viewed the lease and they and Councillors were very unhappy with how the lease had been drawn up, to the point where changing Solicitors was mentioned and the consequences of this will be checked. If Town Clerk has to re-visit the Solicitor Cllr Jaunzens suggested a member of the council should accompany her to confirm what is agreed. MCBPT have offered to consider to take over the Town Hall without a lease in July with a Licence to Occupy form in the interim. Councillors agreed that it would be sensible idea. 5. Cllr Jones asked if the Trust was planning any fundraising events. No events are planned at present, but applications will be made for grants schemes for equipment. 6. Hafren Services will clean lower floor and toilets ready for the wedding on 27th April. 7. Town Clerk advised that documents such as leases, deeds and financial should be kept safe and secure and asked for assurances from the council, as the Town Clerk would no longer have an office for paper work filing etc., when the MCBPT took over the Town Hall. Town Clerk’s office had already been lost during the transformation of the Institute a couple of years ago. Cllr Beaven will enquire about storage. 	<p>TC</p> <p>WB</p>
<p>MINUTE 236 – TOURISM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Kibble felt it would be a good idea for all minutes to be provided for the council meeting as suggested earlier in the evening. 2. What’s on leaflets are being distributed. 3. Walkers are Welcome will fund any future walking trail leaflets. 4. Sarah Gilder and Cllr Kibble are putting together a leaflet distribution list. 5. It was Resolved to accept Terms of Reference for this committee with the amendment that the Chair of the committee would be appointed annually by the council each May and minutes of meetings will be made available to all councillors prior to the council meeting. 6. also suggested to ask other small councils in cluster what they do re such storage and JK said she would ask this at the VMRC meeting 	
<p>MINUTE 237 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Kibble mentioned that STEAM data should be available from Visit Wales to give information on bed occupancy. Data could be useful for Arwain. 1. Ms Gilder has completed an application for Calor Gas funding. 	<p>TC</p>

<p>MINUTE 238 – NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR</p> <p>Nominations had been received and seconded for Cllr Haydn Andrew to be Mayor for 2019-2020. Cllr Andrew has accepted the post. Cllr Kibble has been nominated and seconded for Deputy Mayor 2019-2020 and accepted the post.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 239 – MONTGOMERY CASTLE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following several e mails regarding the car park opening times and a pedestrian gate it was agreed to contact Cadw and Powis Estates to invite them to a meeting to discuss the various issues. 	<p>CW TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 240 - MARKETS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A drawing showing the set up for the market following the refurbishment was agreed. 2. Market Traders will be outside from 10th May – 27th June. Two gazebos are available and one trader will bring his own gazebo. Cllr Jones has requested Town Council to purchase a gazebo for his use which he will pay for up to £120. 	
<p>MINUTE 241 – ALLOTMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Jones advised that some of the allotments in Tan y Mur and Church Bank were not being kept in a suitable condition. The garden Club are going to visit Shrewsbury allotments and allotment holders would be welcome to go on the trip. 	
<p>MINUTE 242 – DEFIBRILLATORS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Weston will ask library for the code for defibrillator at the Institute and write it on the equipment. 2. Town Clerk will write to Mrs Corfield prior to writing to Keith Foster who has dealt with the above defibrillator in the past. 3. It was suggested that The Cottage or Chirbury Gate bus shelter may be suitable places for a Defibrillator depending if an electricity supply would be required. 4. More research is needed for updated equipment at the Institute and maintenance. 	
<p>MINUTE 243 – DOMAIN NAME AND E MAIL ADDRESSES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Weston advised that the council were happy for the library, crier newsletter, town crier and news-events email addresses to use the council's domain name – these addresses had been created. Minutes now reflect this decision. 2. The query re the news-events one was whether the recipients of the auto-forwarding had to be restricted to councillors and council employees or whether it could go through to other selected members of the community news team, on the understanding that these were carefully chosen and briefed. Agreed. 3. Councillors discussed the use of Welsh on the website and agreed that some dialogue should be in Welsh particularly on the front page, Cllr Thomas advised that Welsh should always be listed first and English second, and that she would translate any existing 'welcome' text for inclusion on the town website. 	

MINUTE 244 – ELECTRIC CAR POINTS

Mr Thorp who is a member of MEG had been invited to the meeting and advised that **Open Newtown Consortium** had put in a project bid to Arwain Funding for **Montgomeryshire**. This would be to promote use of electric vehicles by installing charging points in various locations. A working group is being co-ordinated in Newtown and there are volunteers from the Car Club involved. Mr Thorp also advised that Powys CC would also be installing charging points eventually, he will keep this town council informed of any new developments.

MINUTE 245 – PARKING

Clr Weston provided a summary of suggestions from members of the public and forwarded the full transcript of social media comments to councillors. Cllr Weaver had noted his thoughts on each suggestion and circulated these to councillors. Cllr Jones additionally suggested removing pavement on the LHS of Arthur Street.

MIMUTE 246 – ELECTRONIC ARCHIVING

This will be carried forward due to time.

MINUTE 247 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS April 2019	
BACS	Mytown Media – Advert	40.00
	Salary	747.21
	G Smith – Expenses	92.90
	HMRC – Tax & NI	65.80
	Hafren Dyfrdwy – Water Toilets	52.82
	Churches Fire – Maintenance	392.58
	Davies Roberts Bowen – Refurb	26,097.65
Chq 27	E Edwards – Wire Town Memorial	415.20
29	L Williams – plugs for kitchen sink	33.50
30	S Gilder – What’s on leaflets	99.32
D/D	Positive Energy	125.08
	BT – Internet	105.84
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
	Salary	744.70
	S Gilder Exp	219.55
	HMRC – Tax & NI	7.53

Resolved to accept the above invoices for payment.

MINUTE 248 – COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING

VMRC, May Fair, Defibrillator, Town Hall progress, Mayor Making, **Calor voting new PCC wards and comments**
Walkers are Welcome regional meeting (13th June)

MINUTE 249 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 250 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Parking
Archiving
Other Meetings
Uploading Policies review
Dog Bags
Date for Plaque unveiling.
Licence Agreement TH