

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING held on Thursday 17th January 2025
at 6.30pm in the John Edwards room at the Plas**

PRESENT : Cllr J.Paige, Cllr R.Hughes, Cllr A.MacGarry, Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr N.McCarten.

APOLOGIES : Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr A.Evans, Cllr G.Phillips.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Clerk as Minutes taker

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES : See lists above.

2. DECLARATIONS of INTERESTS : None declared

3. Councillors received the Quarterly Finance report.

Councillors had approved the Precept demand at their last Council meeting held on 16th December 2024. The demand has been sent to Powys County Council Finance department. The first tranche of it will be paid to MTC on 30th April 2025.

The café finances were look at. Still a low result but better than same time last year which is encouraging. The present supervisor is very committed to make this work and should be supported in the task.

A proposal was made to have it opened later in the afternoon. Whilst this is a good idea, the café will need to cover the following costs of no less than 2 staff (1 front and 1 in kitchen) each working across the week an extra 14 hours. This comes to an estimated £343 in staff time for both - depending on the hourly wage of the staff employed on the day to be open late. Add to this expense of the stock used for retail and electricity consumed to operate these extra opening hours.

Councillors also debated the finance and funding around the Plas Hall Entrance. There seem to be a shortfall which council need to be prepared to cover unless further avenues of fundings are being explored.

**The next Finance meeting will be on 17th April 2025
at 6.30pm in the JE room, Y Plas.**

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