

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE PANEL OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL
on Monday February 6th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas

PRESENT:

Cllr J Paige, Cllr R.Hughes, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr M.Williams, Cllr A.Evans.

APOLOGIES : Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr G.Jones.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk)

1 member of the public (Councillor Henry Williams, Chair of Cadfarch Community Council)

1 / ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :

See list above.

2 / ELECTION OF A CHAIR :

Cllr A MacGarry was elected as chair of this committee (unanimous)

3 / DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

4/ ON STREET PARKING:

Panel recommended that the following items are passed by the Full Council to Powys County Council for consideration as part of the on street parking review for the town.

- Heol Powys – There are cars parking both sides and it would be very difficult for an emergency vehicle to traverse the street – Double yellow lines should be considered on one side of the street.
- New Street and Heol Maengwyn around the Spar store – There is a need for double yellow lines on both side of New Street as cars parking there block the road and access to the dedicated delivery bay for that store, This often means that delivery vehicles are parked at the front of the store taking up disabled bays. (Note:- On examination of this area it appears there should be yellow lines here already but they are so worn as to not be visable. Photo provided to Powys with a request that they are repainted)
- The 45 minutes restricted parking on Heol Maengwyn is insufficient to allow people to support local businesses. We would like to see it increased, ideally to two hours.
- At the side of the BT building on Pendre Road there are worn out double yellow lines, Councillors considered that there is no need for double yellow lines here and that the space could provide extra on street parking.
- On Maengwyn street the entrance to the car park for the Job Centre is often blocked by parked cars.
- Forge road needs double yellow lines on one side. See attached diagrams for a suggestion of how this can be achieved without loss of parking spaces.
- There is a need to remove the first parking space encountered on Heol Maengwyn when turning right out of the Powys County Council car park – it blocks sight of the road and could lead to an accident.
- Councillors also stated a need to refresh all markings around the town as many of them are broken or unclear with a particular problem being caused by the worn markings of disabled bays outside the Spar store.
- There is a need for the parking regulations to be policed, Much of the problem parking is in places where there are already double yellow lines or within 10 meters of a junction.
 - At the Corner of Bryn y Gog at junction with Maes Newydd.
 - The Junction of Cae Crwn and Newtown Road.

5/ DOG FOULING:

(Referred to this committee by the Council meeting on 30/1/23, given that this is an advisory committee with no delegated powers the Clerk confirmed that it would be acceptable to discuss this matter and make recommendations for Full Council to consider.)

The Panel recommended that

The Council should run a low cost campaign to raise awareness of the problem of dog fouling in Machynlleth. The following suggestions were provided as possible prongs of the campaign.

- **To make available on our Facebook page and website a PDF of a poster people might want to put up in their window, asking people to clean up after their dog. To also make such posters available for collection at the front desk of the Plas.**
- **To order 50 stickers and likewise make them available to anybody who would like to put them up.**
- **To make available large pieces of chalk so that anybody who wants to can use them to circle problems on their own street in order to draw the attention of dog owners to the problem.**