

Minutes of Montgomery Town Council meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7.15 pm in Montgomery Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

Present: Cllr H Andrew (Chairman) J Kibble (Deputy Chairman)
Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, L Weaver, C Thomas, W Beaven,

Alex & Katie had been invited to the meeting to discuss their interest in forming a constituted group to upgrade the play parks in town. They had been in discussions with Cllr Thomas who had advised them on how to set up this group and apply for grants. They are planning to update Tan y Mur playground using eco-friendly equipment that will cater for younger and older children. Their idea is to use part of the playing field by the car park still leaving room for a junior football pitch. It was agreed they will speak to other interested parents and explore the possibilities. The council agreed in principle to look positively at such a proposal in the future

MINUTE 123 – APOLOGIES

Cllr O Lewis

MINUTE 124 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cerys Thomas -Town Hall Lease – Chair of MCBPT

MINUTE 125 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

An e mail had been received from Denice Jaunzens advising she was resigning as a Councillor. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Cllr Andrew reminded members about the Seniors party and asked for help to set up tables and donations towards the event.

MINUTE 126 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 24th October 2019 and 13th November 2019 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 127 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Weston advised Grit Box had still not been placed in Mortimer Road
2. Cllr Weston had sent out information about gritting particularly on Church & School Bank. She is hoping to make a list of residents who will help to co-ordinate gritting in this area during the icy weather.

MINUTE 128 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/1688/LBC – Listed building consent demolition of Old Lodge workshops

No objections

19/1687/FUL-Demolition of Workshop and erection of dwelling Gaol Road.

Councillors have concerns regarding access onto Gaol Road and getting construction vehicles in and out, they also have concerns regarding the Town Wall and cramped nature of site.

19/1896/TPO – Old Castle Farm Llandyssil

No objections

19/1806/HH-Single storey side extension Mortimer Road

No objections

TC

MINUTE 129 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

Cllr Hayes was not able to attend the meeting but had sent a report via e mail on the afternoon of this meeting, which had not been circulated to members.

MINUTE 130 – HIGHWAYS

1. Severn Trent ill be contacted regarding the proposed work in Princes Street and Pool Road.
2. Cllr's Andrew and Thomas had spoken with the garage regarding parked vehicles, this problem is also caused by residents parking in this area at weekends, complaints have again been received from residents who have difficulty gaining access to the pavement. It was agreed to write to all residents with property opposite the garage.
3. Recently there have been a number of varying signs appearing on Broad Street and Dyfed Powys Police and Powys CC Highways have been involved in discussions with business owners. Complaints have been received from and on behalf of disabled and visually impaired members of the public. It was agreed that prior to encouraging Powys CC to proceed with enforcement action, that the council should engage informally with the business owner to see if an amicable solution could be found. Cllr Mills and Thomas agreed to do this and the clerk would write to the business inviting them to such a meeting following approval of the said letter.
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5. Cllr Weston advised there had been a number of upsetting altercations at school with car drivers blocking emergency access to school. Cllr Weston was advised to contact Police regarding this.
6. It was agreed to write to all business owners reminding them that signs should not be placed on the pavement or roadway and the need for consideration to all users.

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MINUTE 131 – TOWN HALL

1. A copy of the renewed lease had been provided to all Councillors.
2. Cllr Kibble suggested that the funds provided to the MCBPT be reviewed annually after the first five years.
3. Subletting would not be agreed without landlord consent.
4. Resolved to accept the lease with the above alterations. Cllr Weston abstained.
5. Cllr Thomas advised the Town Hall kitchen was in need of a good clean.
6. Cllr Weston has arranged for a piano tuner to look at the piano on 4th December 2019. He will tune the piano at a cost of £65 and also give a report on any further items that need attention and costs involved. AGREED
7. Market traders complained as Harry Ray had left some items in the Town Hall following their auction. These were removed later in the day.

MINUTE 132 – TOURISM

1. Cllr Kibble advised invitations for the unveiling of the Plaque should go out early in the New Year and asked councillors to add names of people to the list.
2. Cllr Kibble will ask for a further £500 to be considered at the precept meeting for the unveiling of the Plaque event to cover expenses.

MINUTE 133 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. Development Officer still promoting market on the first Thursday in the month.
2. There are three more sessions booked for Hula

3. A Christmas market has been planned.
4. Destination Montgomery has been extended to August 2020.

MINUTE 134 – ALLOTMENTS

One of the allotment holders was experiencing flooding on parts of her allotment, she had spoken with Hafren Dyfrdwy/Severn Trent who had attended and advised they had fixed the leak which they thought was in Tan y Mur and this should solve the problem. The allotment holder advises the problem is getting worse.

MINUTE 135 – OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Councillors advised there was a general awareness of Cllr Lewis report.

MINUTE 136 -VE DAY

It was suggested that there is a bonfire on town hill. No decision.

MINUTE 137 – CLOS TAN Y MUR FUND

Cllr Weston advised that Cllr Kibble was not on the list of trustees. Documents need to be checked prior to the next meeting which will follow the January council meeting.

MINUTE 138 – FINANCE

BACS	Leander Architectural	900.00
	HMRC – Tax	36.00
	G Smith – Exp	166.59
	Hafren Cleaning	819.00
	E-on – Electric	381.28
	G17 – PC Support	107.00
	Gaskells -Waste	127.87
	Salary	673.00
	Tree Active – Whitegate Pool	510.00
	M Bufton – Boiler Town Hall	307.80
	Tfr to Walkers are Welcome	67.37
	Wreaths – Remembrance	34.00
	Andrew Evans – Grass Cutting	1500.00
	Ditto	1500.00
D/D	Positive Energy	90.82
	Destination Montgomery	
BACS	Consultancy -October 19	74.58
	Expenses – October	128.81
	Nula Hula	300.00
	Dragon Hotel – Buffet	350.00
	Shed 38 – Buffet	350.00
	Salary – October	1257.71
	Expenses – November	125.20
	HMRC – NI October	157.94
	Consultancy November 19	224.46
	HMRC – NI November	7.53
	Salary – November	744.70

RESOLVED to accept the above invoices for payment.

All councillors had been provided with the proposed Precept and advised that it did not include costs for any work suggested in the condition survey.
Quotes will be obtained to update the boiler room and this will also be part of the Precept. This will be discussed in full at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 pm. Precept and Planning only

MINUTE 139 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 140 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

1. Cllr Kibble advised that school had planted 100 trees on school grounds.
2. Patient Association would put surgery closure dates on the Notice Board.
3. A response regarding NDF had been sent
4. Check Montgomery defibrillators were listed on Welsh Ambulance site.
5. J Kibble and W Beaven as school governors will attend a conference on Vision for Schools.
6. Cllr Kibble asked if a reminder for renewal of bus passes could go on social media

MINUTE 141 - COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING

MINUTE 142 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Policies – Cllr Weston
Publication Scheme
VE Day
Whitegate (Finance)
WAG More Equal Wales
Walkers are Welcome
Allotments