Minutes of the ZOOM meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 23rd April 2020 at 7.15 pm.	Action
MINUTE 211 - Apologies - Cllr D Jones - unable to join via Zoom	
MINUTE 212 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
None	
MINUTE 213 - STANDING ORDERS	
Proposal to agree amendments to Standing Orders for Covid 19 as per Welsh Assembly Government guidelines. Proposed Cllr Kibble Seconded Cllr Stephenson	
MINUTE 214 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Cllr Andrew thanked all Neighbourhood Angels for their help along with all other essential workers during this time.	
MINUTE 215 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
Minutes were agreed by members Chairman unable to sign the minutes at this time.	
MINUTE 216 - PLANNING	
No plans this month	
MINUTE 217 - REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR	
Apologies from Cllr Stephen Hayes reported - All relevant updates are available via the front page of the PCC website, and there are no other matters which fall into the category of 'urgent matters.	
MINUTE 218 - HIGHWAYS	
Cllr Lewis observed that a Give Way sign in Kerry Road needed attention as it was not currently visible. Following a short discussion Cllr Lewis advised he would attend to this. Cllr Kibble asked if Power CC were doing any work on roads, not	OL
 Cllr Kibble asked if Powys CC were doing any work on roads, potholes etc. It was agreed TC would contact Cllr Hayes to enquire. BT had still not replaced the manhole cover in Station Road, TC will 	TC
contact again.	TC

MINUTE 219 – BLUE BADGE PARKING BAY

Correspondence had been received from a resident in town requesting that council consider supporting an application for a disabled parking space in Church Bank. Several points were raised and discussed regarding this issue. It was agreed this would not be suitable for a dedicated disabled parking space for personal use.

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MINUTE 220 – FINANCE

BACS	Montgomery Crier	250.00
<i>D1100</i>	Gaskells Waste	127.87
	Craven Designs-invitations plaque	48.60
	Craven Designs- Covid19	64.50
	Ditto Leaflets	56.00
	Dragon Hotel – Playground	10.00
	Meeting	10.00
	Harrisons Solicitor	2107.20
	R Bunner	7.99
	Mr Pym the Plumber - Boiler	1620.26
	Salary	669.40
	G Smith – Expenses	35.99
	Positive Energy	95.77
	HMRC	39.60
Precept	Crier	250.00
Donation S137	Montgomery Angels	100.00
D/D	ICO	35.00
	Destination Montgomery	
	Montgomery Crier	100.00
	Craven Design – Market Bags	72.90
	Salary	748.20

- 1. Unfortunately, invitations for the unveiling of the Bards of Wales Plaque had been ordered prior to the Covid pandemic lockdown.
- 2. Leaflets to advertise the Neighbourhood Angels scheme had been ordered due to the time scale involved during this unprecedented situation, Town Clerk had authorized the payment in lieu of the meeting within Financial Regulations.
- 3. Councillors suggested applying to the Welfare Fund requesting a donation to cover cost of the leaflets.

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Resolved to accept invoices for payment.

MINUTE 221 – GOOGLE

A suggestion from Cllr Stephenson for Town Council to use Google Docs. He advised this could be used for archiving, filling in monthly Rota's and editing documents. This would be controlled by the Clerk.

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Town Clerk asked councillors if there would be a cost implication to this and was advised the service was free. Following discussion by councillors who used this service frequently, for TCvarious groups they belonged to, it was: -RESOLVED that an account be set up using montgomery-wales.uk e mail address. **MINUTE 222 – TOWN HALL** E mail received from a hirer requesting council to review the cost of hire for their function. Councillors agreed giving reductions for one group could set a TC precedent. Hirer will be given the opportunity to affiliate if required. **MINUTE 223 – GRASS CUTTING** Council had agreed not to issue a formal tender for grass cutting at this time but to consider each month which areas of grass needed to be cut and then contact the contractor from 2019/2020 to carry out this work. Proposal from Cllr Mills to start grass cutting immediately and carry on as per 2019/2020. Cllr Thomas wished to amend that proposal. Proposed to reduce the number of cuts by one third to reduce the costs. Seconded by Cllr Weston. Councillors Resolved to accept the amended proposal. Town Clerk will contact contractor to request new costings for this proposal and has been given permission to agree up to £2,500.00. TC**MINUTE 224 – CORRESPNDENCE** May Fair has been cancelled Cllr Weaver will have completed work at Whitegate Pool by next week. Cllr Kibble advised there were some buses running. Public Information is included in the Crier. Coffee mornings 2020 cancelled due to Covid 19, will either be refunded or dates arranged for 2021. MINUTE 225 - NON - URGENT ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA Playgrounds Consider re-instating a Planning Committee

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