

Minutes of the meeting for Montgomery Tourism Committee held on 9th October 2019 at the Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

Present: Cllr's J Kibble, L Weaver, H Andrew, C Weston, DM Officer Sarah Gilder

MINUTE 33 – T/19 APOLOGIES

No apologies

MINUTE 34 – T/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTE 35 – T/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of 11th September 2019 signed by the Chairman

MINUTE 36 – T/19 MATTERS ARISING

1. Trees at Whitegate Pool will be trimmed/lopped on 23rd October 2019
2. Cllr Lewis is pursuing dates from the Orchestra
3. No Civic Society talk on 29th October.

MINUTE 37 – T/19 TOURIST INFORMATION AREA

1. Tubs have now been replanted with pansies

MINUTE 38 – T/19 DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

1. There is a large number of pencils and toppers left. DM Officer will obtain cost for rubbers with Dragon motif.
2. Meet the producer had been successful with attendees throughout Wales. This event was open to Mid Wales Tourism members only and Wales based. Good feedback on Town Hall as a venue. There were a number of local producers available.
3. Valuation Day is 24th October on upper floor of the Town Hall.
4. Taste Montgomery event in November and December markets
5. Printed publicity is required as well as social media.
6. Piano may be past its best a decision should be made whether to pay for renovation or buy an electric piano.
7. Possible option for Christmas music on 5th December at the Thursday market.

MINUTE 39 – T/19 TWINNING

1. An e mail approach with towns of the name Montgomery, Cllr Kibble will draft an e mail for Chairman to sign. News team may be interested.

MINUTE 40 – T/19 EVENTS

1. Charter 2027 – Possible exhibition in Gallery at a cost of £30 per week possible in March 2020, maybe an idea board for residents to make comments. Advertise in Crier in the New Year.

2. It was suggested to form a group from the community to carry this forward and gather ideas. Cllr Weston will speak to the Secretary of the Civic Society regarding a joint involvement.
3. It was agreed to create a list of dignitaries who should be invited to the unveiling of the Bard of Wales plaque.
4. Cllr Kibble advised the cost of the Bardic Harpist would be £250 and suggested a cheese and wine reception at the Town Hall.
5. Cllr Kibble will speak with Mr Fairbrother.
6. Literary Festival is well on the way.
7. There will be a Book Night in April and there will be a tasting session in Bunnars.
8. It was suggested that Poetry Day was re-visited and that children would be involved from schools throughout the Vale of Montgomery.

MINUTE 41 T/19 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

1. Updated statistics from the website will be obtained.
2. MNPDN meeting in Newtown was very poorly attended
3. There are a number of walking trails open and there has been an increase with people walking in many areas.
4. Members agreed that circular walks maybe more popular.
5. Cllr Kibble advised that some footpaths were still not accessible
6. Cllr Weston had attended Dementia Friendly training

MINUTE 42 T/19 REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

None

Next meetings 13th November.