



MONTGOMERY TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on **Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 6.30pm**

This meeting was recorded

Present in person:

Cllr Kibble, Cllr Beaven, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Humphries, Cllr Lock, Cllr Weston

In attendance online:

Cllr Harper (7.03pm), Cllr Lewis, Cllr Stephenson

In attendance:

Helen Royall (Town Clerk) Cllr Brignell-Thorp, Members of Montgomery Primary School Council, teachers and parents, representatives of the Montgomery Show Committee

ITEM		ACTION RECORD
1.	Apologies	
	Cllr Jones	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3.	Break for the Public to Speak	
	<p>a. Montgomery Primary School Council Welcomed to the council meeting and delivered a presentation about the opportunities for how the School Council and Town Council can work together for the Kings Coronation. The school council also gave some examples of the work they had been doing such as raising funds, looking at the behaviour policy. The school council had previously met and are having a tea party on Friday 5th May pm with all children being asked to make their own crown. The school council proposed the potential purchase of a buddy bench in the school with the date of the coronation which will be used for people to sit and relax, but also it would allow them to see if someone is feeling lonely and is a space to talk. They reported that the bench was approximately £200 and some additional costs to create raised beds for planting due to the building of a ramp.</p> <p>b. Montgomery Show Committee Presentation from the show committee who started with a thanks to the council for the donation of funds previously from open gardens day income.</p>	

	<p>Proposal to add an additional exit from the show field using an old gate onto the recreation ground and onto Maldwyn way. This will improve the overall traffic flow creating an exit point which also uses the existing exit the football club. Works will be done by local people with the relevant experience with the stream going through a pipe with a bridge over the stream. Otherwise, it will be locked with Hennis fencing for security.</p> <p>Council queried need for permits to culvert – show committee are looking into this now. Query as if planning has been consulted – currently only informally. Query about emergency vehicles and this would be addressed through stewarding. Query over safety – public would be separated by posts and tape with stewards, they will also be taking lessons learnt from Street Fair. Query around weather conditions and if the ground was unsuitable – if the weather was poor, they would not be using this entrance as visitation would not warrant it.</p> <p>Council commended the committee for the clear presentation, and this will be followed up with a site visit before a decision is made.</p>	
4.	Chairman’s Announcements	
	None due to school council attendance	
5.	Minutes of the last meetings	
	<p>A small clarification on the hornbeams was made changing the date to every five years for inspection.</p> <p><i>RESOLVED: The minutes of the Ordinary Business Meeting 23rd April 2023 are approved and signed as a correct record.</i></p>	
6.	Information from the minutes	
	<p>6. Letter will be coming to residents from HD water now that some initial feasibility has been completed this will include the amendments to the buses if needed.</p> <p>6. Warm spaces have closed for now though keeping open over the summer as self-financing as it is acknowledged that this is a useful space for the</p> <p>10 a. Parking proposals – plans have been circulated and some comments have been received. This is ongoing currently. Thanks to councillors who have contributed to this.</p> <p>13. Play Park the tender has been redone and has been sent out again with some amendments. Application to HLF will be going ahead and a meeting has been held, however the consultation must be redone due to the time lapse. Some generous donations to the play park fund which has upped the funds. Potential to talk to HD to see if there is any contribution to the play park there may be potential for a ‘green gym’</p>	

	<p>13. Donation for another bench which is going into the community garden. Some discussion around the potential for any additional benches throughout the town.</p> <p>14. Deaths into the community – this has now gone into the crier.</p> <p>15. 800 years at the castle is going well and a number of people interested. 30th March tourism meeting at 12pm with other interested parties in the den at the Dragon.</p>										
7.	Report from the County Councillor										
	<p>Bus turning circle – looking at potential funding to get this brought into action – currently talking to highways to see if there is any funding and support on this.</p> <p>Home support in Montgomery linking into the Rhaeder community that area already carrying this out as an example of where this has been done well. This is a scheme to allow people to remain in their own homes due to the lack of infrastructure and it would be unlikely that a hospital or large medical intervention would be put in place. Plans to build more council houses and sheltered housing across the county which may help.</p> <p>The council is looking for sites in the LDP as this is being revisited any suggestions should be made as soon as possible.</p> <p>18th April 7pm – PCSOs meeting to talk about online fraud which will give more information about how people can protect themselves online.</p> <p>In the main council there is some concern on the financial position as the income from Welsh Government will not be increasing. Current project to look at how the services are to be managed in the future. Demographic changes are also happening with an aging population.</p> <p>Brades owners are still processing a private sale</p>										
8.	Finance										
	a. Invoices and Payments										
	<p>Financial information was shared, noted that the council would like to see additional information showing the balance for the year and how this is relating to the overall budget and phasing. Council was reminded that all finance figures are on the SharePoint.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1771 1137 1975"> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td></td> <td>£594.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td></td> <td>£463.80</td> </tr> </table>	Salary		£594.40	Salary			Salary		£463.80	
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	HMRC		£159.80		
	Bunners		£3.55		
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	Bunners		£350.00		
	ICO		£40.00		
	G17		£398.00		
	Gaskells	P179133	£41.20		
	Roots	228	£586.00		
	Town Hall Trust		£2,409.01		
	Hafren	9720086458	£163.45		
	EDF		£55.80		
	Service Charge		£18.00		
	b. Town Hall Finance				
	Final figures were presented at the meeting and discussed				
	<i>Proposed: To accept the final figures and to transfer outstanding funds to the Town Hall Trust</i>				
	<i>Proposed: Cllr Kibble</i>				
	<i>Seconded: Cllr Weston</i>				
	<i>All in favour</i>				
	<i>Motion Passed</i>				
	c. Contribution towards bunting				
	It has been requested that the bunting goes up before the coronation. The licence for the bunting is £110 and the council has been asked to donate £50 towards this. It was noted at the meeting that the pervious year the council had paid the full amount of the bunting £226 in error so this contribution would be in addition to this. Council would also ask the bunting stays up for the 800 year celebration.				
	Proposed: The council makes a £50 contribution to the bunting licence				
	<i>Proposed: Cllr Kibble</i>				
	<i>Seconded: Cllr Weston</i>				
	<i>All in favour</i>				
	<i>Motion Passed</i>				
9.	Planning				

	a. 23/0299/TRE Agreed the response via planning committee and email	TC to send response
	b. 4G mast at Lymore Estates Details were sent by email and this a preapplication. Suggestion to have some photomontages from Church Bank and from the Castle and Town Hill to assess the visual impact. Registered historic landscape area photo montages looking into a conservation area.	TC to email response from council
10.	Highways	
	a. Parking proposals	
	This has been passed back and forth via email with some additional comments. This will go back to highways and then Powys Council will go out to the public with the consultation. There are additional areas suggested by the Town Council which include issues at the bowling green, the pound and cross house which were not necessarily included in the consultation day. Van parked outside of the fire escape for the market has been causing issues this will be addressed directly with the van owner. Gritting was brought up as no gritting was carried out. The snowfall caused extreme problems in town and no roads were gritted which caused an accident. Strong feedback on the wider condition of the road including potholes and drainage issues in the town. It is becoming dangerous with recent incidents of car damage on the pot holes.	
11.	Social Housing	
	a. Social Housing at Forden Road There has been some communication around this with Russell George to discuss the property mix. Originally meant to be a mix of social housing with rent to own, however with the closing of the site that this would only be social housing. However an application has gone in to ensure that rent to own is still an option on this site. We will know more as the application progresses. Sheltered / adapted Housing (carried forward due to illness)	
12	Town Bunting Contribution	
	Came under finance	
13	Coronation Event	
	Outline of the proposal originally the committee looked at gifts for the school children however this was extremely expensive and a budget of £500. However, the school were asked what they would like to do and they proposed the buddy bench and presented this to the council.	

	<p><i>Proposal: Council to make donation of £250 for the buddy bench the school has done some fundraising.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Beaven</i> <i>Seconded: Cllr Taylor</i></p> <p><i>All in favour</i> <i>Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Cllr Lock has sourced some cheaper teddies for the children (120 for the children in the school and children who go to Berriw and Chirbury from Montgomery) mugs and teddies. Approached Bunnors to look at purchasing through them. They will be branded for the coronation.</p> <p>£700 in the precept which covers the teddies and mugs.</p> <p>Monty muscle are willing to help with the set up and clear down Big tea – a number of small traders bringing some additional retail opportunities that will charge and this is potentially. Cllr Lock and Cllr Taylor and Cllr Humphries will be there on the day Some promotion website county times.</p> <p><i>Proposed: The council approve the purchase of the gifts and arranging the street closure and party within the precept budget of £700.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Lock</i> <i>Seconded: Cllr Beaven</i></p> <p><i>All in favour</i> <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	
17.	Communications from the meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths in the Community • Coronation Event Planning 	
18.	Items for next agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation • Deaths in the community feedback • Finance earmarking • Clos Tan y Mur fund 	