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

**on Monday February 26th 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 A.Evans, Cllr M.Atkins and Cllr Ll.Griffith.

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicole Beaumont (Town clerk/Finance Officer - Minutes taker)

4 members of the public, 1 of the press.

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

**2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS** :

Cllr R.Hughes declared an interest in item 8

3 **/ Public Participation :**

3.1/ Presentation by Transforming Education PCC showing maps of work to be done in conjunction with the building of the new Bro Hyddgen school complex that may affect the Plas and its curtilage.

3.2/ Community Trading Platform outlining the possibilities of a circular economy scheme for Machynlleth.

**4/ Mayor’s report :**

Nothing to report.

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

5.1/ The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29/1/2024 were agreed as a true record**.**

**Unanimous.**

5.2/ The minutes of the Climate Action Panel meeting held on 15/1/2024 were agreed as a true record.

**Unanimous.**

**6/ Matters arising** :

Cllr N.McCarten told the assembly that Transport for Wales will be having a drop-in session at the Tabernacle Machynlleth on 20th March about the new Fflecsi bus service.

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

Cllr M.Williams presented his monthly report and invited questions.

With reference to item 2.1 in this report : Cllr N.McCarten requested that MTC writes to Coed Lleol for them to make public their report for a feasibility study to develop outdoor health programs for staff, patients and wider Machynlleth community.

**8/ Planning :**

8.1/ Application reference :

24/0166/CAC Demolition of former bakehouse at the rear of No 14 Maengwyn Street, Machynlleth.

**No objection. Unanimous**

**9/ Finance :**

**Council resolved to pay invoices as per list presented. Unanimous**.

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

10.1/ Cllr N.McCarten that she hadn’t yet received the latest minutes of the Patient Forum meeting.

**11/ Clerk Report :**

11.1/ Plas Entrance : Phil Wheeler (MachFringe) had sent for grant funding from ‘Transforming Towns Placemaking’. This grant will represent around 70% of the cost of the project and on it, rests the viability of it.

11.2/ Employee handbook : A draft was circulated and adopted. It will be reviewed at the AGM. **Unanimous**

11.3/ Defibrillators : with new guidance/regulations in on their upgrades, it is possible that MTC will incur an amount of unbudgeted cost.

11.4/ Clock maintenance plan : A maintenance plan will be in place for the next facilities meeting and will be reviewed every 5 years.

11.5/ Waste management : With new regulations in from the Senedd, the new contractor has agreed that the Plas/MTC will be billed with 2 accounts as 1 account for refuse/waste from within the building and 1 for refuse/waste for outside within the grounds of the Plas.

11.6/ 3 job descriptions have been updated, amended and approved. More job descriptions and policies will come along in due time. **Unaninmous**

11.7/ Hen Stablau : Cllr J.Paige and the Town Clerk met with C.Falzon CIC Hen Stablau Project Manager at the architect’s offices to discuss the tenders received with the architects. A committee meeting will be called on 4th March at 6.30pm at the Plas, for council to discuss further the 2 tenders and choose a contractor.

11.8/ Christmas lights switch on will be on Saturday 30th November 2024. More info on activities for that day will be circulated in due time.

11.9/ With reference to item 2.7 in County Cllr M.Williams report : Bobby Gough - Liaison Officer for ‘UK Shared Prosperity Fund-Levelling up’ came to Machynlleth and introduced himself to Cllr J.Paige (Mayor/Proper Officer) and Town Clerk. Several projects were discussed for which his help will be sought out.

**12/ Dyfi Hotspot Community Sauna (DHCS) :**

Following a presentation from DHCS at a previous council meeting, several questions were raised due to concerns with setting up a pop up sauna in the grounds of Y Plas.

Whilst there is some progress, the questions will need to be answered before a formal approval is made.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting. Cllrs are to send concerns to the Town Clerk.

**13/ Members item** :

13.1/ Unused building at the back of the Job Centre on Maengwyn Street.

A letter will be sent from MTC to encourage the owners to engage with potential tenants.

13.2/ The Clock Tower is 150 years old this 2024, celebrations will take place on Sat.13th July 2024 in the form of a Victorian themed day. More details coming soon.

13.3/ The Xmas lights will be switched on Saturday 30th November 2024. More details soon.

**14/ Correspondence :**

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

15.1/ Project Sauna.

**16/ Staffing matters :**

**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.**

Staffing matters – confidential minutes held elsewhere.

**THE NEXT MEETINGS : All meetings will be held at Y Plas either in the Vane Tempest room or the John Edwards room.**

Special Committee meeting (Tenders for CIC Hen Stablau) 4/3/2024 at 6.30pm

Market Committee meeting 6/3/2024 at 2pm

Climate Change Committee meeting 11/3/2024 at 6.30pm

FULL COUNCIL meeting MONDAY 25/3/2024 at 6.30pm