

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.15 pm.

This meeting was recorded.

Present: Cllr's J Kibble (Chairman) W Beaven (Deputy Chairman)
M Mills, C Thomas, L Weaver, C Weston, W Beaven, O Lewis, G Stephenson, R Harper

MINUTE 28- Apologies

Cllr. D Jones – Work Commitment

MINUTE 29 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations

No requests to speak from members of the public

MINUTE 30 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillors were reminded to keep their points succinct in order to move on purposefully through the agenda.
- We are here in a spirit of respect and courtesy for each other and I certainly expect the meeting to be conducted in that manner.
- Looking at the potential of a community picnic on what would have been show day. More details to follow
- Thank you to Stephen & Helen for organising the Angels stand down event and Monty Folk for playing. A big thank you to Claire & Cerys for the huge amount of backroom work.
- Cllr Thomas has notified the Chairman that this will be her last meeting.

MINUTE 31 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Minutes – 27th May 2021

RESOLVED to approve minutes,

MINUTE 32 – INFORMATION FROM THOSE MINUTES

- Overgrown hedge at Offa's cottage has been trimmed
- Hedge on Arthur Street is also receiving attention
- Councillors are allowed to take minutes of a committee meeting. Tourism Committee are taking notes at present.
- There are a couple of outstanding issues to be completed for ICO. Data Protection Policy may need amendments when policy group meet again.

→ Policy Group

MINUTE 33 – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Local Democracy & Boundary Commission. Forden ward will be part of Montgomery. Trelystan & Leighton part of Forden will go with Trewern & Buttington. In terms of representation is that we will go from 28% below the recommended level of representation to approximately 28% above it with around 2000 electors in the new ward. This will be in place for the next local government elections 2022.
- North Powys well-being programme, significant investment in Newtown and surrounding area in terms of health and social care family support etc on the site in Park Street in Newtown, this had been put on hold during the past eighteen months. Potentially this is significant for residents in Montgomery.
- Trials of home support system has been trialled in three different area of the county and now it will be rolled out in the whole county as funding allows.
- There are a number of area where weeds need attention and could possibly be sprayed with weed killer.
- Road through Hendomen is access only but speed is not restricted. Street lighting suggests that it should be a thirty mile an hour restriction.
- There unfortunately has been a couple of harassment and neighbourhood dispute issues to the extent PCSO and Housing Services have become involved.
- Question was asked re Forden Road, discussions are taking place between developers and highways. Also, the issue of energy efficiency in new homes should be considered.

MINUTE 34 – HIGHWAYS

- Hedge in Chirbury Road need attention as it is growing over the pavement
- Vehicle obstruction by Central could cause accident, this is illegally parked. → Haydn
- Sign in Station Road has been trimmed by Cllr Andrew
- Princes Street pavement uneven causing issues for a number of residents. → TC
- Caerhowel Bridge needs attention as there is a huge amount of debris in the river.
- Parking in Market Square by Rock House is a problem as emergency vehicles in particular would not be able to gain access if needed. Also → TC
parking outside houses by the hotel causes problems.
- Hedge at Lions Bank Tan y Mur needs attention → TC

MINUTE 35 – FINANCE

All councillors had been provided with a list of invoices for payment.

D/D	Public Works Loan	6277.82
	EDF Energy	40.39
	Powys CC – Council Tax	682.00
BACS	Salary	683.10
	G Smith – Expenses	44.10

	HMRC – Tax NI	44.40
	Gaskells Waste	38.22
	Hafren Services – cleaning	684.00
	R Bunner – Town Hall	11.99
	EOM Electrical – lights	201.24
	Andrew Evans – Grass Cutting	497.83
	JDH Business Services – Internal Audit	509.40
	Mr Town Media – Advert	40.00
Cheques	Return Hire Fee	208.16
	Angels	18.00
	Service Charge	18.00

Cheque payment questioned this was a return of payment for a cancelled booking Angels’ payment was for the final thank you event for all helpers during the lockdown.

Council will forward balance to Montgomery Charities

RESOLVED to approve invoices for payment

A member of public intended to donate a bench for Whitegate Pool in memory of her husband. A thank you letter will be sent after the event.

Audit paper had been e mailed to councillors.

RESOLVED to approve the accounts and comments from the Internal Auditor

MINUTE 36 – TOWN HALL

- **Market** – Traders do have difficulty at times finding a place in Broad Street. A letter had been given to traders as per the last meeting. No trader had shown an interest arriving early to save spaces. Two traders had been subject to abuse and would not now return to town, other traders had found trade to be reasonable and were happy. There seems to be about four regular traders outside.
- It is essential the disabled space remains free for parking.
- It may be that the Town Operative would help traders to support them.
- As traders appear to be able to obtain a space for their stalls at present, it was agreed to delay any decisions until July.
- Letter from a trader had been circulated and discussed within the general market issues.
- A proposal was made by the Town Hall committee to agree payment for pointing at the Town Hall as previously discussed. **RESOLVED** to agree payment and progress the pointing work.
- Dropped Curb has been completed.

MINUTE 37 – TOURISM

- Draft notes will be circulated from this month’s meeting.
- ToR are being reviewed; some substantial changes will be made as Town Clerk no longer attends Tourism Meetings.
- Development Officer has arranged a number of events if they are allowed to go ahead.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group have been in discussions with South Shropshire Enterprise Centre who are looking at a distinct area promotion for tourism. • A paper had been circulated on Rights of Way for information. • Bridge at Burnt House – Are councillors willing to write to Countryside Services to request this repair could be expedited. <p>AGREED</p> <p>Thanks to Walkers are Welcome for all the work they have carried out.</p> <p>Break 20.20 – 20.30 hours</p> <p>MINUTE 38 – PLANNING</p> <p>Responses from Planning Committee 0818/LB and 0867/HH- (FIO) 21/0996/HH Erection of extension 14 Mortimer Road (for Planning Committee Review) 21/0939/HH Erection of an extension and porch. Porth Arthur Bishop’s Castle Road Montgomery – (For ratification) AGREED 21/0995/HH Erection of an extension and orangery installation of roof light. Spider Cottage Lion’s Bank Montgomery. Information was lacking on this application. It is becoming more apparent that work is being carried out prior to agreement. Councillors confirmed that Planning Committee would make comments on this application. Concern was expressed regarding zero energy housing. This is a question that should be asked at the planning stage.</p> <p>MINUTE 39 – LITTER BINS</p> <p>Members had been provided with a list of pictures showing sizes and prices of various litter bins.</p> <p>Suggested that a sticker could be provided for the bins advising litter bins could also be used for dog litter.</p> <p>Signs requesting to pick up dog litter had gone missing these should be replaced. Litter bins in Broad Street are heavily used. It was reported that birds mainly seagulls are often seen emptying rubbish from the bins, which was then left on the street.</p> <p>A proposal was made to purchase the Nexus waste bin for Broad Street and use the present bin for another area. Prior to a decision being made it was suggested that we contact the Conservation Officer to check.</p> <p>Check on costs for mounting the suggested bin plus two more smaller bins.</p> <p>Proposed to allow Town Clerk to purchase suggested bins should Conservation Officer approve. AGREED</p> <p>It was suggested to place an article on social media regarding litter.</p> <p>MINUTE 40 – PURCHASE OF BT PHONE BOX</p> <p>No additional information is available for this meeting regarding cost. E mail sent to BT requesting more information.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>CNT</p>
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<p>MINUTE 41 – CEMETERY FEES</p> <p>These fees are being queried in general and replies received so far from Powys CC have not been very productive.</p> <p>MINUTE 42 – ASSETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm members of the Group following Annual Meeting -Cllr’s G Stephenson, O Lewis, R Harper. This group may apply in due course to form a committee. • E Mail Powis Estates – Powis Estates have been in touch before regarding this patch of land in Mortimer Road (Village Green) inviting council to take care of the upkeep. Original documents have been checked and it is quite clear that Powys CC transferred the land to Powis Estates. Original names of the land are Claypark Community Amenity area and Village Green. The area is being very well looked after at present. Montgomery TC have no legal responsibility for this land. Letter to Powis Estates. • Updates from Working Party – This group has not met recently Cllr Kibble passed the Chair to Cllr Beaven for the next item. • Bike Hire – E mail received from The Dragon stating it no longer wished to run the hire scheme. It was suggested that this may be passed to another business or local scheme. All businesses in Broad Street and Arthur Street would need to be approached with regard to this idea. AGREED. <p>Cllr Kibble re-joined the meeting.</p> <p>MINUTE 43 – MTC BULLETINS</p> <p>Would council be interested in placing a bulletin communicating interesting items to the residents via the Crier bi-monthly (a sample of this had been circulated). This would also be online with a link to Facebook. It was also suggested that this would be a friendly version of the minutes.</p> <p>MINUTE 44 – ANNUAL REPORT AND TRAINING PLAN</p> <p>It is not mandatory until 2022 to supply an annual report. Further Information will be gained what to include in this report. A training list will be started of Councillor Training. Finance Committee will publish a report as per the Publication Scheme.</p> <p>MINUTE 45 – COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEETING</p> <p>Community Picnic and Bins</p> <p>MINUTE 46 – CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>JK/CW/ WB</p>
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No correspondence

MINUTE 47 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Face to Face Meetings, Telephone Box, Bins, ToR Tourism, Report from Finance Committee,

Cllr Thomas had provided her resignation to the Chairman prior to this meeting and wished to say a few words before leaving the council and Montgomery after a number of years.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS: Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (2) to resolve that, members of the public and press be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted

