

Minutes of the Meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.15 pm in Montgomery Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

Present: Cllr L Weaver (Town Mayor) Cllr H Andrew (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, J Kibble, C Weston, W Beavan, D Jaunzens.

MINUTE 177 – APOLOGIES

Cllr C Thomas – Work commitment

MINUTE 178 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr W Beavan – Treasurer of Montgomery Crier

MINUTE 179 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cllr Weaver extended congratulations to Mr & Mrs Michaels who are receiving a Community Award from the High Sheriff.
Montgomery Music and Drama Group donated £150 towards the next Senior Citizens Christmas Meal.

MINUTE 180 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting on 22nd February 2018 which were signed by the Chairman following amendments.

MINUTE 181 – MATTERS ARISING

- 1) Cllr Jaunzens advised that the Nat West representative connected to Montgomery had been made redundant
- 2) Cllr Weston advised that there were three new trustees on MCBPT, they will re-visit the number of trustees again in June at the Annual Meeting
- 3) Following Mr. Tills attendance at the last meeting Town Clerk had requested data from PCC this would incur a cost of £68 + VAT, Mr. Till will be notified.

MINUTE 182 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- P2018/0269 Replacement boiler room, shower room and conservatory Heale Hall School Bank
- P2018/0268 Demolition of above.

Councillors are concerned regarding the amount of traffic on this small road during school times and have suggested a traffic management plan would be helpful.

MINUTE 183 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

- 1) Cllr Hayes informed that he had attended a site meeting to consider changes to the path at the side of the Activity Centre this will now have a dropped bollard to replace the existing chain.
- 2) Resurfacing had been postponed until April due to weather conditions
- 3) Highway from Kerry to Newtown will be closed for approximately two weeks from 16th April to allow essential work connected to the Newtown by- pass.
- 4) WAG have a number of consultations at present on their website.
- 5) Powys CC have future plans to reduce County Councillors.

- 6) There will be a litter pick on 21st April in Montgomery.
- 7) Cllr Jaunzens asked if there would be an impact losing Montgomeryshire Committee – Cllr Hayes considered there would not be an impact.

MINUTE 184 – HIGHWAYS

- 1) Pot Holes have been reported to Powys CC on a number of occasions
- 2) There was a burst pipe in Tan y Mur some 6-8 weeks ago road has not been repaired to a good standard.
- 3) Letter to resident re hedge on Arthur Street and Princes Street needing attention
- 4) Cllr Weston requested that council support the schools application for a Grit Bin on School Bank and also to ensure that a gritting vehicle will grit School Bank. Councillors support this request.
- 5) Grit bin required for Brades Meadow Estate.
- 6) Town Clerk had sent photos of damage to road by Castle Car Park provided by resident to Powys CC.
- 7) Resident of Rock House had sent an e mail to Powys CC re Conduit as the constant flow of water was damaging the property, during the inclement weather this area had also become very dangerous when walking.

MINUTE 185 – TOWN HALL

- 1) WAG have now sent approval letter for the loan but this will not be applied for until later in 2018.
- 2) Financial forecast provided by Cllr Mills shows that the Town Hall is viable if a charitable organization is willing to consider this.
- 3) Cllr Andrew has joined the Town Hall Committee.
- 4) Cllr Jaunzens asked if the committee had discussed a post- handover contract, Cllr Mills advised this has not been discussed as yet.
- 5) Cllr Mills advised that the application for lottery funding had passed the first phase he and Cllr Thomas would now be collating information for the second phase of the application. Various evidence will be needed and they will be approaching specific organizations for support. Cllr Weston thanked Cllr Mills and Cllr Thomas for their hard work completing the application.
- 6) Cllr Weston asked for a review of hire charges for the Town Hall and to consider corporate charges.
- 7) It was suggested that refurbishment should be publicized as a lot of people are not aware of the council's intention to do this.
- 8) Town Clerk has requested re-painting of white lines at the rear of the Town Hall as motorists are parking on the through road.
- 9) Cllr Kibble is looking at grants for hearing lop, stage lighting and audio for the Town Hall.
- 10) Cllr Andrew advised that small children were playing the piano on the upper floor during a coffee morning. Check if upper floor can be locked when not in use.

MINUTE 186 – TOURISM

- 1) Events list has been amended by Mr. Williams
 - 2) Trails launch 5th May
 - 3) A meeting is required with PCC to discuss moving bins at Recycling Site
- Cllr D Jones left the meeting

MINUTE 187 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY

- 1) Cllr Mills advised that trail leaflets would be ordered shortly which will include a quiz. A Welsh version will be available on line. Cost for printing approximately £3,230.

MINUTE 188 – SITING OF PLAQUE FROM BARDS OF WALES PROJECT

Town Clerk had written to Cadw and had included a photograph of the plaque. They had replied and advised that their officer would be visiting the castle shortly and would look for a suitable place for the plaque to be situated.

MINUTE 189 – CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Cllr Weaver and the Town Clerk had met with Matthew Morris at the car park Maldwyn Way to discuss where this charging point could be situated. Mr Morris advised he would look at maps to see where electricity cables ran, he will then provide a cost.

MINUTE 190 – PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Following a discussion Town Clerk was asked to pass this e mail to Destination Montgomery Officer.

MINUTE 191 – CLUSTER FOOTPATH PROJECT

1. Cllr Kibble advised that Montgomery and Llandyssil in particular had benefited from this project with four walks being in good condition. There will be other trails shortly.
2. Other Cluster members are also having leaflets printed.
3. Volunteers awaiting training with Powys CC after which, they will be keeping these paths clear.
4. A footpath steering group will be set up and meet 2/3 times pa.
5. A small number from the Cluster will be meeting in April to discuss an application to WAG.

MINUTE 192 – FIVE YEAR PLAN

Following a discussion, it was agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss the future. Cllr Kibble had spoken with Regeneration re- funding.

MINUTE 193 – MONTGOMERY CRIER

Cllr Beavan had submitted a request for council to consider a grant towards funding the town magazine. The Crier is delivered to every household in town and is a very useful publication. This will be considered when discussing Precept for 2019/2020. It was suggested that PAVO could be helpful re- funding for the Crier.

MINUTE 194 – RECREATION SERVICES

- 1) A letter received from Powys CC offering Playground Inspections for 2018, at a cost of £72 per playground including VAT. Resolved to use Powys CC services for the inspection.
- 2) Matting at Gaol Road playground needs attention by the slide and see-saw. Quotes will be obtained for both playgrounds.

MINUTE 195 – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 1) Cllr Thomas advised that the guidelines for use of the Town Hall kitchen had been found and did not need to be renewed, but they do need to be displayed in a prominent position.
- 2) Cllr Weston suggested a guidance for hirers who were using the kitchen, particularly when hirers provided their own food stuffs for sale/consumption.
Cllr Jaunzens will look into this and will ask Environmental Health if they have any guidance papers.

MINUTE 196 – WOODLAND PACK

An e mail had been received via Mr. Cadwallader from a lady named Fran asking if she could have use of the Playing Field in Maldwyn Way for a taster session in April which would include play and a scavenger hunt for children. Councillors are in agreement for this to ahead. Town Clerk will advise her to contact Football Club re use of the toilets.

MINUTE 197 - FINANCE

	PAYMENTS March 2018	
D/D	Nest Pensions	11.88
	British Telecom	12.92
BACS	Salaries	1269.32
	HMRC – Tax	206.09
	G Smith Expenses	146.44
	Gaskells – Waste	89.16
	One Voice Wales - Membership	210.00
	SLCC – Town Clerk	115.00
	ALCC – Town Clerk	30.00
	Howells Fuels- Oil	733.19
	DESTINATION MONTGOMERY	
BACS	Staff Salary	915.48
	Expenses	165.75

Resolved to accept the above payments

MINUTE 198 – ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO COUNCILLORS

Town Clerk advised Councillors that if they did not wish to receive remuneration of £150 they would need put this in writing to the Clerk. If they did wish to receive this payment it would be paid half yearly in arrears (September and March).

It was agreed that Town Clerk would provide a pro forma document for Councillors to complete and return.

MINUTE 199 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 200 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- Cllr Kibble had attended a meeting of the Montgomery Medical Practice and Dr. Currin had advised that the practice is fully staffed and following a recent inspection by Health in Wales the practice had been marked excellent. Following this the practice will be having students to study with them from time to time.
- A text reminder service will also be available shortly.
- Following the impending loss of Shropdoc the practice is looking at setting up a similar system.

MINUTE 201 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Invite MEG to next meeting

Updates on March agenda

Environmental Health

Evaluation of Contractors

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