



# MONTGOMERY TOWN COUNCIL

## CYNGOR TREF TREFALDWYN

Minutes of the meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 19.15	
This meeting was recorded	
<b>Present:</b> Cllr Kibble, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Jones, Cllr Harper, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beaven	
<b>1. Apologies</b> Cllr Lewis, Cllr Humphreys	
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Beaven – Town Hall	
<b>3. Break for the public to speak</b>	
<b>4. Chairmans Announcements</b> Hungarian day well received and widely reported in the media with a good community turn out.  Mayor making usually in May however due to the bookings in the Town Hall charity will be DPJ looking at the Mayor's Ball in around July. All events for next year have been booked out including the Mayor Making. A query was raised about the Civic service and more information will be forthcoming.  Platinum Jubilee events coming up with the lighting of the beacon and other celebrations in the town. Bookmarks have been ordered but backlog in production has lead to a delay in delivery.  Women's cycling tour is coming through on June 9th which will include some rolling road closures.  Lit Fest is upcoming with planning well underway. Street party is also coming up and the cross Wales walk will be finishing in Montgomery too.  The ombudsman report has been received in relation to Cllr Lewis. Following the investigation by the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales, Cllr Oliver Lewis was found not to have breached the Code of Conduct in any way. The Chair acknowledged that this had been a difficult period in time and that all councillors should review the code of conduct reminder and all meetings should be carried out in a respectful way.	
<b>5. Minutes of the last meeting</b>	

<p>A few grammatical inaccuracies were noted and the spelling of a surname. A request for page numbers was noted and will be included in future minutes.</p> <p>All agreed on signing the last minutes as a true reflection.</p>	
<p><b>6. Information from the minutes</b></p> <p>Grass cuttings not being collected this is being chased by the Town Clerk.</p> <p>Hafren Water – meter Tan-Y-Mur allotment has been cracked during the grass cutting and has been reported.</p> <p>Date for highways meeting has been booked in to walk around the town and to look at ongoing issues. Report to be given at next meeting. A suggestion of a list of highways issues which is then monitored and if no two responses, then move to the County Cllr. To be actioned in the planning committee.</p> <p>Letter to be actioned for housing now the new portfolio holders have been appointed as referenced in previous minutes.</p> <p>Action plan to go out with Crier for the community survey. Community Recovery fund - we have been successful applying for this fund which is just over £1000 to cover the cost of printing and display of information.</p> <p>Bookmarks are on order and will potentially be given out at the street fair or a notice would be put on social media.</p> <p>Digital equipment for meetings – a fund is available for councils - 80% is funded by the fund up to £5000 in total. The equipment would be owned by the Town Council and could go on the Wall in the lower town hall which could be used for meetings, smaller groups, and presentations but also would be a digital notice board that could advertise events and businesses in the town. All has to be completed by the end of June. At the moment all equipment is currently provided by an individual. Query around if a hearing loop is included. The discussion moved to the finance section for resolution.</p> <p>Co-option notice to be published and put on the website/social media.</p>	<p>Planning Committee</p>
<p><b>7. Report from County Councillor</b></p> <p>Apologies as already committed in the future will either attend or he will provide a written report before joining. If he cannot attend there will be a time allowance made for time to feedback on any points raised in the written report.</p> <p>Cllr Kibble has met with him and brought up specifically the issue of the Brades, Highways and accommodation for elderly people. He is keen to support the council moving forward.</p> <p>Cllr Beaven brought up the cemetery fees – Cllr Kibble suggested the Cllr Beaven contact him directly.</p>	
<p><b>8. Town Hall</b></p> <p>Transfer of lease to the Trust: Update from practicalities meeting which included looking at the cleaning provision, opening up and transfer of funds. At the moment the TC is still supporting bookings with this being handed over once the GDPR forms and issues have been addressed.</p> <p>Query around the oil usage as this seems to be excessive. THT to investigate monitors on the tank.</p>	

<p>Request to get costs of increasing the bin collection to two weekly or three weekly.</p> <p>Discussion around do we keep a Town Hall committee going forward. Concluded that its main function is keeping an eye on the Town Hall and ensuring the Town Councils interests are still represented around markets and civic events. Suggestion meets quarterly and draws up a new term of reference. Cllr Beaven, Cllr Kibble and Cllr Jones to form the committee.</p>	TC to get costs																					
<p><b>9. Allowances</b></p> <p>Reminder around the claiming of allowances and forms need to be completed by the end of July</p>	All Cllr																					
<p><b>10. Dates for next committee meeting</b></p> <p>The staffing committee needs to be carried out as soon as possible and tourism is also important. Reminder that each committee needs to meet to set their chair and look at the terms of reference which need to be brought to the council meeting.</p>																						
<p><b>11. Highways</b></p> <p>New access road is coming out near the Caerhowel bridge with no notice given to planning as to the opening up of the old road. No application for an operator’s licence has been received yet. Photographs are being taken and sent to planning and highways who have already been informed. Concerns also raised about the HGV use.</p> <p>Flooding in several areas with the Princes Street gullies not yet done and a number of potholes throughout the tow. Drains covers need to be addressed in addition to the gullies. Hydrant needs to be painted. Hatching and repainting including the crown and Princes Street. Could only be yellow to be legally binding however repainting would help. All issues to be brought to the Highways walk around.</p> <p>Surface is breaking up at the end Gaol Road. Footpath on Chirbury road by number 5 needs addressing as overgrown.</p>																						
<p><b>12. Finance</b></p> <p>Signatories on the Bank Account. TC asked for additional signatories to come forward. The following Cllrs agreed to be signatories in addition to Cllr Kibble and Cllr Harper.</p> <p>Cllr Jones Cllr Stephenson Cllr Beaven</p> <p>All invoices and payments are now in the shared document which is live.</p> <table><tr><td>H Royall</td><td></td><td>£638.10</td></tr><tr><td>G Smith</td><td></td><td>£0.00</td></tr><tr><td>S Horton</td><td></td><td>£516.34</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td></td><td>£183.60</td></tr><tr><td>K Collins</td><td>Hungarian Day Catering</td><td>£300.00</td></tr><tr><td>Printed4you</td><td>Bookmarks Jubilee</td><td>£180.00</td></tr><tr><td>Andrew Evans</td><td>Grass Cutting</td><td>£917.83</td></tr></table>	H Royall		£638.10	G Smith		£0.00	S Horton		£516.34	HMRC		£183.60	K Collins	Hungarian Day Catering	£300.00	Printed4you	Bookmarks Jubilee	£180.00	Andrew Evans	Grass Cutting	£917.83	
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One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	£249.00		
RH Bunners	Bunting	£226.02		
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Gaskells	P151689	£41.44		
Tesco (HR EXPENSES)	Receipt	£22.90		
Sarah Gilder	Vista Print - Whats on	£99.74		
Arrow County Supplies	New loo roll holders etc	£435.31		
Zurich	5153352	£1,292.19		
Montys Brewery		£21.00		
EDF		£81.76		
BT		£84.25		
Water (Allotments)		£210.08		
Service Charge (Unity)		£0.00		
EDF		£51.79		
Powys CC	Council Tax	£682.00		
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<p><b>Proposal: Referring back to the conversation around digital equipment referenced in item 6 a proposal was made to apply for the grant and purchase the equipment if the grant was successful.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Cllr Stephenson</b>  <b>Seconded: Cllr Kibble</b></p> <p><b>Abstention: Cllr Jones and Cllr Harper</b></p> <p><b>On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried</b></p>				
<p><b>13. Play Park update</b></p> <p>Discussed the groundwork and everyone was in favor of moving forward and looking into a groundwork contractor. Some engagement from local companies in providing soil and tree trunks. Suggested working with the asset committee to look at a tender for the groundworks. Currently tweaking the application for the lottery for play equipment and looking at getting prices for the purchase of play equipment.</p> <p>Query around the timescales and when it would be finished. The aim is to get the groundworks in for the summer and then work on the other phases over the next three years. Query around how the phases look finished as otherwise it could look unfinished – assured that this has been considered as to how the presentation would be maintained.</p>				

<p><b>14. Planning</b></p> <p>Approval of letter reference Forden Road Proposed name Trem y Ffridd for the development</p> <p>Tree application Two trees that are in question are not there and TPO has been cut down a long time ago and the two self-seeded trees we have no issues with being removed</p> <p>Planning Decision notices: None</p>	
<p><b>15. Allotments</b></p> <p>Water supply for Church Bank allotments. Hedge cutting at Tan-Y-Mur allotments site. Black Thorn needs to be coppiced at the end of the bird nesting season – Andrew Evans to cut back at the end of the season Meeting for allotment holders – proposed to plan a meeting in the Town Hall for all the allotment holders and to be posted</p>	
<p><b>16. Communications from the meeting</b></p> <p>Jubilee street closure notice has not gone through. On a Sunday so no buses and can still be done very safely if the residents are kind enough to move their cars and we can put cones out to create a safe area. All the rest of the plans are in place with a number of activities.</p>	TC to draft letter for residents
<b>17. Items for next agenda</b>	

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