**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL**

**on Monday May 16th 2022 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr T.Jones (departing Mayor), Cllr J Paige, Cllr M Williams, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr L.Griffith, Cllr G.Jones, Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr A.Evans, Cllr R.Hughes, Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr P.Jones

**APOLOGIES :**

None

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicole Beaumont (Finance Officer & Minutes taker)

7 members of the public, no member of the press.

**1/ Departing MAYOR final report :**

At the latest round of Local Council Elections held on May 5th 2022, Cllr T.Jones was not re-elected and as the departing Mayor gave a speech to the assembly. He became a councillor in 2012 and had the honour of being Mayor 4 times since. He thanked all the councillors that have helped him with his task and invites the new councillors to rally behind the incoming Mayor to best serve the interests of the people of Machynlleth. He also thanked the staff at the Plas for their hard work to keep things going and special thanks to Cllr J.Paige who as Deputy Mayor, steadfastly helped him and stepped in as the Proper Officer. He wished each of the new councillors the very best for the future.

Cllr M.Williams thanked him on behalf of the council for all the hard work he did and wished him well for the future.

**2 / ELECTION of a NEW MAYOR and a DEPUTY MAYOR** : Cllr M.Williams proposed that Cllr J.Paige be the new Mayor, Cllr M.Atkins seconded. All agreed. Cllr J.Paige was elected as the new Mayor.

Cllr A.MacGarry was elected as his Deputy Mayor.

**3/ Declarations of acceptance of office :**

The new Mayor, new Deputy Mayor and all Councillors signed their acceptance of office.

**4/ The new Mayor addressed the assembly :**

Cllr J.Paige as the newly elected Mayor thanked Cllr T.Jones (exiting Mayor) for his work on the Council over the last few years and as Mayor in this last year.

Cllr J.Paige, in his new function, is excited to start his task to redress some of the many problems identified over the last 2 or 3 years. In particular to address the bad comments in the local press, regarding Machynlleth Town Council over the matter of accounts not done for a few years. Now this is being remedied to and a happy outcome is expected before the Town Council’s summer break in August.

He spoke about the issues of the Town Clock repairs. Work is due to start with a schedule of work and a tendering process to be implemented. Special thanks went to the Plas Facilities Manager for her hard work to get to this stage, hopefully all repairs should be done on time to celebrate the Town Clock 150th anniversary in 2023.

He went on to the project of the Plas Kennels (Hen Stablau). He said that the project is at Stage 3 of its development and progress. A caveat however : that for the moment negotiations are ongoing with Powys County Council to reduce their 90% hold over any proceeds of any eventual sale of the building. Should this not be possible, the project can not go forward in its present forms.

Cllr J.Paige was happy to tell the Council that there was a new manager at the Y Plas Café who is doing well and needs to be strongly supported in his task to make Y Plas Café a success.

Also, that the new Town Clerk will start on July 1st 2022 and wish him all the best in his function.

Cllr Paige was saddened by the increased vandalism especially in the community garden area in the grounds at the Plas, he would like the subject of a Youth Club to be sorted and taken forward to alleviate some of these problems. He was also saddened with the vandalism happening at the town’s Public Toilet facilities by the main carpark. He proposed that the council study how other town councils around do cope with such occurrence and if there was anything in their model that could be implemented in Machynlleth.

He gave special thanks to the Plas Facilities Manager for her dedication to her job and the deep font of knowledge on all things “Plas and town” she possessed.

Concluding he wished everyone, especially the newly elected Councillors and those that were returning, the best year ahead, invited them all to visit their pigeon hole/letter box at the Council office upstairs to get their papers prior to any meetings that they will need to attend.

Then all councillors reviewed the minutes of the last AGM held last year on 24th May 2021 and agreed to accept them as such.

**6/ Nominations to internal panels and Review of any delegations, arrangements to external committees :**

It was resolved that Cllr J.Paige as Mayor and Cllr A.MacGarry as his Deputy will be members of ALL internal panels.

Nominations to the following panels are :

* **6.1 : Facilities Panel**

**(Plas and its grounds, Toilets at the town main carpark, Clock Tower and War Memorial)** :

ALL councillors to be on the panel

* **6.2 : General Purpose Panel (the town in general and anything not mentioned at the above panel)** :

Cllr M.Williams, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr P.Jones, Cllr A.Evans.

* **6.3 : Market Panel** :

Cllr M.Williams, Cllr J.Honeybill, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr N.McCarten.

* **6.4 : Finance Panel** :

Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr M.Williams, Cllr K.Bryan, N.Beaumont as Finance Officer.

* **6.5 : Market Panel** :

Cllr M.Williams, Cllr J.Honeybill, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr N.McCarten.

* **6.6 : Staffing Panel** :

Cllr J.Honeybill, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr A.Evans, Cllr R.Hughes.

* **6.7 : Kennels Project (Hen Stablau) Panel** :

Cllr M.Williams, Dr S.Morpeth, Cllr N.McCarten, Mr R.Gaskell.

* **6.8 : Plas Energy Panel** :

Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr J.Honeybill

* **6.9 : Climate Action Panel** :

Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr J.Honeybill, Cllr M.Williams.

* **6.10 : Councillors representation on outside committees :**

Cllr J.Honeybill will continue with Owain Glyndwr Centre Management Committee

Cllr A.MacGarry will continue with the Dyfi Biosphere committee

Cllr M.Williams will continue with the SARPA (Shrewsbury and Aberyswyth Railways and Passengers Association) committee

Cllr J.Paige will continue with the One Voice Wales, aided by the Town Clerk

Cllr M.Atkins will continue with the Patient Forum, aided by Cllr N.McCarten

Cllr A.MacGarry proposed, Cllr J.Honeybill seconded and it was agreed that subscriptions from last year be carried on with this year.

Cllr MacGarry explained how the enterprise project was moving forwards.

**7/ Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

New proposed standing orders and financial regulations were distributed. Council resolved to defer adoption of these and of the code of conduct until the next meeting of the council.

**8/ Schedule of councillors’ attendance and claimed costs for the coming FY2022-23 :** This matter will be discussed later in July when the new Town Clerk starts in his role.

**9/ Dates and times of all council meetings for 2022-23**

Council resolved to accept the calendar for 2022-23 as supplied by the Clerk and attached to these minutes.

**10 /**  **The next AGM meeting will be held in May 2023, exact day and time will be confirmed nearer the time.**

Before the meeting officially ended Cllr K.Bryan said that the BBC had approach her to talk about the damage at the Gerddi community garden. If someone from the council could speak to the BBC for their interview in Welsh.

**11/ The next full Town Council meeting will be on 30th May 2022 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.**