



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL
on MONDAY JUNE 28TH 2021 at 6.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr A Jones
Cllr J Paige
Cllr M Williams
Cllr G Davies
Cllr M Atkins
Cllr N Elliott
Cllr A MacGarry
Cllr J Honeybill

APOLOGIES

Cllr R Gaskell
Cllr M Rowlands

NOT PRESENT

Cllr G Jones

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (locum clerk) Julie Humphreys (Minute Taker)

There was four members of the public present.

Agenda
item

1. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

See list above.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

| Name | Item | Personal | Prejudicial |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Cllr T Jones | Royal British Legion | ✓ | |
| Cllr M Williams | Royal British Legion | ✓ | |
| | Ysgol Bro Hyddgen | ✓ | |
| | MCCP | ✓ | |
| Cllr A MacGarry | Ysgol Bro Hyddgen | ✓ | |

PRESENTATION

Haydn Taylor PAVO is a Network Development office who works in North Powys. They are looking to bring together community groups and individuals who are invested in communities. We want to try and gather information from localities on things that are lacking in areas, PAVO will then feed this information up to the Community Sector Response Group who in turn will feed up porto Statutory and Council bodies. His role is to encourage Community engagement, PAVO will help apply for funding and encourage

people on the ground to help each other. Haydn Taylor can be contacted on haydn.taylor@pavo.org.uk

Cllr T Jones – Thanks Haydn for his presentation, Machynlleth has come together during the pandemic with help and support from many local community groups. Are there any plans for projects for the youth of the community? **Haydn Taylor** – The big part of the job of a Network Development Officer is to identify the needs of the community through the local people.

Cllr M Williams – found the presentation very interesting. There are a number of organisations that do great work in Machynlleth. It is important to build on the togetherness that has come about during the pandemic. **Haydn Taylor** – Part of the role is trying to build on the togetherness of communities.

Cllr N Elliott – Machynlleth used to have 3 clubs for the youth, they have all gone. **Haydn Taylor** – PAVO can help with funding, we are a network bringing people together with different skills and backgrounds. Please pass on my contact details to anyone in the community.

3. **MINUTES**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 24th May were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** propose **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 1st June were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr J Paige** asks that the venue and time heading be added to the minutes. **Cllr G Davies** propose to accept **Cllr M Atkins** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Market Meetings on 26th May and 16th June were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** propose **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the General Purpose Meeting on 5th June were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** propose **Cllr G Davies** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting on 21st June were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** propose **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Plas Panel Meeting on 21st June were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** propose **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds. **ALL AGREED**

4. **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

No Comments

5. **MAYORS REPORT**

Nothing to report

6. **CLERKS REPORT**

Nothing to report

7. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr M Williams – This report is here primarily for your information. Any items that councillors would like to draw attention to?

Cllr A MacGarry – Item 2.9 – Keeping Powys Warm – funding for people to insulating homes

8. **FINANCE**

1. To discuss the Internal Audit

Internal audit has not gone off. Whittingham Riddell has been appointed.

2. To discuss banking arrangements

Details of the Unity Trust Bank have been circulated to councillors. You currently bank with Barclays and every time you need to change signatories you need to travel up to Shrewsbury. 60% of councils in England and Wales are now banking with Unity Trust. **Locum Clerk G Rippon** proposes that new banking with Unity trust be up and running by September. **Cllr M Williams** propose to accept **Cllr J Honeybill** seconds **ALL AGREED.**

3. To discuss allowances for Councillors.

Councillors are entitled to claim allowances if they so wish. **Cllr A MacGarry** - historically this was in the budget, it has not been budgeted for this year, **Locum Clerk G Rippon** advises Councillors that it is taxable and the budget must be adjusted accordingly. **All Agreed** that councillors advise the clerk individually via email if they intend to claim allowances.

9. **PLANNING**

1. 21/0874/LBC

Application for listed building consent for retention of works already undertaken namely replacement of that portion of the roof which covers 27 Church Place. Penrallt Street, Machynlleth, SY20 8AG. **NO OBJECTIONS**

2. 21/1146/HH

Applications for alterations to the property frontage and rebuilding of front wall Cynlas, Maengwyn Street, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 8DY. **Cllr A MacGarry** propose to **OPPOSE. 7 agreed to Oppose.**

3. 21/1084/CAC

Application for the removal and re-building of front wall. Cynlas, Maengwyn Street, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 8DY. **NO OBJECTIONS** from 7 Councillors 1 Councillor abstained.

4. 21/1114/21FUL

Application for the conversion and extension of former Council Storage Depot building to form a dwelling and all associated works (resubmission of 2-/1924/FUL) Y Plas, Heol Pentrerhedyn, Machynlleth, SY20 8ER – **NO OBJECTIONS**
Signed Chair

10. AMBULANCE SERVICE

Cllr J Honeybill – The position as I understand is that the ambulance station here at Machynlleth is open 24hours, there is a proposal to make the station a 16hour station. If this proposal goes forward, we will find ourselves without ambulance cover. We need this service. If an ambulance needs to be deep cleaned it has to go to Wrexham, which takes the ambulance away from Machynlleth along with its crew, this could be remedied by training somebody local up to clean. **Cllr M Williams** – We must make a very strong representation, it is absolutely important that Welsh Ambulance Services addresses Machynlleth Town Council, it is crucial to have a face-to-face meeting. **Cllr M Atkins** – on my visits to the station I have been told that we don't have that 24 hr cover now. **Cllr M Williams** proposes that a high-ranking Welsh Ambulance representative be invited to meet with Machynlleth Town Council for the September meeting. **Cllr G Davies** seconds. **ALL AGREED.**

Cllr J Honeybill proposes that a letter be sent to the Senedd and Powys Teaching Health Board **Cllr M Williams** seconds **ALL AGREED**

11. STANDING ORDERS

Cllr J Paige – would like to review the standing orders, he has been studying them and they need to be updated. **Cllr M Williams** proposes that **Cllr J Paige** goes ahead and does this **Cllr A MacGarry** asks that they are sent out to all councillors after the review to be scrutinised. **Cllr N Elliott** seconds **ALL AGREED.**

12. TOWN CLOCK

Works are progressing should get the report back very soon. **Cllr T Jones** is trying to contact Willmott Dixon with regards to funding.

13. YSGOL BRO HYDDGEN

Letter has been drafted and will be sent to Powys County Council **Cllr G Davies** proposes that **Locum Clerk G Rippon** sends letter **Cllr J Paige** seconds. **5 Agreed, 1 Abstained 2 Declared an Interest.**

14. GARSIWN ALLOTMENT WALL

Awaiting a response from Powys County Council

15. NURSERY LEASE

Updated lease has been circulated previously. **Cllr A MacGarry** proposes to agree and sign lease **Cllr J Honeybill** seconds **ALL AGREED.**

16. **CEMETERT EXTENSION**

No Updates. **Cllr M Williams** - the last email we had was that Powys County Council want the project concluded by end of March 2022. **Locum Clerk G Rippon** has spoken to the legal department with regards to the back car park. **All Agreed** that **Locum Clerk G Rippon** approaches Milwyn Jenkins and Jenkins to move things forward.

17. **REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ALSO MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllr M Atkins – Happy to see the works happening at the Hospital, it should be up and running early 2023.

Cllr A MacGarry – Zoom meeting organised by One Voice Wales on regeneration of Welsh Towns. One Voice Wales want to strongly promote Town Partnerships. We need to involve the Community in making decisions.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Royal British Legion – Requesting use of Y Plas for no charge on August 14th. **All Agreed** that No Fee for Grounds. Charge for use of Hall.

Noted that numerous letters had been received from the public regarding Ysgol Bro Hyddgen

Noted Police and Crime Panel Annual Report

Letter from Member of Public with regards to a memorial Bench in Y Plas. **Cllr A MacGarry** asks that when trees are felled that we hold on to good quality timber, it would be good to use our own timber for benches. **Cllr M Williams** proposes that Julie Humphreys meets with the member of the public to discuss locality. **Cllr G Davies** seconds. **ALL AGREED.**

Letter regarding no fencing around Travellers Site – **Cllr M Williams** advises that the matter is in hand. Powys County council will be erecting a fence. **Cllr M Williams** proposes Machynlleth Town Council support the letter received and a suitable email be sent to carol.gittins. **Cllr G Davies** seconds **ALL AGREED**

Email regarding Fly Tipping - **Cllr M Williams** advises that if it is on County Council land they will move it. **ALL AGREED** that email is forwarded to Powys County Council Environmental Health.

19. **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr A MacGarry – Has received comments regarding the stump outside the White Horse. **Cllr M Williams** agrees and also the dead Cherry Tree outside SPAR that needs removing. **Cllr M Williams** proposes that the Locum Clerk emails trunk road agency. **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds **ALL AGREED.**

20. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Standing Orders

Ysgol Bro Hyddgen

Cllr M Williams formally moves that the press and public leave the meeting.

All Agreed

A motion was passed under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item due to the confidential nature of the business discussed.

21. STAFFING ISSUES

1. To set up a panel to discuss the findings of the tribunal

Panel to consist of Cllrs; N Elliott; J Paige; M Williams. Cllr J Paige to Chair Panel. Meeting arranged for 5pm July 5th at Y Plas. Task and finish scrutiny group.

2. Clerks Post

Cllr M Williams propose that clerk's position is advertised and that it is also be advertised with SLCC Cllr G Davies seconds. ALL AGREED

3. Hours and Salary Scale

Locum Clerk G Rippon has done a job evaluation and the position was underpaid. Cllr A MacGarry stresses that we should stick to the budget this year. In the short term we can reduce the hours to fit the budget.

Cllr A MacGarry proposes going with SCP 33 and prepared to work to CILCA and hours to be reviewed. Cllr J Paige seconds. ALL AGREED.

Date