

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 5th January 2009

Present: Cllrs. B. Dunn; S Rowlands; C Foster; M Williams; G Davies; G Baldwin;
D Lewis; DW Davies

Also present: J. H. Parsons - Clerk;
M Biffin – Secretary

5234 Apologies

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05.01.09

- Cllrs: G Jenkins; K Hubbard; E Hughes

5235 Presentation

TC
05.01.09

- There was no presentation given.

5236 Minutes

TC
05.01.09

- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council.

5237 Statutory Business

TC
05.01.09

- The Clerk reported that Cllr Jacinta MacDermot has resigned from Machynlleth Town Council – a notice is to be displayed advertising a vacancy on the Council – Cllr Dunn stated a letter of interest has been received from a local resident – the Clerk is to send a letter to him explaining the procedure for applying
- The Clerk confirmed the Audit was complete.

5238 Mayors Business

TC
05.01.09

The Mayor gave his report as follows:

- 29 November – at the Clock for the Switching-on of lights. Very well attended evening with the efforts of the newly re-formed Rotary Club adding to those of the Chamber of Trade and MTC
- 1 December – meeting with Kate Doubleday of Gerddi Bro Ddyfi regarding the proposed Community Garden at Y Plas – Cllr Williams said that the work done so far was excellent
- 11 December – attended at the Leisure Centre for Clwb Maglona Christmas dinner
- 12 December – at the Care Centre for the Red Cross Daycare Christmas dinner
- 14 December – opened Pantperthog Art Club's exhibition at Y Plas. A very successful opening to this new venture
- 16 December – Will Lloyd Williams' Winter Fair. Glad to support this event staged by one of our finest ambassadors
- 25 December – Christmas Day visits to Hospital and Cartref Dyfi with Mayoress and Deputy Mayor – Cllr Rowlands said that any future Mayor should keep up this tradition as it was really appreciated by staff and residents.
- 28 December – at Y Plas to see off Ceffylau Cadfarch Riders on their

Christmas Fun Ride

- Letters of appreciation sent to William Palmer and Barbara Walker re: stall and Telecentre
- Pre-application form completed for Town Clock appeal and submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund

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05.01.09

Matters Arising

- Policing Numbers & Crime Figures Comparison **(5205)** – letter from Dyfed Powys Police – Cllr Williams felt that we should follow up the Policing numbers as we have yet to receive a reply from Dyfed Powys Police
- Street Lighting **(5161)** – Copy of emails from Mr Thain to PCC – email sent to PCC from MTC – Cllr Dunn stated that the reply Mr Thain had received from Mr Mark Kerr, Chief Executive of PCC was very flippant and disrespectful – Cllr Dunn felt that Mr Thain deserved to have a proper response – Cllr Williams said that PCC should look at other ways of saving money and should not affect the people in the streets.
- Street Lighting **(5161)** – Email sent to PCC from MTC
- Call for Evidence for Councillors expenses **(5230)** – letter to WAG – Cllr DW Davies says that it is disgusting the claims being made and things should be much more in the open – Cllr Williams said that the items being claimed for were shameful
- Allotments **(5193)** – Letter from PCC – Cllr Williams stated the land at Bryn y Gog was unsuitable as it contained a large number of rocks
- Forge Road Footpath **(5199)** – Copy of letter from County Cllr Williams
- Steps by Royal House **(5199)** – Letter to and email from PCC, letter from Wynnstay – Cllr Williams stated that if he was given a copy of all the letters he would follow it up.

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05.01.09

General Purpose Panel Report

- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council.
- Bus Shelter – Cllr Williams spoke to Mr Forsey before Christmas and Mr Forsey stated he would contact MTC – this has not happened – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Mr Mark Kerr, C.E. of PCC to ask why we were not getting replies to our correspondence with PCC.

5241

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05.01.09

Health Panel Report

- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council.
- Minor Injuries Unit: Cllr Rowlands stated that the Doctor's service had now started and they were already exceeding the number predicated
- Cllr Williams stated that the LHB minutes were on the web site but it was **agreed** a letter would be sent to the LHB requesting that a copy of the minutes be sent to MTC
- Cllr Rowlands stated that there were serious problems at Bronglais Hospital and staff were unable to cope with the amount of patients needing to be seen – she said that if Mach Hospital were to open it would alleviate this problem and pressure needed to be put on the Health Authority – Cllr Baldwin said that we have had meetings about this in the past with the Health Authority who say it is a good idea and will look into it but this never happens – it was **agreed** a letter would be sent to PLHB making this suggestion.

- 5242**
TC
05.01.09
- Town Clock Panel Report**
- In the absence of Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Dunn stated that a meeting had taken place with the Architect and a pre-application for funding had been sent to Heritage Lottery.
 - It was **agreed** the invoice for the web site would be paid for by MTC
- 5243**
TC
05.01.09
- Plas Panel Report**
- Cllr Dunn gave his report Y Plas which was **accepted**.
 - Cllr Dunn stated that the lorry that hit the stone commemorating the site of the former Lledfair Hall was misdirected by his Satnav – Cllr Dunn had passed on all the relevant details for insurance claims to PCC as the land belonged to them
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- County Councillor J M Williams Report**
- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council
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- Planning Applications**
- P2008 1689 – Land at Dovey Lime, Machynlleth - overhead electricity line
 - P2008 1729 – Albert House, Penrallt – installation of a satellite dish
 - P2008 1447 – 105 Maengwyn Street – erection of dwelling – **Granted**
 - P2008 1476 – 7 Penrallt Street - listed building consent for installation of air conditioning and external fan - **Refused**
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- 5246**
TC
05.01.09
- Statement of Accounts**
- The accounts were not presented to Council as the bookkeeper was ill – the accounts would be presented at the next meeting.
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- Correspondence**
- Card from Sgt Lee Dunn
 - Letter to Dyfed Powys Police – Cllr Williams said a further letter should be sent to Dyfed Powys Police asking what they intend to do regarding the shortage of Officers and a Sergeant – this was **agreed**
 - Letter to Telecentre
 - Letter to William Palmer
 - Code of Conduct Training – letter from PCC – it was **agreed** a letter be sent requesting they held the training in Machynlleth instead of at the other locations mentioned. This was the second round of these training courses and there has yet to be one situated at or near the Town
 - One Voice Wales AGM – 13th January 2009
 - Dyfi Valley Fair Trade – request for letter of support – it was **agreed** a letter would be sent
 - Card from Ivan Warren
- 5248**
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- Publications**
- PAVO
 - Age Concern
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- Any other business**
- Evening Meal - it was **agreed** a meal be organised for the Councillors and staff of MTC

- MTC Bills – Cllr Dunn explained that there had been a few problems with bills being paid on time but was being looked at.
- Honours Board – Cllr Dunn stated that the Honours Board for the former Machynlleth Urban District Council was being stored at the rear office in the Plas and it was **agreed** that it should be put on the wall – Cllr Dun stated that he had a quote from Dai Rowlands – the quote was **accepted** and the Secretary was to arrange for the work to be started.
- Tapestry – the Clerk thought the tapestry was being kept in the Powys room at OGI. He agreed to contact Mr Henry Evans to discuss the tapestry to be displayed at Y Plas as per former Cllr. Ivan Warren’s suggestion.