**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION MEETING**

**MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL**

**on Monday 15th January 2024 at 6.30pm**

**in the John Edwards room at the Plas**

**PRESENT :**

From the Council : Cllr A MacGarry (Chair of the meeting), Cllr J.Paige, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr N.McCarten,

As members of the public : Victoria Bamford, Maritza Kelly, David Elias, Andy Rowlands.

**APOLOGIES :** Cllr M.Williams, Cllr K.Bryan.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE :**

Nicole Beaumont (Town Clerk - Minutes taker)

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

**2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS** **:** None declared

**3 / Review of the minutes of the meeting held on 15/11/2023 :**

3.1 : Item 2 of the minutes : there has been no reply from the Welsh Government to the correspondence about Section 6 of the Environment Act for small councils unable to implement it.

3.2 : Item 3 of the minutes :

3.2.1 : Housing on the old Travis Perkins site : No reply was received from the correspondence sent for installation of swift boxes on the new dwellings to be constructed.

3.3 : Item 4 of the minutes :

3.3.1 : A grant bid made by Cllr McCarten, to the Local Places for Nature Fund (LPNF) was conditionally successful with £2593.68 being promised with various caveats.. The entire project must be completed by 26th February 2024 to be able to receive the grant. It will not be rolled over into the next financial year. The Facilities Manager at the Plas will be approached to provide help with locating the places for the signs to beinstalled.

**4 / Matters arising** :

4.1 : PCC Spraying :

4.1.1 : Biodiversity group will co-ordinate with PCC as to the spraying with agreed chemicals around the town. Griffiths Contractors will see to the verges on the old bridge road as part of their vacating the works site.

4.2 : Local Places for Nature fund bid : See item 3.3.1 above

4.3 : Environmental Policy and the Plas Grounds :

4.3.1 : A meeting has been arranged on Monday 12th February 2024, with Ezra Tattersall (PCC Biodiversity Officer) for him to speak with staff at the Plas.

4.3.2 : Help with planting tubs around the town, is being sought with the Garden Club for advice on what to plant and how to maintain it.

**5 / Energy in the Plas** :

5.1 : Secondary glazing is being looked at for some 84 windows in the Plas. 3 quotes were examined. One stating a sum of £108K+ to proceed with the project. As it is quite a complex project funding from various sources will be researched.

5.2 : PV Solar panels on the roof at the Hall : An estimate of £40K has been quoted .

5.2.1 : A grant from Mid Wales Community fund is to be researched

5.2.2 : Listed building consent is to be looked at.

5.2.3 : A Welsh Government “Green Loan” is also to be looked at.

**6 / Carbon Literacy training** : Norma reported on her attending at the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) on their “Carbon Literacy” seminar.

**7/ Any Other Business :**

7.1 : David Elias raised the matter of the Penrallt where the Biodiversity Group will endeavour to contain and control the spread of rhododendrons and laurels.

7.2 : Victoria Bamford reported on the quality of the water in the river and its tributaries being monitored by the North Wales River Trust.

7.3 : A “Green Award” will be looked at to reward a person or a group who makes significant effort in the community within the Dovey Biosphere.

7.4 : Andy Rowlands raised a question about the new directives on the recycling of waste being implemented on 1st April 2024 by the Welsh Government.

**8/ Date of the next meeting** : 11/3/24 at 5.30pm

**THE NEXT CLIMATE ACTION PANEL MEETING**

**of Machynlleth Town Council**

**will take place in the Vane Tempest room**

**at the Plas on Monday 11.3.2024 at 5.30pm.**