

Minutes of the Tourism Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 1.30 pm in the Library Arthur Street, Montgomery

Present Cllr's L Weaver, J Kibble, H Andrew, C Weston

**MINUTE 63-T/18 – APOLOGIES**

No apologies

**MINUTE 64-T/18 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations

**MINUTE 65 -T/18 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 approved and signed by the Chairman.

**MINUTE 66-T/18 – MATTERS ARISING**

1. Cllr Kibble reported that she had no further news regarding the tree at The Pound.
2. Destination Montgomery agreed that the steering group should meet with Tourism Committee on conclusion of Arwain.
3. MEG have agreed to maintain Whitegate Pool three times per annum, other volunteers will continue to help with the pool regularly.

**MINUTE 67 -T/18 – ECO FAIR**

DELAKE VISIT – Cllr Kibble thanked Mr Wilson for attending the meeting.

Mr Wilson advised that French cars and drivers will stay for the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and they are interested in visiting the town. Various groups will help with this. It was suggested to Mr Wilson that he may wish to advise Civic Society as they could possibly help with the visit.

ECO FAIR – Mr Wilson advised that the time up to Christmas was a busy period with often inclement weather conditions. MEG would like to erect a gazebo on the path by Recycling Centre for 1 week possibly for 1 hour in the evening. The idea was to educate children regarding the carbon footprint etc. Mr Wilson advised it was possible with the water wheel to charge car batteries and use them for other events in town, example lighting the Castle area with fairy lights, lights for the town at Christmas. Batteries once charged should last for two weeks.

**MINUTE 68 -T/18 – TOURIST INFORMATION AREA**

1. Cllr Weston had attended a meeting of MWT who are promoting a slow tv project. They are planning to live stream on St David's Day 1<sup>st</sup> March, Mr Wilson offered to live stream the view from his home, Cllr Weston will find out how to get the - hash tag – this project will be promoted through social media.
2. Information Pack has been updated with photos and revised information.
3. Mr Williams is helping with the TI sign for the library.

**MINUTE -69-T/18 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY**

Cllr Kibble welcomed Sarah Gilder DM Officer to the meeting.

1. Ms Gilder was making progress with Charter Market.
2. Taste Montgomery was being revitalised and an event for Meet the Producers was planned for October 2019.

3. Ms Gilder was trying to gain funding for reprinting trails leaflets.
4. If events were held which involved parking on the grass it was possible fire extinguishers should be available.
5. Various aspects of What's On leaflet were discussed.

**MINUTE 70-T/18 – BISHOPS CASTLE**

A slot on the back of Big Map would cost £50 for 100 characters, Cllr Kibble will look into this

**MINUTE 71-T/18 – EVENTS**

1. Montgomery Show, Show Presidents had requested Open Gardens and this will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June.
2. Rolls Royce Club are expected to arrive in Montgomery at 11.15 am, Cllr. Mills will ask residents in Broad Street if they could move their cars for this event to allow parking for the vintage cars. Although the club provide some of their own stewards, other stewards from town will be needed. Rolls Royce Club will need to advise Police.
3. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April there will be small venues pop up for poetry reading and various people will be asked to read an excerpt for Why I Like This Book.

**MINUTE 72-T/18 – INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

1. Cllr Kibble suggested a possible Gilbert & Sullivan evening to celebrate re-opening the Town Hall.
2. County Times will be attending town to take photographs organised by Friends of School.
3. MWT suggested we would review text to tie in with new website, joint promotion suggested.

**MINUTE 73-T/18 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Show me Wales Site.

Next Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 7.30 pm