

Minutes of Montgomery Town Council meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at 7.15 pm in Montgomery Town Hall, Broad Street, Montgomery.

Present: Cllr H Andrew (Town Mayor) Cllr J Kibble (Deputy Town Mayor)

Councillors: M Mills, D Jones, L Weaver, Cerys Thomas, W Beaven, D Jaunzens,

MINUTE 78 – APOLOGIES

Cllr O Lewis – Work Commitments.

MINUTE 79 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Thomas – Old Reservoir (item 8)

Cllr Thomas – Chairman MCBPT (item 10)

MINUTE 80 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Andrew reminded Councillors meetings should finish by 22.00 as per Standing Orders. Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 10th November 2019 Parade will commence at 09.45.

Cllr Andrew advised he will be attending High Sheriffs Dinner on 4th October 2019.

A meeting to discuss finance and budget will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2019 in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm

Cllr Andrew reminded Councillors again that meetings should finish by 22.00 hours

MINUTE 81 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved to approve the minutes of 27th July 2019 and 13th August 2019 which were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 82 – MATTERS ARISING

1. Cllr Beaven had tried to arrange Dementia Friendly training for Councillors and Mr. Fairbrother had offered to undertake training prior to the council meeting, as this was unsuitable due to a busy agenda Cllr Beaven would arrange with Hafren Group to attend on a Tuesday or Thursday. Cllr Weaver advised that Cloverlands Museum were having a training session on 4th October if anyone wished to attend.
2. Cllr Weston requested that although she had not attended the meeting minutes of the 13th August could reflect which items had been purchased.
3. Cllr Weston advised that the up to date figure for Crowd Funding for town signs was now £1756.

MINUTE 83 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SPG – Council wish to comment on how thorough the details were on this document and thank the team for their early engagement with the council.

MINUTE 84 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1. Cllr Hayes advised he had made his own response to SPG consultation.
2. A Highways Officer will meet with Cllr Hayes to go through the list of items requiring attention.
3. Cllr Hayes informed that signage was very busy around the area by The Pound and Chirbury Road.

4. Cllr Hayes advised the High Sheriff was open to invitations for events in Montgomery.
5. The portfolio holder who was in charge of the Brades has now left the cabinet and they are awaiting a new portfolio holder.
6. A parked car reported on Chirbury Road has now been removed.
7. A resident in Lymore View had contacted Cllr Hayes regarding a hedge that had been allowed to grow very high, the owner of the hedge lived in Hendomen Drive No decision made.
8. Staffing levels had affected the collection of textiles at Recycling Site this has now been rectified.

MINUTE 85 – HIGHWAYS

1. Hedge on Castle Street still in need of attention.
2. Cllr Weston asked if council would contribute towards the shortfall for town signs of approximately £119. It was agreed to contact Mr. Bedford and confirm the amount required and make payment accordingly.
3. Damage had occurred again at the junction of Station Road and Pool Road.
4. Water on the Conduit Road was causing damage to the road it is understood a drain is blocked on Town Hill Road.
5. A further drain is blocked causing flooding on New Road, Pool Road junction.

MINUTE 86 – OLD RESERVOIR

Cllr Lewis had sent an e mail advising that he was now in the process of purchasing the land at the Old Reservoir and intended to restore the lamp and wall at his own expense.

MINUTE 87 – TOWN HALL

1. Town Clerk had been in touch with an electrician to purchase and fit a new Fly Killer.
2. Painting had nearly been completed in the Robing Room
3. Platform Lift had been installed, but boiler was yet to be changed.
4. Architect is owed £2,000.00.
5. Following concerns raised by the Town Clerk regarding cleanliness of the Town Hall and issues raised regarding setting up and removing tables, making sure toilet rolls and soap were provided etc., Councillors have provided the Town Clerk authority to engage cleaners for the Town Hall whenever necessary to maintain a standard.
6. Chairman invited Mr. Michaels a trustee of MCBPT to speak at the meeting, Mr. Michaels gave a preview of the background from 2002. He suggested that council undertake to do two precepts one for council and one should the MCBPT take over the running of the hall. He gave background from previous years and how the trust was formed and the work they had undertaken. In conclusion he advised the building was very expensive to run and urged council to consider this this when making any decisions on finance to the trust. Mr. Michaels then left the meeting.
7. No decision would be made this evening regarding any future funding as this needed to be examined thoroughly. It was agreed that it was difficult to know what may happen in the future.
8. Cllr Mills advised he had undertaken to do two spreadsheets showing figures for both scenarios and this will be available to Councillors prior to the meeting to discuss finance.
9. MCBPT made it clear that they require a full repairing lease to enable them to obtain grant funding.

<p>10. Cllr Weston advised that although council had discussed hire fees for the Town Hall in June it was not clear that this had been agreed. Hire fees were £15 per hour per floor to include the kitchen bar would be negotiated separately with the licensee. AGREED</p> <p>11. Affiliation would be offered at £15 this would expire on 31st March 2020. Affiliated groups would be able to hire the hall at £11 per hour per floor including kitchen. It was AGREED that the Town Clerk was allowed to use her discretion on which groups would be able to affiliate during this time.</p> <p>12. Cllr Mills informed councillors that he had received an e mail from the Town Crier, she had been offered the gift of a painting of herself from a local artist and asked if this could be hung in the Town Hall, after consideration it was decided to refuse this request because of the potential insurance costs and it could set a precedent for the future. AGREED.</p> <p>13. Internal door to the toilet needs to be open when there is a function. Town Clerk will contact cleaner regarding this.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 88 – TOURISM</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work will take place on the trees requiring attention at Whitegate on 23rd October. 2. This committee had considered the letter from Cllr Lewis regarding Twinning and could not see any direct benefits, but they would support making an approach to other communities with the same name to swap information. 3. It was agreed to go ahead with mounting the Plaque from Hungary ready for the unveiling ceremony on 11th June 2020. 4. MEG have advised they will charge lights with water power at Whitegate Pool between 17.00 – 18.30 hours for Christmas Lights switch on. There will also be lights at the church entrance and on up to ten of the Hornbeam trees on Broad Street. 5. Civic Society will not be having a personality in December, but the December meeting will go ahead. 6. Cllr Kibble advised that Whitegate Pool would fit in with WAG plan for the environment. 	
<p>MINUTE 89 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group are continuing to promote the Town Hall and they are planning to run a number of events including circus training. 2. Monthly market is encouraging other traders but as yet there are no more traders at the weekly markets. 	
<p>MINUTE 90 – WHITEGATE POOL</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Kibble wished to thank Cllr Weaver for his hard work at Whitegate Pool it is showing a huge improvement, there will be a working party starting in the Spring of 2020. 2. Bridge is deteriorating Cllr Weaver will inspect and if necessary close the bridge. 	
<p>MINUTE 91 – CEMETERY FEES</p>	
<p>Cllr Beaven advised that the cost of erecting a memorial in Powys was far more than most other counties. The cost for planning permission to erect a memorial was £245. Agreed to request Cllr Hayes to follow this up.</p>	

MINUTE 92 – PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

New parts had been ordered and fitted on the baby swings at Tan y Mur.
VMRC will consider RoSPA training

MINUTE 93 – ALLOTMENTS

Following a meeting with the allotment holders it was requested that two gates be repaired and hedges cut. AGREED

MINUTE 94 – DOG BAGS AND HOLDERS

Town Clerk had provided quotes for both of these items, it was agreed that there were enough bins throughout town to dispose of any mess and if bags are provided they do not necessarily end up in a bin.

MINUTE 95 – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

It was agreed that a small group get together, Cllr Kibble had provided leaflets and information for Councillors. Cllr Kibble also advised that there are maps showing priority areas for wind and solar. Comments will be available prior to October meeting.

MINUTE 96 – FINANCE

August BACS	HMRC – Tax	36.00
	G Smith – Expenses	85.20
	Salary	673.00
	Bowen Consultant	480.00
	Dave Phillips – Lights Memorial	568.36
	Gaskells Waste	127.87
	Smith of Derby – Clock	277.20
	MWT – Membership	90.00
	Powys Luxury Loos -Shakespeare	192.00
	Churches Fire -	1015.20
	Night Out – Shakespeare	1550.00
D/D	Positive Energy	0.62
	Positive Energy	90.99
Destination Montgomery BACS	S Gilder – Expenses (July)	110.20
	HMRC – NI	7.53
	Salary	744.70
	S Gilder – Exp	123.19
September BACS	Bunners	5.45
	Hafren Cleaning – Town Hall	819.00
	Salary	673.00
	Gaskells Waste	103.04
	E-On – Electric	364.35
	Montgomery Crier	30.00
	G Smith - Expenses	107.70
	HMRC – Tax	36.00
	Wicksteed – Playground Equipment	235.67
D/D	Positive Energy	103.03
	BT Internet	99.00

BACS	AHGTC – Town Crier	35.00
	J Kibble – Quarter page advert	25.00
Destination Montgomery BACS	Salary	1090.37
	HMRC – NI	108.88
	Dr C Weston	274.34
	S Gilder – Exp	151.70

RESOLVED to accept the above invoices for payment.

MINUTE 97 – CORRESPONDENCE

As Audit papers were received 26th September post marked 25th September it has not been possible for them to be AGREED at this meeting.
Correspondence was noted

MINUTE 98 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

VMRC -Will respond separately to NDF
Leon Shearer will help with Legionella training.
Cllr Kibble provided Rights of Way booklets

MINUTE 99 - COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING

Cllr Weston asked if council were intending to use the Ticket Sales facility on the website, as another facility had been used for the Shakespeare Play. Council would like to keep this facility.
Health Consultation on 07.11.19

MINUTE 100 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Street Furniture – Cerys Thomas
Cos Tan y Mur – Cllr Weston
Policies – Cllr Weston
Statistics – Tourism.
London Bridge – Updates Cllr Weston
Trees Broad Street
School?