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

**on Monday 25th September 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, Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr A.Evans and Cllr M.Atkins.

**APOLOGIES :**, Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr P.Jones and Cllr G.Jones

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicole Beaumont (Admin & Finance Officer - Minutes taker)

3 members of the public, none of the press.

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

**2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS** :

None declared

3 **/ Public Participation :**

3.1 : Cat Edwards, Community Engagement Officer for Hope House, gave a presentation of the work that Hope House & Ty Gobaith do for children with life threatening illnesses and the support given to their families. Further information on their website : hopehouse.org.uk/care

3.2 : Phil Wheeler, Mach Fringe, and Mark Bond, Mach Fringe, came to discuss the future of Dyfi Bridge once the new one will be open later this year. A potential project of turning it into a promenade type garden/walkway for people to enjoy a stop on their walks in and around the Dyfi valley. Consultation is ongoing.

**4/ Mayor’s report :**

Cllr Paige reported :

* On his invitation to open the new petrol station by the railway station.
* On an impromptu talk with Russell George MS and Craig Williams MP on finding a solution with Powys CC to the problem of the closed public conveniences in Machynlleth.

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

5.1/ The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25/7/2023 were agreed as a true record**.**

**Majority vote.**

5.2/ The minutes of the Market Committee meeting held on 20/9/2023 will be discussed at the next full council meeting on 30/10/2023.

**Majority vote.**

**6/ Matters arising** :

6.1/ Item 3 of the Full Council meeting (5.1 above) :

- The invitation to Police Sergeant Dave Hawksworth will be reissued to attend at another date.

6.2/ Item 7 of the Full Council meeting (5.1 above) :

- An invitation to Sam Lloyd-Clayton of PCC was made to attend the meeting ??? to tell the Council of projects in Machynlleth benefitting from Placemaking Grants. The invitation has been re-issued to attend at another date.

**6.3/ UPDATE : Item 7 of the Finance Committee held on 17/7/2023 :**

 - **The date for the next Finance Committee meeting is on Monday 16th October at 6.30pm, Vane Tempest room.**

6.9/ Item 6 of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 17/7/2023

 - Clerk and café manager are still formulating a new business plan for the café.

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

Cllr M.Williams presented his report and invited questions.

**8/ Planning :**

None

**9/ Finance :**

**Council resolved to pay invoices as per list presented**. Also and extra invoice for £180 from Dyfed Alarms for their annual inspection and maintenance contract which came too late to be on the presented list**. Unanimous**.

**10/ Reports from nominated representatives on outside bodies** :

10.1 / Cllr MacGarry reported that the One Voice Wales meeting has been re-scheduled.

10.2/ Cllr N.McCarten reported that a manager is being sought for the patient forum

**11/ Members items :**

11.1/ Cllr M.Williams – Plant based Treaty. The matter has been moved to be discussed at the next Climate Change meeting on 27/9/2023.

11.2/ Cllr R.Hughes to write a letter to PCC that provision of school meals should match that of Ceredigion and Gwynedd

11.3/ Cllr R.Hughes reported that road markings are currently being redone

11.4 / Cllr G.Jones was not present at the meeting to discuss the item he brought forward concerning the closure of Dyfi Bridge. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**12/ Correspondence :**

12.1/ PCC suggestion for the new cemetery’s name was agreed as Mynwent Y Plas Cemetery.

12.2/ A letter from Cerebral Palsy for support by mean of a donation, will be considered at the January meeting.

12.3/ A letter was received from the Rotary Club to attended the next Facilities meeting to discuss Xmas arrangements.

**13/ Clerk Report :**

In the Clerk’s absence, the Chair of the meeting reported that :

**13.1/ The date of the next Finance committee meeting is on 16/10/2023 at 6.30pm, Vane Tempest room, followed by the Facilities committee.**

13.2/ A meeting concerning matters at the Clock tower has been arranged for 5th October, time of meeting to be confirmed.

13.3/ Nothing to report on the project at Hen Stablau/Plas Kennels

13.4/ A letter of thanks is being sent to the Carnival organising committee for putting on such a fantastic day for the town.

13.5/ It was agreed that future allotment applicants must be residents of Machynlleth.

13.6/ An easement to run a new water supply pipe to the cemetery was agreed. Bills for legal fees will be forwarded to PCC.

**14/ Items for the next agenda** :

14.1/ Council is to re-invite Police Sergeant Dave Hawksworth at the next council meeting on 30/10/2023.

14.2/ Council is to invite Sam Lloyd-Clayton, lead of the Town Regeneration program, at the next council meeting on 30/10/2023.

14.3/ Council is to invite a member of the Music Anywhere charity at the next council meeting on 30/10/2023.

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

**Motion carried Unanimously.**

**15/ Staffing matters :**

**THE NEXT MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL will take place on MONDAY 30th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.**