

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday July 25th 2022 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room

PRESENT:

Cllr J Paige (Mayor), Cllr M Williams, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr J Honeybill, , Cllr P.Jones, Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr R.Hughes

APOLOGIES :

Cllr G.Jones, Cllr M.Atkins, Cllr K.Bryan, Cllr A.Evans and Cllr L.Griffith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk)

Nicole Beaumont (Finance Officer & Minutes taker)

1 member of the public, no member of the press.

1/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES : See list above.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS : None.

3/ Public Participation :

Will Tremlett of Stiwdio Dyfi, came to present a project of turning the toilet building near the Remembrance Garden into a small hub for a community radio station. The venture would be run by Stiwdio Dyfi CIC and local volunteers organised into a committee.

Council Resolved in principle is to lease the building at an annual rent of £1000 to CIC Stiwdio Dyfi and a project budget of £4000 managed by the Town Council would be made available for building alterations necessary. Town Clerk will write to Stiwdio Dyfi to confirm the above. (unanimous)

4/ Mayor's report :

Cllr Paige, attended a community meeting at the Rugby Club organised by Gerddi Bro Dyfi.

Cllr Paige opened the carnival procession on Saturday 23rd, leading it through the street of Machynlleth. The return of the event, despite threatening rain and a 2 year long hiatus due to the pandemic, was very well supported by the town's people.

Council Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Carnival Committee for their hard work in organising such a successful event. (unanimous)

5/ Minutes of the last meeting :

5.1/ With a minor change, The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27/6/2022 were accepted as a true record.

5.2/ With the addition of apologies from Cllr McCarten, the minutes of the Market Panel meeting held on 6/7/2022 were accepted as a true record..

5.3/ The minutes of the Facilities Panel meeting held on 18/7/2022 were accepted as a true record. Proposer

5.4/ With an amendment to item 6 that councillors had drawn attention to the overspend on the fire alarm system and the utilities and that the Town Clerk would address these issues in the Budget review for September the minutes of the Finance Panel meeting held on 18/7/2022 were a true record.

6/ Matters arising :

None.

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

Cllr M.Williams gave presented a report of his work with Powys County Council.

8/ Planning :

Former Travis Perkins site on Doll Street. Planning Application 22/0329/REM

No Objection to the variation. (unanimous)

9/ Finance :

9.1/ Resolved that the following be authorised for payment.

Supplier Name	Amounts due	NET	VAT	Description	Department	Due date
BNP Paribas	£ 221.83	£ 184.86	£ 36.97	coffee machine leasing (21/7>20/8/2022)	Café	Direct Debit 21/07/2022
Castell	£ 3,542.63	£ 3,542.63		food & beverages supplies for café	Café	Direct Debit 25/07/2022
Rijo	£ 278.22	£ 276.92	£ 1.30	Supplies for coffee machine	Café	Direct Debit 17/08/2022
The Black Lion	£ 760.50	£ 633.75	£ 126.75	Catering consultant/manager	Café	27/07/2022
Viking	£ 45.81	£ 38.18	£ 7.64	toaster for café	Café	27/07/2022
Worldpay	£ 143.65	£ 134.15	£ 9.50	credit cards fees (June 22) in café	Café	Direct Debit 19/07/2022
Barclays Bank fees	£ 86.23	£ 86.23		charges 13/5 to 12/6/2022	Town Council	Direct Debit 04/07/2022
BT	£ 805.33	£ 671.11	£ 134.22	telephone (April >June22)	Town Council	27/07/2022
Croner	£ 296.61	£ 249.49	£ 47.12	HR advice as per policy88059	Town Council	11/07/2022
Great Products	£ 47.99	£ 39.99	£ 8.00	Screen stand for hybrid meetings	Town Council	27/07/2022
Initial	£ 82.78	£ 68.98	£ 13.80	janitorial supplies for carpark loos	Town Council	03/08/2022
James Hallam Insurances	£ 21,277.34	£ 21,277.34		General insurances for the Plas, Public loos by carpark, Clock Tower & War Memorial	Town Council	13/07/2022
PEAG LLC	£ 34.99	£ 29.16	£ 5.83	items for hybrid meetings	Town Council	27/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 364.00	£ 364.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for Plas Kennels	Town Council	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 115.00	£ 115.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for MTC Admin office	Town Council	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 2,292.81	£ 2,292.81		Due to PCC : 12.5% market fees raised in 2021-22	Town Council	26/07/2022
Sage	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00	accounting software & technical support (July 2022)	Town Council	Direct Debit 02/07/2022
Total Energies	£ 64.49	£ 61.41	£ 3.08	electricity Clock Tower (June 22)	Town Council	Direct Debit 26/07/2022
Total Energies	£ 25.46	£ 24.25	£ 1.21	electricity Plas Kennels (June 2022)	Town Council	Direct Debit 26/07/2022
Viking	£ 94.14	£ 78.45	£ 15.69	janitorial supplies	Town Council	27/07/2022
WRPartners	£ 9,264.00	£ 7,720.00	£ 1,544.00	Various audits up to April 2022 & processing May+June payroll	Town Council	27/07/2022
Belvidere Lifts	£ 90.00	£ 75.00	£ 15.00	power battery for lift	Y Plas	27/07/2022
BT	£ 300.00	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	internet services	Y Plas	27/07/2022
Clwb Rygbi	£ 60.00	£ 60.00		advert in clwb rygbi publication	Y Plas	27/07/2022
Dyfi Skip Hire	£ 270.00	£ 225.00	£ 45.00	waste/recycling disposal	Y Plas	27/07/2022
Gazprom	£ 952.82	£ 797.75	£ 155.04	gaz usage May 22	Y Plas	08/07/2022
Initial	£ 135.07	£ 112.56	£ 22.51	janitorial supplies for Plas	Y Plas	03/08/2022
Powys County Council	£ 62.00	£ 62.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for Registrar room	Y Plas	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 776.00	£ 776.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for Community Hall & Vortex area	Y Plas	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 278.00	£ 278.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for John Edwards & Vane Tempest rooms	Y Plas	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
Powys County Council	£ 58.00	£ 58.00		FY2022-23 PCC rates for Plas staff room	Y Plas	Direct Debit 05/07/2022
SSE Swalec	£ 1,580.34	£ 1,374.65	£ 205.69	electricity Plas (April>June 22)	Y Plas	Direct Debit 25/07/2022
the Store (JG Owen)	£ 63.58	£ 52.98	£ 10.60	various for maintenance	Y Plas	27/07/2022
Total Energies	£ 21.98	£ 20.93	£ 1.05	electricity public conveniences (April>June 22)	Y Plas	Direct Debit 25/07/2022
Travis	£ 43.81	£ 36.51	£ 7.30	various for maintenance	Y Plas	27/07/2022
Viking	£ 134.64	£ 112.20	£ 22.44	stationery items	Y Plas	27/07/2022
JULY Wages/NIC/PAYE/Pensions	£ 15,516.83				Town Council	30/07/2022
	£ 60,216.88	£ 42,205.30	£ 2,494.74			
Balance at Barclays Bank on 18/7/2022	£ 106,030.12					

9.2/ Council approved the accounts submitted by the Clerk for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22. (unanimous)

9.3/ Council approved the Accounting and Governance statements for the years 2019-20,2020-21,2021-22. (unanimous)

9.4/ Council resolved to accept the Audit response recommended by the Clerk and attached to the Agenda. (Unanimous)

10/ Powys Local development plan :

A consultation is being carried out to gauge aspiration from town councils in Powys. At the last Full Council meeting held on 27/6/2022 (see item 10 on the minutes of that meeting) Council resolved for the Town Clerk to organise a meeting and formulate a response to put before July meeting.

Council resolved to adopt the prepared response circulated with the agenda as an official response from the council. (unanimous)

11/ Members items :

As Cllr G Jones had sent his apologies his items will be carried forward to the next Agenda, however the Clerk had researched the question of the Plan Endowment Fund and that item would be discussed under the Clerks Report.

Cllr J Paige

Council resolved to agree in principle to lease the Kennels to a Community Interest Company for an equivalent (in line with our other leases) land rent and length of lease. All subject to sight and approval of the formation of the CIC and appropriate legal advice regarding the issue. (unanimous)

12/ Radio Dyfi :

See Item 3 of these minutes for the discussion held and outcome.

13/ 2024 Urdd Eisteddfod :

Back in 2018 Machynlleth was invited to be the host of the Urdd Eisteddfod in 2024. Since that date many plans had to be mothballed due to the pandemic. The invitation has been raised again recently and a meeting on September 8th at the Glantwymyn Hall will be held to discuss further the invitation as to what is involved financially and logistically needed to install the Eisteddfod.

A foot fall of some 120000 visitors is expected during the time that the Eisteddfod is set up.

14/ Land for the cemetery :

Powys county council has pegged out its area for the cemetery. This will reduce the land area leased to the neighbouring farmer.

As there had not been a rent review for many years and the tenant would now be leasing a smaller patch of land, in line with discussions between the clerk and the tenant **Council resolved that a deed of variation be drawn out to reflect the changed boundaries and that the rent remains the same**

15/ Giles Ford Artist:

A selection of flags given to the Town and Plas by artist Giles Ford after his exhibition at MOMA, Tabernacle, will be hung on the flag poles by the Remembrance Garden.

16/ Membership of SLCC :

Resolved that pay the subscription to the SLCC. (unanimous).

17/ Christmas lights :

A need for more Xmas lights was expressed to replace the old sets of lighting to be put on the Xmas tree this coming December.

Resolved that the Clerk use his judgment to get the best lights available within the budget provided (unanimous).

18/ Plas parapets :

The parapet around the north and south end of the roof on the Plas are in a dire state and dangerous. Being a grade II listed building, the repairs will be costly and will have to be done in accordance to listed buildings standards. It is a specialist job to manage such a project.

Several quotes were sought to do so, and only 1 came back.

Council resolved to accept the quote attached to the Agenda. (unanimous)

19/ Nominations to Panels and Committees :

Cllr Norma Mc Carten was added to the General Purpose Panel.

20/ Clerk's Report :

With regard to the motion regarding the Plas Endowment fund put forward by Gareth Jones the Clerk had spoken to a consultant experienced in the field in order to better understand the work necessary to clarify the position of the Plas Endowment Fund. The fee to engage a specialist consultant for this exercise would be around £1500.

Council resolved to engage the services of a specialist on that basis.

21/ Reports from nominated representatives on outside bodies :

None brought to the council's attention.

22/ Correspondence :

22.1/ Powys Local Development Plan – Receive for info (unanimous)

22.2/ Powys Digital Towns Support Programme – Receive for info and ask the Clerk to attend on behalf of the council (unanimous)

23/ Information from members :

None brought to the council's attention.

24/ Items for next agenda :

None raised.

25/ Staffing Issues :

A motion was passed under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item due to the confidential nature of the business discussed.

26/ The next full council meeting will be on 28th September 2022 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.