

## **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL**

**on Monday June 26th 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas**

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr J Paige (Mayor and Chair of the meeting), Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr R.Hughes, Cllr J Honeybill, , Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr M.Williams and Cllr P.Jones.

**APOLOGIES :** Cllr G.Jones, Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr A.Evans and Cllr M.Atkins.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk)

Nicole Beaumont (Admin & Finance Officer - Minutes taker)

3 members of the public.

**1 / ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :** See list above.

### **2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS :**

Cllr A.MacGary declared interest in item 8.1 and 8.2.

### **3 / Public Participation :**

The invited guest Police Sergeant Dave Hawksworth sent his apologies that at the last minute he was unable to attend and will be invited again at a later meeting.

### **4/ Mayor's report :**

Nothing to report.

### **5/ Minutes of the last meeting :**

5.1/ **The minutes of the Council's Annual General Meeting held on 22/5/2023 were agreed as a true record (unanimous).**

5.2/ **The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22/5/2023 were agreed as a true record (unanimous).**

5.3/ **The minutes of the Facilities meeting held on 12/6/2023 were agreed as a true record (unanimous).**

### **6/ Matters arising :**

Item 16.2 of the Full council meeting (5.2 above) : Cllr A.MacGarry informed us that the High Sheriff for Powys visited the Youth Club and gave out awards.

Item 3 of the Facilities meeting (5.3 above) : Cllr N.McCarten reported on the failure of PCC officers to attend the meeting. She has now got a named contact at PCC to liaise with regarding the project.

Cllr J.Paige commented on how the Cherry Trees discussed at Full Council (5.2 above) looked to be thriving and commended the grounds and facilities staff for the job done.

### **7/ Report from Cllr M.Williams - County Councillor :**

Cllr M.Williams presented his report and invited questions.

With reference to item 2.16 of his report, he requested that Sam Lloyd-Clayton be invited at a future meeting to attend and tell the Council of the projects in Machynlleth benefitting from the Placemaking Grants..

### **8/ Planning :**

3 applications were for consideration and a further one which came too late to council to be included in the agenda for this meeting.

8.1/ Application reference : 23/0765/FUL

**No objection (Unanimous).**

8.2/ Application reference : 23/0766/LBC

**No objection (Unanimous).**

8.3/ Application reference : 23/0534/LBC

**No objection (Unanimous).**

8.4/ Application reference : 23/0843/HH came too late to be listed on the agenda.

**No objection (Unanimous).**

**It was proposed that the Local Planning Officer be invited to a future meeting. (Unanimous).**

#### **9/ Finance :**

**Council resolved to pay June invoices as per schedule of payment provided with the agenda (Unanimous).**

In light of the size of the electricity bill for the now closed toilets, Council requested that the Clerk should write to Mr Nigel Brinn of Powys County Council to receive assurances that the power supply to the toilets on Heol Maengwyn car park does not supply anything else belonging to PCC.

#### **10/ Internal Audit Report FY2022-23 :**

**Council received the internal auditors report for FY2022-23 (Unanimous).**

#### **11/ Annual Return FY2022-23 \_ :**

**Council resolved to approve the accounting statements prepared and to complete the governance statement section of the Annual return answering yes to every question. (Unanimous).**

#### **12/ Insurance renewal :**

**Council reviewed the quotes put forward by Town Clerk and resolved to accept the proposal by Zurich Insurance for a three year LTA. (Unanimous).**

#### **13/ Town and Investment Plan :**

**Council resolved to approve the Town Investment Plan as produced Rose Regeneration for Powys County Council. (Unanimous).**

#### **14/ B.O.B.B. Scheme :**

**Council agreed that a representative of the council would countersign notices of B.O.B.B if requested. (Unanimous).**

#### **15/ Back your bus route campaign :**

**Council resolved that the Clerk will write to the Senedd and to Powys County Council on behalf of MTC to support the 'Back your bus route' campaign. (Unanimous).**

#### **16/ Reports from nominated representatives on outside bodies :**

Cllr A.MacGarry reported on her attending the One Voice Wales National Committee. Various topics were discussed such as :

- improving relationship between Town councils, County councils and Welsh government
- Digital support
- Community Asset Transfers

- The democratic deficit

### **17/ Correspondence :**

17.1/ Council are to invite Cat Edwards the Community Engagement Officer at Hope House to present her work

17.3/ Town clerk is to write back to Daniel Baynham reference the street trees, stating that the Council's preference is to have permeable paving.

17.4/ Councillors individually will respond and a link will be on our social media pages.

### **18/ Clerk's report :**

This is the final report from Town clerk Dewi Jones s new Clerk will take up post on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

He reported that work on the Clock Tower will finally start this week. CADW have generously agreed to increase their grant offer to half of the cost as opposed to half of the initially estimated cost.

Machynlleth Town Council have been awarded a grant by the National Lottery Community Fund towards the cost of upgrading the heating system in the Plas along a with several measures to increase energy efficiency.

The Clerk thanked the Facilities Manager for her hard work on organising these grants and her support in general during his time as Clerk and thanked the Administrative Finance Officer for the much improved Auditors reports discussed earlier at this meeting.

Clerk reported that the meeting of Council as trustee would had been postponed to 31<sup>st</sup> of July as the charity commission website was not currently accepting annual returns.

### **19/ Information from members :**

Cllr A.MacGarry and Cllr N.McCarten attended the Environment and Nature conference in Llandrindod Wells where the biodiversity requirements for planning applications outlined in Section 6 of the Environment Act 2016 were discussed.

Also Bank hubs were discussed. Cllr N.McCarten reported that the criteria to fund banking hubs which are required to be placed in premises that has been used as a bank previously.

### **20/ Items for the next agenda :**

None

**The Chairperson proposed that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items as it is likely that exempt information, as defined in part 4, Schedule 12A, local government Act 1972, be coming to the fore. (Unanimous).**

### **21/ Staffing matters :**

Clerk confirmed that the new Town Clerk and RFO will start on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

### **22/ Minutes (part 2) :**

**22.1/ Staffing Committee of 17/5/2023. With a slight correction to make in the name of one of the Councillors. Council approved the minutes as a correct record (unanimous).**

**22.3/ Extra Ordinary meeting held on 5/6/2023. Council approved (unanimous).**

**THE NEXT MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL will take place on MONDAY 31st JULY 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.**