

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF**

**Machynlleth town COUNCIL**

**on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 2021 at 6.30pm**

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| **PRESENT** | **APOLOGIES** |
| Cllr J Paige | Cllr R Gaskell |
| Cllr M Williams | Cllr G Davies |
| Cllr A MacGarry | Cllr M Atkins |
| Cllr J Honeybill | Cllr T Jones |
| Cllr L Griffith |  |
| Cllr N Elliott | **NOT PRESENT** |
|  | Cllr G Jones |
|  | Cllr M Rowlands |
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| **ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE** | |
| Mr. Gwilym Rippon (locum clerk) | Julie Humphreys (Minute Taker)  Nicole Beaumont (Finance Officer) |

There were two members of the public present.

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|  | Agenda item |  |  |  |
|  |  | **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES** |  |  |
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|  |  | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** |  |  |
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|  |  | **MINUTES** |  |  |
|  |  | Following review of the minutes.  **RESOLVED**  That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 24th July 2021 were a true record of what transpired. **Cllr M Williams** proposes to accept **Cllr A MacGarry** seconds **ALL AGREED** |  |  |
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|  | 4. | **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES** |  |  |
|  |  | It was noted that Councillors have received an invitation to attend a public meeting on October 20th 2021 at 6.30pm at Y Plas with Cllr C Davies. |  |  |
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|  | 5. | **MAYORS REPORT** |  |  |
|  |  | In the absence of the Mayor **Cllr T Jones, Cllr J Paige** read out the report.  On 14th August the mayor opened the Royal British Legion 100th Centenary Celebrations here at Y Plas Machynlleth.  Mayor reminds Councillors that Remembrance Sunday will be on 14th November |  |  |
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|  | 6. | **CLERKS REPORT** |  |  |
|  |  | **Locum Clerk Gwilym Rippon** reports that HR specialist was cancelled back in January and they are continuing to send bills.  **Locum Clerk Gwilym Rippon** advises that a FOI request has been submitted by a member of the public. |  |  |
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|  | 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 3,1 – Application Number 21/1084/CAC: Removal and re-building of front wall, Cynlas, Heol Maengwyn, Machynlleth – Approve (19-8-21). Requests that planners are to provide an explanation as to why they have approved this.  **Cllr A MacGarry –** Item 4,1 - New arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (10th September): It states that all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure additional learning provision will be provided in Welsh – this is not good enough, it should be mandatory. **Cllr A MacGarry** proposes that Machynlleth Town Council writes to Powys County Council stressing this. **Cllr J Paige** seconds. **All Agreed** |  |  |
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|  | 8. | **FINANCE** |  |  |
|  |  | 1. **To Agree the invoices for payment** |  |  |
|  |  | **Cllr J Paige** proposes to agree to the invoices for payment. **Cllr N Elliott** seconds. **All Agreed** |  |  |
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|  | 9. | **PLANNING**  No applications |  |  |
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|  | **10**. | **AMBULANCE SERVICE**  **Locum Clerk G Rippon –** No response received from Ambulance Service. |  |  |
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|  | **11.** | **POLICIES** |  |  |
|  |  | 1. **To agree to the revised Council’s Standing Orders :** |  |  |
|  |  | **Cllr M Williams** proposes to agree to the Revised Council’s Standing Orders, **Cllr L Griffith** seconds, **All Agreed.**   1. **To agree to the Media Policy**   **Cllr M Williams** proposes to agree to the Media Policy, **Cllr N Elliott** seconds, **All Agreed.** |  |  |
|  | **12.** | **TOWN CLOCK** |  |  |
|  |  | **Locum Clerk G Rippon –** No update. **Cllr M Williams –** We all have to progress matters with regards to the Town Clock. |  |  |
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|  | **13.** | **CCTV** |  |  |
|  |  | Agreed to find out how much vandalism is costing Machynlleth Town Council (especially at the town’s Toilets facilities by the public carpark) and to look at cheaper systems. |  |  |
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|  | **14.** | **REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ALSO MEETINGS ATTENDED** |  |  |
|  |  | **Cllr A MacGarry –** Attended Allotments AGM, Allotmenteers at Garsiwn site would like to keep the empty plot as a communal space and also that Machynlleth Town Council push Powys County Council on wall problems. **Cllr A MacGarry** proposes that the empty plot is kept as a communal space and that Machynlleth Town Council need to reply to Powys County Council with regards to the wall. **Cllr J Paige** seconds **All Agreed.** Allotmenteers at Y Plas site ask that Machynlleth Town Council request a Public Consultation with regards to the future use of the Leisure Centre Site, Library Site and Primary School. **All Agreed.**  **Cllr A MacGarry-** attended the foodbank AGM where it was reported that they have seen an increase in parcels going out.  **Cllr A MacGarry –** attended Biosphere meeting, they bare in a crunch situation as they have no funding. They are putting a bid to the Welsh Government.  **Cllr A MacGarry** – Plas Energy panel has highlighted the need to set up an organisation to manage the Community Hall – this will consist of user groups of people, we can then save on the rates. **Cllr A MacGarry** proposes to set up a document for the next meeting. **All Agreed.** The heating system is complex here at Y Plas and it has been identified that Energy Panel will need the expertise of the BMS engineer. **All Agreed** to get a quote from the BMS Engineer and to consider at next meeting.  **Cllr A MacGarry –** proposes that Machynlleth Town Council amend tenants lease to include responsible use of energy **Cllr M Williams** seconds **All Agreed.** |  |  |
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|  | **15.** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |  |
|  |  | 1. To consider a request that the Town Council supports the introduction to extend the waiting restrictions on both sides of A489. **Cllrs** did not receive the plans. 2. To consider asking Powys County Council to share the cost of CCTV cameras in the main car park which could watch and discourage vandalism at the Public Toilets and Fly Tipping. **All Agreed** that a letter be sent to Powys County Council |  |  |
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|  | **16.** | **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS** |  |  |
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|  | **17.** | **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** |  |  |
|  |  | Cemetery – to get an update from the solicitors  Kennels – to get an update from Dr Morpeth  Town Clock  Proposal to set up a Policies Panel  Consider BMS Panel quote |  |  |
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|  |  | **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. |  |  |
|  |  | The next full council meeting will take place at Y Plas on Monday 25th October at 6.30pm  **Signed:** |  |  |
|  |  | Date |  |  |