

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PANEL MEETING MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday 14th November 2024 at 5.00pm in the Plas

1 / ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :

PRESENT :

From the Council : Cllr A MacGarry (Chair of the meeting), Cllr N.McCarten,
As members of the public : Victoria Bamford, David Elias, Martin Kemp

APOLOGIES : Cllrs Gwenan Phillips, Rwth Hughes, Kim Bryan, J. Paige.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS : None declared

3 / Review of the minutes of the meeting held on 11/3/2024 :

4 / Matters arising.

The signs for the Plas grounds on mowing etc are up. The Powys environment officer who assisted us has left and has not been replaced.

The housing department had agreed to a wildlife area at Y Dalar but that hasn't worked out as there was no plan for ongoing maintenance (seasonal mowing etc).

Street planters. We understand that Mach Maethlon are going to take them over.

Energy in y Plas A company was chosen and Windfall have now offered us a grant towards the cost of installing the secondary glazing which will pay for something under half of the ones that need doing.

5 / State of the Plas grounds

The amount of brambles in the grounds has been raised as a problem. The environment officer's report for us stated that some were a good thing but they had to be kept under control. Ann will go through his report with the Plas staff as staffing has changed since we did a walk around with them.

6 / Climate Adaptation & resilience

We discussed what could happen in Machynlleth in periods of extreme weather, including storm damage and flooding (bottom of the Garsiwn and possible flash flooding in Heol Maengwyn). NRW and the National Trust have online maps that show the risks.

We also discussed the danger of overheating in buildings which we didn't feel was likely to be as big a problem as in some other towns but there are sure to be some housing where there could be a problem. This led into discussing housing standards and the value of getting SPG (Supplementary Planning Guidance) for future developments in Machynlleth. In order to do this we need to do a Place Planning exercise. This can cost a lot of money to do, which has been the barrier so far but we probably need to see what we can achieve without extra funding. We had an interesting, wide ranging discussion about energy in buildings etc.

7 / Hedge by School site

David raised his concern about the hedges by the lane beside the school field where the new school will be built. The hedge is very valuable for its biodiversity value. We need to check that it will not be at risk with the building work.

8/ Date of the next meeting : Not set yet. In the New year