

MINUTE 153 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIILLOR

1. Cllr Hayes advised the draft budget provided for increases in Education and Child Services
2. Half a million pounds would be made available for Highways.
3. Gulley cleaner would be visiting Montgomery for one day, Cllr Hayes will check throughout town and has asked other Councillors for their input.
4. Council had requested Cllr. S Hayes obtain details of cemetery expenditure which would explain high costs in Powys. Cllr Hayes had provided this information via e mail.
5. Highways and Traffic Police have been contacted re parking signs in Broad Street and advised you cannot stop parking on a public highway.
6. Cllr Hayes has checked the sign Welcome to Powys as you enter Chirbury Road and although it leans slightly it is firmly into the ground.
7. Cllr Lewis questioned Cllr Hayes about The Brades in Chirbury Road as it remains unkept. Council were informed that having explored various options over the years this would not be an exercise PCC would undertake at this present time due to cost. Town Clerk will contact portfolio holder James Evans and Housing Officer and request that they meet with Council to discuss this further.

TC

MINUTE 154 – CO-OPTION

Mr. Gwilym Henry Stephenson had applied to become a co-opted member of the council and had provided an e mail with information and background.

Mr. Stephenson was known to Councillors as he had links with other groups in town. Cllr Weston requested co-option guidance be drawn up for future applicant Following discussion by members it was RESOLVED to invite Mr. Stephenson onto the council and advise him of the next meeting in February.

CW

MINUTE 155 – HIGHWAYS

1. Councillors advised of a number of pot holes, New Road junction with Lymore, either side if Stalloe and Station Road.
2. Sutton Lane would not be a high priority. Many minor roads were not made for the heavy traffic that is used today.

Cllr Thomas joined the meeting.

MINUTE 156 – FINANCE

BACS	Marshalls Timber Treatment Quote	50.00
	G Smith – Expenses	150.56
	Howells Fuel Oil	861.14
	Smith Derby – Clock	180.00
	Crier – Grant	250.00
	Hafren Services – Cleaning	684.00
	Lymore Estates – Playground	52.00
	PPL/PRS	115.07
	Gaskells – Waste	127.87
	Salary	673.00
Cheque 41	Recycling	400.00
42	Refund Hire	80.00
D/D	Positive Energy	24.51

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D/D	Positive Energy	107.30	
	BT – Phone	33.00	
	BT – Internet	105.84	
<p>Three items for payment were drawn to Town Clerks attention all of which were answered and resolved. RESOLVED to accept the above invoices for payment</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to consider the new Financial Regulations at the next Finance Committee. Next Finance Committee will meet on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall.</p> <p>MINUTE 157 – TOWN HALL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E mail received from Highways re Bollards on the pavement at the rear of the Town Hall – NO action 2. Town Clerk had contacted Scottish Power and Eon with a view to amalgamating the two meters and was advised this could be a costly exercise. Agreed to contact Dave Phillips for advice. 3. Cllr Mills will check with Mr. P Humphreys re snagging list which is still outstanding. 4. Two quotes for woodworm treatment were considered and it was RESOLVED to accept the Spot Treatment from Marshalls at £860. 5. A quote had been received for pointing on the Clock Tower and outside lower level the Town Hall another quote will be sought. 6. A further quote is required for fixing loose slates on roof. 7. Trust have asked for council to indemnify work required from Condition Survey. 8. An extensive discussion took place with regard to airflow to the boiler. This needs urgent attention. It was agreed to contact a boiler engineer with a view to carrying out this work at the earliest opportunity. It was RESOLVED to allow the Town Clerk expenditure up to £500 after agreement with Councillors via e mail. 9. It was agreed to purchase a Wedding License for the Town Hall at a cost of £1k this sum would then be deducted from the dowry of £5k to the Trust for 2020. Mrs. Williams would liaise with the Town Clerk regarding this. 10. Agreed to reduce the fee paid by the Dragon Hotel as part of the bar contract to 75% as the Town Hall had been closed for several months in 2019. 11. All Councillors had sight of the amended lease drawn up by the Solicitor. It was agreed that the lease could be signed with the following amendments. Point 25.4 – reviewed annually after the first five years. AGREED 12. The finished lease will be forwarded to Powys County Council for their approval and lodged with Land Registry. Town Clerk will request urgent attention. 13. Cllr Weston asked for clarity on rates of payment required for use of the Town Hall to display on the website. Cllr Mills will provide a copy of the proposed rates for February’s meeting. 			

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<p>MINUTE 158– TOURISM</p> <p>1. Cllr Kibble advised the Cross Wales Walk will finish in Montgomery on 20th June 2020</p> <p>2.</p>	
<p>MINUTE 159 – DESTINATION MONTGOMERY</p> <p>1. Nothing to report</p>	
<p>MINUTE 160 – ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>A suggestion had been made look at alternative uses for the Tan y Mur allotment site A small exploratory group (Cllr’s CT, OL, DJ, JK) will gather information and report back for the next meeting. Town Clerk will contact allotment holder re water leak to gain more information. Further quotes will be sought for hedge cutting</p>	Group
<p>MINUTE 161 – REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES</p> <p>Cllr Lewis advised of dead trees by the Memorial, Cllr Jones will contact Mr. Boundy with regard to this.</p>	DJ
<p>MINUTE 162 – WHITEGATE POOL</p> <p>As Cllr Weaver could not attend this meeting, he will be asked to provide a cost for the work needed ready for February meeting</p>	LW
<p>MINUTE 163 -VE DAY</p> <p>It was agreed to ask for a Street Closure Order on Friday 8th May 2020. Town Hall will be booked for this date. Budget of £300 will be available in Precept 2020/2021. It was Resolved to raise a further £300 from fundraising. Council resolved to lead discussions with other groups in Town M Mills and W.Beaven volunteered.</p>	MM/WB
<p>MINUTE 164 – CLOS TAN Y MUR FUND</p> <p>Circulate documents pertaining to CTM prior to next Council meeting</p>	
<p>MINUTE 165 – PUBLICATION SCHEME</p> <p>Cllr Weston requested that the Publication Scheme be circulated with a view to updating same at February’s meeting.</p>	
<p>MINUTE 166 – POLICIES</p> <p>As requested, Town Clerk had obtained a list of suggested policies for Small Councils, Councillors will consider which policies are required and draw up a review schedule. Cllrs OL, JK, CW to bring proposal to next meeting.</p>	OL/JK/CW

<p>MINUTE 167 – WELSH ASSEMBLY – MORE EQUAL WALES</p>	
<p>Cllr Kibble requested this be dropped from the agenda due to time</p>	
<p>MINUTE 168 - POWYS LDP SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE</p>	
<p>Cllr Kibble will happy to look at certain areas and send her observations via e mail.</p>	<p>JK</p>
<p>MINUTE 169 – PLAYGROUNDS</p>	
<p>1. A further meeting will take place with the two ladies who are willing to look at playgrounds and consider grants etc.</p>	<p>JK</p>
<p>2. A quote for the metal fence at Gol Road playground is required.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>MINUTE 170 – CORRESPONDENCE</p>	
<p>Correspondence was noted</p>	
<p>MINUTE 171 – REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES</p>	
<p>1. Cllr Kibble advised there was now a vacancy for a representative on the Institute Committee, it was suggested Cllr Lewis may wish to fill this role Agenda for decision February meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Cllr Kibble reported from Patients Association there were difficulties booking appointments for minor issues. Dementia Friendly group had commented there were too many notices on the surgery door.</p>	
<p>MINUTE 172 - COMMUNICATION FROM THIS MEETING</p>	
<p>Gritting volunteers</p>	
<p>MINUTE 173– ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</p>	
<p>Policies Publication Scheme VE Day Whitegate (Finance) Allotments Council rep for VMRC & Institute.</p>	