

<p>Minutes of Montgomery Town Council meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.15 pm, meeting conducted via Zoom video link following guidelines issued by the U K Government regarding social distancing.</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Cllr H Andrew (Town Mayor J Kibble (Deputy Chairman) Councillors: M Mills, L Weaver, C Thomas, C Weston, W Beaven, O Lewis, G Stephenson</p> <p><b>MINUTE 200 – APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Cllr D Jones</p> <p><b>MINUTE 201 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>MINUTE 202 – MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>Cllr Andrew thanked Stephen Hayes and helpers for organising Montgomery Neighbourhood Angels during this difficult time.</p> <p><b>MINUTE 203 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>Following minor amendments, it was Resolved to approve the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 which were Agreed. Minutes not signed by the Chairman</p> <p><b>MINUTE 204 – COUNCIL CONTINUITY PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Toilets had been closed.</li> <li>2. Cllr Weston will keep Facebook updated</li> <li>3. Crier may not undertake more issues due to the current situation, but it is available on website.</li> <li>4. Cllr Mills had agreed to place council notices on the Notice Board</li> <li>5. Information can also be displayed on website</li> <li>6. Tender for grass cutting will be reviewed monthly</li> <li>7. Councillors agreed to carry on with Zoom video meetings and review the situation in line with government guidelines.</li> <li>8. Council did not wish to delegate powers at this time.</li> </ol>	<p>AGENDA</p> <p>MM</p> <p>AGENDA</p>
<p><b>MINUTE 205 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>20/0390FUL</b> Erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building for the accommodation of livestock Great Weston Farm, Montgomery</p> <p><b>SUPPORT this application</b></p> <p><b>20/0362 FUL</b> 2 X 1bedroom semi-detached dwelling houses- demolition of section of stone retaining wall Revised proposal to 19/0383FUL Church Bank</p> <p>Several issues were discussed in regard to this application. Cllr Kibble commented that plans had not been significantly revised and there were still issues with building materials not in keeping with Listed buildings in this location; lack of an archaeological survey in this potentially important heritage site and impact on adjoining houses, gardens and view from gate of Grade 1 Listed church. Parking was identified as a main issue and had already been identified as difficult in this area.</p>	

A proposal was put forward to support the application by Cllr Mills and seconded by Cllr Beaven. 5 For 4 Against  
Cllr Weston advised that although there was a need for accommodation in the area 2 dwellings in this small area was too much.

**20/0363LBC** – Listed building consent to demolish stone wall  
Support

**MINUTE 206 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

1. Cllr Hayes advised that the above plan 20/0362 FUL had been called into committee, but as committee was not sitting at present it could be delegated to officers. He agreed there is a demand for smaller properties in the area.
2. Mid Wales Housing were looking at the care home site in Pool Road which was in UDP as an employment site. If an application comes in consider if it should be residential.  
Cllr Thomas advised that Mid Wales Housing had contacted the council regarding the plans and will speak to councillors when safe to do so and will also undertake a public consultation. They have advised they will e mail plans for the proposal above in advance. Cllr Hayes advised he would be happy to be involved
3. Residents should be made aware of SCAMS during this time.
4. Libraries, waste and recycling sites are closed. Weddings have been cancelled and Powys CC staff are mainly working from home.
5. Rights of Way remain open.
6. Bus services will be Sunday service only in Powys

**MINUTE 207 – FINANCE**

BACS	iZettle – Card Reader	34.80
	Eric Neville – Cleaning Materials	95.71
	HMRC – Tax	36.00
	Salary	673.00
	Town Clerk – Exp	120.99
	G17 – Website/PAT Testing	670.00
	Gaskells Waste	102.80
	Hafren Dyfrdwy Water	159.44
	Ditto – Toilets	175.34
	SLCC – Membership	126.00
	Viking – Ink Cartridges	47.65
	Hafren Cleaning Services	684.00
	One Voice Wales - Membership	231.00
	L Weaver – Whitegate Pool	165.95
	EOM – Electrical Survey	576.00
	Universal Fire – Alarm	527.40
	Powys CC – Playground Inspection	144.00
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	Positive Energy	126.09

RESOLVED to accept these invoices for payment.

**MINUTE 208 – TOWN HALL**

1. MARKET – Following a short discussion it was agreed to close the Town Hall during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Traders would be offered the use of council gazebos providing they were able to erect them and put them away on their own. Council agreed during this time Traders would not be charged market fees.
2. Development Officer will contact traders and advise. Traders will be requested to follow the government guidelines on social distancing.
3. Town Hall kitchen and toilets will be out of bounds as contract cleaning has been suspended during the pandemic.
4. Cllr Jones has a front door key to the Town Hall and will be able to obtain tables etc.
5. Cllr Jones will need to give his back- door key back.
6. A letter has been received from MCBPT advising they are not willing to take over the lease of the Town Hall until it is fully operational again.
7. Minutes of the decision re MCBPT lease will be sent to Harrisons (Solicitors)
8. Town Clerk will continue to review cashflow and maintain communication with Finance Committee.
9. Councillors agreed to purchase a monthly subscription to ZOOM and continue with video meetings for the foreseeable future. Confirmation had not been received from One Voice Wales or the Welsh Government at this time regarding use of council meeting via video links.
10. Councillors thanked Cllr Stephenson for hosting the meeting.

**MINUTE 209 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted

**MINUTE 210– ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Although minutes were agreed virtually, they have not been signed by Chairman due to Covid 19 (Meetings of more than 2 people) These will be signed at a later date.

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