

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES PANEL MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday January 16th 2023 at 7.00pm in the John Edwards room

PRESENT:

Cllr J Paige (Chair)¹, Cllr A Evans, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr K Bryan, Cllr N McCarten.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr P Jones, Cllr M.Atkins.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk and RFO)

1/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :

See list above.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

None declared

3/ CAR PARK TOILETS

There was some discussion regarding the written report submitted by the Clerk.

Panel resolved that the Clerk should discuss the matter with Powys in order to bring a written report to Full Council outlining possible options.

4/ TOWN CLOCK

The Panel received and considered the written report from the Clerk.

Panel requested that following the imminent release of the tender documents, information to that effect should be released on the Council Facebook account and on the Council website.

The Panel agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that it would be advantageous for a councillor to source and co-ordinate news regarding the clock works. Councillor Norma McCarten agreed to do so and either post the information directly to the Facebook account or feed it to Councillor Kim Bryan so that she could post it.

5/ Y PLAS

The Clerk reported that a leak in the roof had led to a bowed ceiling in the gallery. The roof has been made good and once the plasterboard has dried out a repair will be made to the ceiling.

Work on the new fire alarm has been completed.

6/ PLAS GROUNDS

The Clerk reported on repair work to the nursery building.

7/ HEN STABLAU

An insurance inspection of the building has occurred and will result in a written report outlining actions that the Council must undertake. Council staff are clearing the "flat" portion of the building and the courtyard in line with conditions of the insurance.

¹ Those in bold are voting members of the Panel.

Independent of insurance requirements the Council had commissioned a report on the condition of the chimney and there is a requirement for urgent work to prevent it collapsing. Clerk will consult with the Built Heritage Officer at Powys and work will be undertaken as soon as possible.

8/ EVALUATION OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Councillors had received lots of positive comments regarding the new Christmas lights. Other highlights were the snow machine and the donkeys. The Clerk gave an update on the vandalism that broke the lights on New Years Eve, the repair work that would take place now the tree was down and the agreement for recompense from the person who had broken them.

Suggestions for next year included

- Would it be possible to provide mulled wine / apple juice to those attending?
- To consider anti climb paint and a “do not climb” sign on the tree.
- To place the fuse box for the tree higher up next year.

5/ The next Finance panel meeting will be on 17th of April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.