

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING of FULL COUNCIL

held in Vane Tempest Room – Y Plas on Monday 19th May 2025 at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr J. Paige (Chairperson), Cllr J. Honeybill, Cllr Ll. Griffith, Cllr R. Hughes, Cllr A. MacGarry, Cllr N. McCarten, Cllr K. Bryan, Cllr G. Phillips, Cllr A. Evans.

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Beaumont (Clerk) & Catrin Willetts (Minutes taker)

1 member of press

3 members of public

1.APOLOGIES:

Cllr P. Jones, Cllr M. Atkins

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr J. Paige declared an interest in item 8.1 regarding planning item at the Golf Club.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

4. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Cllr J. Paige attended afternoon tea with the Royal British Legion Machynlleth Branch to commemorate VE Day. They have managed to get a couple of volunteers to help them put together a float for this year's carnival parade.

5. MINUTES to be agreed:

5.1 : Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on 28th April were agreed with below amendments :

at item 6.3 which should read "amend standing orders" not suggest.

at item 3. The carpark toilet flush not set to low flush, as stated in meeting

at item 12.1 : This was moved to next meeting, not moved to committee.

6. MOTIONS/Matters arising:

Letter from Clerk to community councils regarding support for local services that have been lost still in progress.

Still awaiting date for Hywel Dda meeting regarding stroke unit.

Cllr Ll. Griffiths to email councillors with possible dates for councillors to attend a viewing of MOMA's 40th Anniversary short film.

Councillors discussed the bill for last election and asked the Clerk to request an itemised bill from Powys County Council as they feel the amount is excessive.

Cllr A. Evans has emailed Sian Cox but has not had any reply. He will email again requesting a Zoom meeting, and invite Cllr N. McCarten to join.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr A. Evans had nothing to report, as no drop-in session this month. Next drop-in session to be held on 4th June.

8. PLANNING:

8.1 : 25/0662/FUL - Councillors had no objections. Agreed unanimously.

9. FINANCE:

9.1 : Council agreed to pay the bills as presented.

9.2 : The Clerk asked for permission to pay outstanding scaffolding bill as a matter of urgency. Council agreed to pay what is owed, but asked to be invoiced monthly moving forwards.

10. REPORTS from NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES on OUTSIDE BODIES:

10.1 : Patients Forum – Nothing to report other than a meeting tomorrow.

10.2 : Sustainable Powys Meeting – Cllr A. MacGarry reported that Powys Teaching Health Board is working on preventative measures. She took this as an opportunity to highlight leisure centres. The issue they say is not with the running costs, but with the building costs and getting them up to standard.

10.3 : Hen Stablau CIC – Cllr J. Paige sent progress report to council, including the community engagement project. Phase 1 of the project is expected to be completed by July. The application for phase 2 was rejected by funders due to them wanting a stronger relationship between the CIC and council. They suggested an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and that the CIC be a standing item on councils agenda.

11. CLERK'S REPORT:

11.1 : The Clerk sent an email to councillors regarding public toilets to say they were open again, but had booked Dysynni Drains to come and clean them on 27th May due to the on-going problem of drains backing up into the service area. Welsh Water have found an issue further up, at the corner of Maengwyn Street which is not MTC's responsibility, yet still have an impact. Councillors suggested asking for compensation for the extra costs incurred with the calling out of Dysynni Drains to clean up. Welsh Water are sending posters regarding the disposing of wet wipes in a safe manner but not flushed down the toilets being one of the causes with the drains.

11.2 : The Clerk attended the War Memorial on VE Day on behalf of MTC.

11.3: Code of Conduct Policy for review:

Reviewed, adopted and agreed unanimously.

11.4: GDPR Policy for review:

Reviewed, adopted and agreed unanimously.

11.5: Safeguarding Policy for review:

Reviewed, adopted and agreed unanimously.

12: MEMBERS ITEMS:

None.

13: CORRESPONDENCE for Info:

None.

14: ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None.

15: DATES of the NEXT MEETINGS:

15.1: Full Council meeting to be held at 6.30pm on 30th June 2025 in the Vane Tempest room at Y Plas.

16: Committees & Staffing matters

Regarding the Brilliant Basic funding bid, Cllr K. Bryan said that a lot of quotes still hadn't come back, but at the moment the cheapest quote available was around £5,000 per pay gate for the public toilets. Councillors discussed their concerns over being stuck with a large financial bill if terms could not be met with funders. It was decided to carry on with application, providing an assurance can be given in writing that there will be no monetary obligation. Agreed unanimously.

Cllr J. Paige left the meeting and asked Cllr R. Hughes to chair the remaining discussion regarding CIC Yr Hen Stablau.

Councillors reviewed the updated MoU for the CIC Hen Stablau. Concerns were raised that there seemed to be no formal connection between the CIC and MTC, some decision making unclear, what kind of income may come from the CIC and how it will become a working asset for MTC. It was decided that CIC should be invited to a next meeting to discuss these concerns in detail before agreeing on the updated MoU.