



MONTGOMERY TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Montgomery Town Council held on **Thursday 24th November at 7.15pm**

This meeting was recorded

Present in person:

Cllr Kibble, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Jones, Cllr Beaven, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Harper, Cllr Weston

Present online:

In attendance:

Helen Royall (Town Clerk)

ITEM		ACTION RECORD
1.	Apologies	
	None	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Lewis in relation to planning application	
3.	Break for the Public to Speak	
	None	
4.	Chairman's Announcements	
	<p>Welcome to Julie Lock who is joining the council.</p> <p>Thanks to all who participated in the remembrance events. The sunset from the memorial was fabulous and summed up the day. The readings were extremely touching, and the sunset added to them.</p> <p>Friends of the Playpark – video with My Welshpool which is on the Facebook page and a good piece of promo for the play park and for Montgomery. 47 brilliant scarecrows were on display around town, and this will be a regular event raised over £2000.</p> <p>Christmas lights coffee morning raised nearly £400 and it is good to see the coffee mornings buzzing again and a good turn out and nice amount for the lights. Lights</p>	

	<p>are all up and thanks to Monty Muscle and the Christmas light volunteers. Light switch on at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Website moved to the end of the agenda to give more time for discussion.</p>	
5.	Minutes from the last meeting	
	<p>To approve & sign the minutes as a correct record of the Full Council Meeting 27th October 2022. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting 27th October 2022 were reviewed.</p> <p><i>RESOLVED The minutes of the Ordinary Business Meeting 27th October 2022 are approved and signed as a correct record.</i></p>	
6.	Information from the minutes	
	<p>10. Noted that the council are pleased with the level of communication from the communications officer at Hafren Dyfrdwy Cymru</p> <p>13. Quote for the trees has been established. Asked to confirm the ownership of the Hornbeam trees. The council did contribute to the planters but the tree ownership is ambiguous hence the discussion.</p> <p>14. Clothes bin at the activity centre in addition to the one at the fire station and Tan-y-Mur. Will be removed in the new year to allow for Christmas donations.</p> <p>15. Warm Space has been well received in town with people attending and donations are coming in. An update from Kat is requested after Christmas. Lovely to see a community space.</p> <p>17. More information around the costs from the Christmas lights and the cost implications. The Christmas Lights committee had sent an amount that is around £300 which is usually received in donations and coffee morning. It was confirmed it was only for the lights and not for the festival. The amount needs to be put into the precept and factored into future budgets</p>	
7.	Report from the County Councillor	
	<p>Cllr Brignell-Thorp also provided information prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Bus issue is continuing and there is a meeting in the next few weeks via MStTeams with several the town council attending to represent the community. There are several options on the table and the meeting is to discuss the wider issues.</p> <p>Planning applications – there is a pre application currently in Forden for a solar array and this will not have been sent to this council as we are not the local council. The reason this council may want to comment is due to the visibility from Montgomery Castle. It will be about 5 acres of land. Suggested Montgomery MTC should request a copy of the full application due to the proximity. Agreed that MTC contact the agent requesting that the council is consulted.</p> <p>Speeding – potential for the council to note the points in Montgomery – Station Road. Cllr Andrew to compose a report on speeding and send it round the council</p>	Clerk

	to be added to and then to Cllr Jackie Charlton. Have been some police speed watch and monitoring in the town. Query around the 20mph in Wales which should be rolled out across Wales in September 2023 however there are some exemptions that can be applied for. Policing of the speed limit will be a problem everywhere.	Cllr Andrew to prepare report																																																
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	<p>a. Invoices and Payments Council reviewed the financial summary. No comments or queries. Consideration was suggested as to increasing the allotment rental due to the increased costs of water.</p> <table border="1"> <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>£410.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td></td> <td>£176.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smiths of Derby</td> <td>16711</td> <td>£302.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G17</td> <td>1144</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gaskells</td> <td>P169097</td> <td>£41.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen</td> <td></td> <td>£15.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr D T Wilson</td> <td></td> <td>£115.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allowance</td> <td></td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allowance</td> <td></td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arrow County Supplies</td> <td></td> <td>£436.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sproat</td> <td></td> <td>£102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jill Kibble</td> <td></td> <td>£10.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gaskells</td> <td>P165473</td> <td>£41.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td></td> <td>£52.95</td> </tr> </table>	Salary		£594.40	Salary			Salary		£410.70	HMRC		£176.40	Smiths of Derby	16711	£302.40	G17	1144	£35.00	Gaskells	P169097	£41.56	Helen		£15.70	Mr D T Wilson		£115.00	Allowance		£150.00	Allowance		£150.00	Arrow County Supplies		£436.66	Sproat		£102.00	Jill Kibble		£10.20	Gaskells	P165473	£41.44	EDF		£52.95	
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	<p>a. 22/1847/LBC Cllr Lewis left the room for the discussion. Cllr Humphreys husband is the architect for the project and will abstain from voting but will join in the discussion after consultation. A copy of the response to the planning application was circulated prior to the meeting. Queries around if the</p>																																																	

	<p>measures would be effective to stop parking, and the materials used to fence the area off were reflective of the immediate material pallet in the area. There would appear to have been no previous fencing or structures around the well which would have precedent. The fence structure does not add to it or the narrative of the well or the overall setting of the Listed structure. .</p> <p>The well has been exceptionally well restored which was commendable. Council would feel more supportive if other materials were considered such as iron railings which would be more in keeping with the conservation area. Council approved the response and the queries in the narrative.</p>	
	<p>b. Pre-application consultation for proposed development at Montgomery Sewage Treatment Works</p> <p>Response was circulated to the council prior to the meeting. Council approved the wording for sending by Town Clerk.</p>	Clerk
10.	Highways	
	<p>Number of complaints about the number of potholes on Station Road with people having near misses. They have been marked and nothing has happened. To be sent to highways for comment. The road is dangerous and queries around making the pavement. Reported again to Powys County Council.</p>	Clerk
11.	Community Survey and Action Plan	
	<p>Request for volunteers to look at the application and sense check the overall outcomes.</p> <p>Cllr Jones / Cllr Taylor / Cllr Lock volunteered but all Cllrs are welcome to put forward their views.</p>	Cllr Kibble
12.	Website	
	<p>Website was set up as part of the Destination Montgomery project and they managed the updating, and it is felt it should be moved into the council as DM has been largely wound down and has a different remit.</p> <p>Sarah Gilder is paid freelance work for DM and it is suggested what she is currently doing for the website is audited to show what tasks she is and isn't doing on the website and where this could be moved to other people or identifying ongoing costs. Tasks that she is doing will be given to given back to the council.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the website becomes a working group of the council.</p> <p>Proposed: Destination Montgomery has effectively ended and therefore it is proposed that a website working group is reformed by the Town Council</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Stephenson Seconded: Cllr Kibble</p> <p>Abstained: Cllr Andrew / Cllr Jones</p> <p>Motion passed</p> <p>160 visitors per day in September. Top pages – Trails and council documents are</p>	

	<p>two / Taste Montgomery page also well visited. Feedback on the town council wording is welcomed.</p> <p>Ticketing system – this exists and was designed for the Town Council to use and a query if we wanted to use it for events. This may be valuable resource for the Town Council in the future.</p> <p>The WiFi is slow in the town hall, and we are looking into fibre for the Town Hall.</p> <p>Documents on the website about planning committee to be added to the website.</p> <p>Slide show for the lower town hall screen is online so can be shown in other venues.</p>	
13.	Announcement of Deaths in the Community	
	<p>A discussion around how members of the community find out about deaths if they are not on social media. Some ideas have come out e.g. on the noticeboard / on the slideshows in the town hall on a Thursday and Saturday. Need to ensure that the information is coming from the family, or the church, and it needs to be done in the correct way to offer support. There is also a cycle of this so the first few may be slow; however, people will get used to it being an option. Cllr Lock asked to consider some wording that would be appropriate for the messaging that this is a service that could be offered. Put it in on the slides and in the crier. The onus is on the family to send the information.</p>	Cllr Lock
14.	Remembrance Day	
	<p>Found a storage place for the poppies at the Chapel.</p> <p>Civic society are looking at the potential of having some of the poppies on display in the museum. Some remembrance books are still in the storage cupboard in the Town Hall and look at making these available.</p> <p>Paul Hodgson after 14 years stepping down as organiser of the Remembrance Day and this has just been flagged however there are potential people interested in managing the event. Send an official thank you to him from Town council</p>	Cllr. Kibble
18.	Communications from the meeting	
	Thank you to Paul Hodgson	
19.	Items for the next agenda	