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

**Monday October 30th 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 (Minutes taker)

Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr A.Evans, Cllr R.Hughes, , Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr M.Williams and Cllr P.Jones

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

No members of the public nor of the press.

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

**APOLOGIES :**, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr G.Jones and Cllr M.Atkins.

**2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS** :

Cllr A Evans declared an interest in the Urdd Eisteddfod letter.

3 **/ Public Participation :**

Cat Nunn of Music Anywhere described their work.

**4/ Mayor’s report :**

Cllr Paige attended the following events :

* Launch of the Well-being walks
* The new Cemetery launch, with Cllr Williams.

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

5/ The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25/9/2023 were agreed as a true record with corrections –

11.2 The proper Officer will write the letter re school meals

10.2 The manager is being sought to manage the booking of public rooms in the new hospital

Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Paige, accepted unanimously.

5.1/ The minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on 27/9/2023 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr MacGarry, seconded Cllr McCarten, accepted unanimously.

5.2/ The minutes of the Finance Panel held on 16/10/2023 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Paige, seconded Cllr Hughes, accepted unanimously.

5.3/ The minutes of the Facilities Panel held on 16/10/2023 were agreed as a true record with a correction of £214,000, not £241,000.

Proposed Cllr Paige, seconded Cllr Bryan, accepted unanimously.

**6/ Matters arising** :

6.1/ White lines have been painted.

6.2/ Minutes of the Market committee meeting on 5/7/2023 will be carried over to discuss at the next meeting on 27/11/2023

6.3/ Facilities Panel – the item that had been bought for the playground has been located and will be installed.

6.4/ The name on the land leased by the Fenwicks has been changed. Detail of leases need to be looked at re responsibility for fences.

6.5/ The clock – Smiths have checked it and it looks like there’s no significant damage. The police were contacted via every possible way but did not respond.

6.6/ The request to the police to attend a council meeting will be renewed.

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

Cllr Williams was thanked for his informative report.

**8/ Planning :**

Application reference : 23/1554/HH

The council have no objection to the application.

Proposed Cllr MacGarry, seconded Cllr Evans, accepted unanimously.

**9/ Finance :**

Council resolved to pay invoices as per list presented.

Proposed Cllr MacGarry, seconded Cllr paige, accepted unanimously.

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

10.1/ Cllr R.Hughes reported on the Hen Stablau meeting on 12.10.23.

A grant of £214,000 has been received from Heritage Lottery, This will be match funded by CADW and another fund. A tender has been put out for a project officer. The lease is currently with the solicitor and is not yet signed.

10.2/ Cambrian railways. There is a 51 page survey available.

**11/ Members items :**

It is proposed that all councillors only use the council email addresses provided for them for council business.

Proposed Cllr Paige, seconded Cllr Evans, accepted unanimously.

**12/ Correspondence :**

12.1/ Request by the Urdd Eisteddfod for financial support for the upcoming Eisteddfod in Montgomeryshire. This was positively received and will be considered in the budget round.

12.2/ The council noted the letter about community saunas.

12.3/ The council agreed to provide a letter of support for the Football club who are applying for funding to fence the fields securely.

Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Hughes, accepted unanimously.

**13/ Clerk Report :**

The Proper Officer reported that :

13.1/ The proper officer has met Sam Lloyd-Clayton of PCC Regeneration team. They are appointing people to work on the town regeneration project.

13.2/ The proper officer attended a Powys car park review meeting and learned that the car parks make a loss.

13.3/ The clerk’s job has been advertised. Dates need to be set for shortlisting and interviewing.

13.4/ Xmas lunches in the café will be the 7th and 14th Dec.

13.5/ The Xmas lights will be switched on on the 2nd Dec.

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

14.1/ Council is to re-invite Police Sergeant Dave Hawksworth to a council meeting.

**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.**

Proposed Cllr Paige, seconded Cllr Evans, accepted unanimously.

**THE NEXT MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL will take place on MONDAY 27th November 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.**

Next meeting Climate Action Panel 15/11/23 6pm