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FACILITIES PANEL of MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Facilities Panel of Machynlleth Town Council
in the John Edwards Room on **15/7/2024** at 6:45pm.

or follow on zoom :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83718878664?pwd=L3liK2w2cXVYOXhjU1R6M3Z6THZTZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 1887 8664

Passcode: 035458

AGENDA :

1. APOLOGIES :

To receive apologies as reported to the Clerk before the meeting

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST :

To receive any declarations of interest

3. ELECTION of the CHAIR :

To elect the Chair for this panel to serve for the forthcoming year

4. For Information :

To receive for information the Facilities Manager's report

- To agree the quote provided for ongoing tree work maintenance.

The next Facilities panel meeting will be on 17th October 2024

at 6.45pm in the John Edwards at Y Plas.

ANNUAL TREE SURVEY

This has only half been completed. Chosen contractor has advised completion will be in the very near future. 3 trees were identified for removal within 13w (by August 2024) only 1 quote returned after going out to tender cost being £740.00. quote attached

Ash trees were in leaf in May so there is no need for an additional survey this year.

CAFFI Y PLAS

Successful Comedy Festival.

New tills, have moved away from Gwynedd Cash Registers which were costing £1100 per annum. New pads were purchased at a cost of £59.99 each and a till drawer for £48.35. Programme for tills will cost £5 per month.

Café Supervisor has completed level 3 training

New Electric cooker bought and installed on June 6th. This has taken away the requirement for gas safety certificates

CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN

Y Plas will close at 5pm on Saturday December 21st. Re-open Thursday January 2nd 2025. Caffi Y Plas will re-open Monday January 6th 2025. Previous years have shown us that there is very little demand directly after New Year. All staff will take annual leave

Y PLAS ENTRANCE

Works to start on September 1st and to be completed by end of year.

Fire Risk assessment has been drawn up by George and Tomos for the duration of the works.

ANNUAL RODENT REPORT

Annual Monitoring contract to be renewed to CPC pest control. Advice is to stay with the monthly monitoring contract for the grounds and building.

BACK CAR PARK

We have been informed that Powys County Council are going to install a Parking Eye in the Leisure Centre Park. The current wording on the Pay and Display Sign has an error in it meaning they can not legally charge, although it does ask that you pay on reception in Leisure Centre. The car park is used by various people from the community including staff and tenants of Y Plas, Plas Hirers, Shop Workers, School Teachers. Once the Parking Eye goes in it is inevitable that all these people will move across to the Back Car Park of Y Plas. We have been monitoring the situation with the back car park from as far back as 2016 and it has been suggested that we charge as this is an income stream that

we are missing out on. On average we have 30 cars per day (monitoring Monday – Friday usage) at £3 per day this would give us a potential income of over **£30k** per annum.

Due to the contractors taking half of the lower tier by Hen Stablau and the likelihood of the Sawna taking the top tier we need to establish an area for existing annual permit holders.

Prior to 1993 the area of the back car park of Y Plas was woodland, as part of “Celtica” a new car park was installed. Car park was marked out in early 1994 (being the last job of celtica exhibition after the renovation of the house). Contractors received a phone call from Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust advising them that they could not fell any hardwood trees therefore a new plan was done with parking bays wrapping around the hardwood trees. Celtica Management soon realised that there were people parking in the car park and not visiting the exhibition and were losing out on much needed income stream. A local resident would sit at the entrance to the car park by west lodge and charge for parking and if they visited the exhibition or café they had a small discount. (1994 – 2005)

The issue of Planning consent for overnight parking is being explored with Powys CC along with Environmental Health concerns, The Police and Housing Officers. It may be complicated by the car park being within the curtilage of a listed building and the grounds being a registered Historic Park and Gardens with Cadw.

COMPLAINTS

- Complaints regarding the area are an ongoing issue some of what are listed below.
- people living in the car park.
- A sense of shame to see such a mess in the car park.
- Converted vans, lorries and motorhomes staying weeks at a time.
- Witnessing urine being emptied from caravans into the bushes.
- The area is an eyesore
- Not a good entrance for arriving at the beautiful grounds of Y Plas
- Using the car park as a toilet
- Concerns about people visiting the Cemetery
- Questioning “is it a car park or a campsite?”
- The smell of human waste
- Rubbish being thrown into bushes
- Stop overnight Car Parking.
- Take control of the area and get it back to a respectable state.
- Being blocked in by ad hoc parking
- Reports of drug dealing
- Requests for Height Barriers to be installed due to overnight parking of mobile homes, large vehicles that were exploiting the space and producing a large amount of litter

Firstly, I would like to say thank you and everyone who makes the town such a community. We moved here in March last year and being pregnant with my first child I was very apprehensive about such a big move from Devon. But everyone we have met along the way has welcomed us with open arms and we feel like we have been here and part of the community a lot longer than 18 odd months.

Although we are relatively new to the area. One thing has caught our eye, to which we have made enquiries.

It seems that the carpark just off the main roundabout is not a nice place to walk with my Baby and dog. We have walked that way once since we arrived here in this beautiful area. But all we could smell was human waste and all we could see was scrap vehicles left everywhere. This seems such a shame when it's actually a lovely walk further along the way. We've noticed that a new cemetery has been constructed in the same location. I for one would not be happy if I was visiting a loved one and saw and smelt that area.

This came to my attention by a article I read on Facebook.

I felt I had to voice my opinion. I dread to think what the long-standing residents think.

TRAVELLERS

When the permanent traveller site was being built Powys County Council requested that the permanent travellers could re-locate onto Y Plas grounds for the duration of works. Councillors agreed that as it was a temporary situation they would allow it. Powys County Council paid a weekly site fee and also provided showers toilets and refuse collections.

Historically travellers used to park on the common and up the Wylfa.

REGISTERED PARK AND GARDEN

In February 2022 Y Plas Machynlleth was placed on the statutory register of Historic Parks and gardens. As a registered site the setting will continue to receive the current levels of protection through the planning system. (register attached along with plan)

SIGNAGE

We currently have no signage regarding parking in the rear car park, as a landowner you are entitled to impose reasonable Tc's and Cs on people using the land. At the very least we need signage stating that **"MTC accepts no responsibility of theft, loss or damage"**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Consideration must be taken with regards to the environmental impact the abandoned vehicles, deposited human waste are having on the area

RATS

We have an Annual Rodent Monitoring Contract that covers the grounds. There is nothing in place for the car park as the report was that there was very little, they could do in that area due to the way it was being used. A car park would not need a rodent monitoring contract, as there are people living in the area/ using it as a stopover the area is not a controlled environment. .Housekeeping of the area needs to be improved and all floor cleared. Overnight camping strongly not recommended. (advice from pest controller) Suggests clearing back all hedgerows after nesting season

UNAUTHORISED EVENT

A booking was refused due to the hirers not complying with terms and conditions of hire

No Public Liability Insurance

No Risk Assessments

Evidence of PAT Testing Certificates

Relevant licences not in place

All the above are part of the terms and conditions of hire.

Regardless of the booking being refused the event went ahead Facilities Manager asked for assistance from the mayor to deal with the situation. A councillor gave access to the building (CCTV footage available) to the organisers who accessed electricity supply via an office (No permission had been given by tenants) Facilities Manager and Mayor asked that the event was closed down. A full detailed report has been given to the Clerk.

TOWN CLOCK

Geraint Roberts has been to inspect the Town Clock and reports that it is dry inside. A full detailed report to follow.

Lightening Protector having an inspection on July 10th 2024. Update to be provided in Full Council Meeting on July 29th 2024



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PGW(Po)26(POW)

1st February 2022

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Statutory Register of Historic Parks & Gardens in Wales: Plas Machynlleth

Dear Mr Richard A B Jones,

I am pleased to inform you that, following a review of existing entries and consultation with owners, the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales became statutory on 1st February 2022. Thank you for taking part in the consultation.

While the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 placed a duty on the Welsh Ministers to compile and maintain a statutory register of historic parks and gardens in Wales, it did not introduce any new legal restrictions or a new consent regime. Registered sites and their settings will continue to receive the current level of protection through the planning system.

Full details of all registered historic parks and gardens are now available on Cof Cymru, Cadw's online resource of designated and registered historic assets in Wales — <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/cof-cymru/search-cadw-records>. However, for your reference, I enclose the entry in the statutory register.

If you have any questions regarding the statutory register, further information and guidance can be found on the Cadw website — <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/placemaking/legislation-and-guidance/registered-historic-parks-and-gardens>.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Coward,
Senior Heritage Planning & Designations Manager

Registered Historic Park & Garden



Details

Reference Number	Name	Date of Designation	Status
PGW(Po)26(POW)	Plas Machynlleth	01/02/2022	Designated

Location

Unitary Authority	Community	Easting	Northing
Powys	Machynlleth	274711	300285

Broad Class	Site Type	Main phases of construction
Gardens, Parks and Urban Spaces	Large house of several periods and small formal garden. Pleasure grounds partly remain as a public park.	About 1841-1900. About 1948-pleasure grounds as a public park..

Description

Summary Description and Reason for Designation

Registered for its historic interest as an important and attractive Victorian park, much of which survives. The park lies in a fine natural setting, on the edge of Machynlleth. The mansion house (Cadw LB:8499) was restored by Sir John Edwards (former MP) before it became home to the marquesses of Londonderry, who owned extensive estates in the area. House and garden were later given to the town as a public park. The historical development of the site reflects that of the town.

The Plas stands on the southern edge of the town of Machynlleth, set back off the Pentrerhedyn road behind a high stone wall on the north-west edge of a small park. The history of Plas Machynlleth (the Plas) is intimately connected to that of nearby Llynllodd (Cadw LB: 8504) a substantial farmhouse situated towards the south-east side of the park.

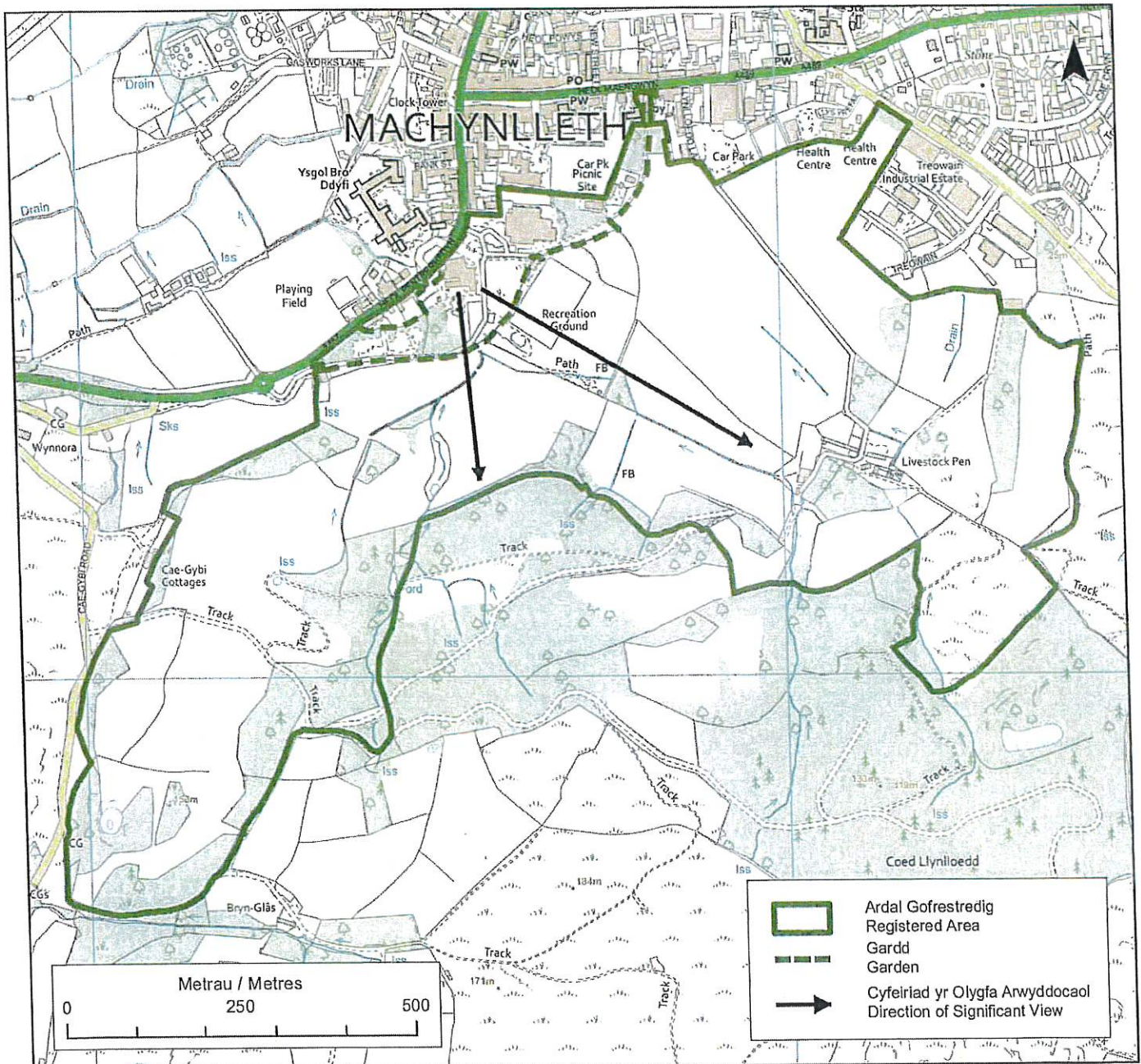
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Plas Machynlleth

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DEDDF MANNAU ARCHAEOLEGOL A HENEBION 1979
ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979



Dyma'r Cynllun yn y Gofrestr wedi'i dyddio:
This is the Plan referred to in the Register entry dated:

01/02/2022

Llofnodwyd gan Matthew Coward, o dan awdurdod Gweinidogion Cymru:
Signed by Matthew Coward under the authority of the Welsh Ministers:

Matthew Coward

Awdurdod Lleol:
Local Authority: Powys

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Community: Machynlleth / Cadfarch

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Cofrestr Statudol o Barciau a Gerddi Hanesyddol yng Nghymru: Plas Machynlleth

Annwyl Mr Richard A B Jones,

Rwy'n falch o'ch hysbysu, yn dilyn adolygiad o gofnodion presennol ac ymgynghoriad â pherchnogion, fod y Gofrestr o Barciau a Gerddi Hanesyddol yng Nghymru bellach yn statudol ers Chwefror 1af 2022. Diolch am gymryd rhan yn yr ymgynghoriad.

Er bod Deddf yr Amgylchedd Hanesyddol (Cymru) 2016 yn gosod dyletswydd ar Weinidogion Cymru i lunio a chynnal cofrestr statudol o barciau a gerddi hanesyddol yng Nghymru, ni chyflwynodd unrhyw gyfyngiadau cyfreithiol newydd na chylfundrefn ganiatadau newydd. Bydd safleoedd cofrestredig a'u lleoliadau yn parhau i dderbyn y lefel bresennol o amddiffyniad drwy'r system gynllunio.

Mae manyllion llawn yr holl barciau a gerddi hanesyddol cofrestredig ar gael ar Cof Cymru erbyn hyn, adnodd ar-lein Cadw o asedau hanesyddol dynodedig a chofrestredig yng Nghymru — <https://cadw.llyw.cymru/cyngor-a-chymorth/cof-cymru/chwilio-cofnodion-cadw>. Fodd bynnag, er gwybodaeth i chi, amgaeaf y cofnod yn y gofrestr statudol.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am y gofrestr statudol, mae rhagor o wybodaeth a chanllawiau i'w cael ar wefan Cadw — <https://cadw.llyw.cymru/cyngor-a-chymorth/creu-lleoedd/deddfwriaeth-a-chanllawiau/parciau-a-gerddi-hanesyddol-cofrestrredig>.

Mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau pellach.

Yn gywir,

Matthew Coward
Uwch-Rheolydd Cynllunio Treftadaeth a Dynodiadau

Parc a Gardd Hanesyddol Cofrestredig



Manylion

Rhif Cyfeirnod	Enw	Dyddiad Dynodi	Statws
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Lleoliad

Awdurdod Unedol	Cymuned	Dwyreiniad	Gogleddiad
Powys	Machynlleth	274711	300285

Dosbarthiad bras	Math o Safle	Prif gyfnodau adeiladu
Gerddi, Parciau a Mannau Trefol	Tŷ mawr sy'n dyddio o sawl cyfnod a gardd ffurfiol fach. Mae rhan o'r ardd bleser yn dal i fod yn barc cyhoeddus.	Tua 1841-1900. Tua 1948 - gardd bleser fel parc cyhoeddus.

Disgrifiad

Disgrifiad Cryno a'r Rheswm dros Ddynodi

Wedi'i gofrestru oherwydd ei ddiddordeb hanesyddol fel parc Fictoriaidd pwysig a deniadol, gyda llawer ohono wedi goroesi. Mae'r parc mewn lleoliad naturiol braf, ar gyrion Machynlleth. Cafodd y plasty (Cadw LB: 8499) ei adfer gan Syr John Edwards (cyn Aelod Seneddol) cyn iddo ddod yn gartref i ardalyddion Londonderry, a oedd yn berchen ar ystadau helaeth yn yr ardal. Rhoddwyd y tŷ a'r ardd i'r dref fel parc cyhoeddus yn ddiweddarach. Mae datblygiad hanesyddol y safle yn adlewyrchu datblygiad hanesyddol y dref.

Sall y Plas ar gyrion deheuol tref Machynlleth, wedi'i osod yn ôl oddi ar ffordd Pentreherdyn y tu ôl i wal gerrig uchel ar ymyl gogledd-orllewinol parc bach. Mae hanes Plas Machynlleth (y Plas) wedi'i gysylltu'n agos â hanes Llynloedd gerllaw (Cadw LB: 8504) ffermdy sylweddol wedi'i leoli tuag at ochr dde-ddwyreiniol y parc. Mae hanes cynnar ardal y parc yn aneglur, ond gallai ddyddio, fel tir wedi'i glirio, o'r cyfnod canoloesol. Mae'r cofnod cynharaf hysbys o'r parc i'w