

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 26th January 2009

Present: Cllrs. B. Dunn; S Rowlands; C Foster; E Hughes, DW Davies, M Williams; G Davies; G Jenkins.

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

5250 Apologies

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- None received.

5251 Presentation

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- There was no presentation given.

5252 Minutes

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

5253 Statutory Business

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- The Clerk stated that a notice had been displayed advertising the position for Councillor and that it will remain displayed until 29th January – after this date further action will need to be taken and the Clerk will keep the Councillors informed of progress.

5254 Mayors Business

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The Mayor stated that he had not attended any functions since the last MTC meeting.

- The Mayor stated that he had written a letter regarding his concerns over crime figures to Cambrian News which had appeared in the 20th January issue – Cllr Dunn produced details of crime figures he had downloaded from the internet and these were distributed to the Councillors – Cllr Dunn requested that we write to the Police Authority expressing our concerns at the lack of policing and the increase in crime rate – Cllr Jenkins would like to know if the street lighting was a factor in this and suggested a letter was sent to PCC – Cllr Williams stated he was attended a meeting with PCC on Tuesday 27th January and asked if a member of MTC would like to attend with him to express the concerns of the Council – no Councillors were able to attend – Cllr Foster said there were no police on the streets so people would not be caught – the Clerk confirmed he had written to Dyfed Powys Police and his letter had been forwarded to Brecon but he had not received a response – it was **agreed** a letter would be sent to the Police Authority – The Clerk said if there had been 2 crimes previously but now there was 4 this would equate to a 100% rise and therefore the figures quoted by Cllr Dunn should be taken in context.

5255 Matters Arising

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- Policing Numbers & Sergeant (**5247**) – letter from Dyfed Powys Police.
- LHB Minutes (**5241**) – a copy of the minutes have been received from PLHB and were distributed to Councillors – Cllr Williams stated that the

minutes would always be a month behind as they had to be approved at the next meeting.

- Lack of response from PCC **(5240)** – Mark Kerr has confirmed that any correspondence can also be emailed to him and he will ensure we receive replies
- Problems at Bronglais **(5241)** – letter sent to PLHB – no response
- Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth rail Service **(5197)** – Councillor signed the form to be returned to the Railway Users Committee

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General Purpose Panel Report

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

- Cllr DW Davies stated there was an error on point 2 of the 12th January minutes and should read "...that they would NOT be able to financially ..." – the Secretary will adjust the minutes accordingly.
- The drains are still a problem and it was **agreed** Cllr DW Davis would contact Dyfi Waste to investigate the problems and provide a quotation for any works deemed necessary – Cllr Hughes said he had looked at the drains and believed the problem was on MTC land and needed to be sorted if the property was being sold – Cllr Hughes asked if PCC were able to provide a service – Cllr Williams said he would give the Secretary contact details for someone in PCC to obtain a further quote.

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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 was extremely well used and became fully booked quickly.

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Town Clock Panel Report

The Town Clock Report having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council.

- Cllr Jenkins thanked the Mayor for completing the Heritage Lottery Fund Pre-Application – Cllr Dunn stated he had received an email from Heritage Lottery with a contact name.

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Plas Panel Report

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

- Cllr Dunn stated that he had received confirmation that Y Plas rates had been revised and were reduced – the exact figure had not yet been confirmed.
- Cllr Dunn said that the architects felt the new Community Centre would be ready for the end of June – Cllr Dunn said that there will be an official opening on Friday 18th September followed by a concert for the people of Machynlleth – all the Councillors **agreed** this was a good idea – Cllr Jenkins suggested that competition be held to invite the people of Machynlleth to name the new hall – Cllr Williams felt it was important that the word "Machynlleth" be included in the name – Cllr Rowlands said that it was important to honour Mr Parsons for his hard work and dedication to Machynlleth – it was **agreed** that Mr Parsons would make the official opening and a plaque be erected to honour this – Cllr Jenkins suggested that a room in the new hall be named after him and his family.

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County Councillor J M Williams Report

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- Cllr Williams said he hoped that the people of Machynlleth would take part in the Montgomeryshire Garden Competition.
- Cllr Williams suggested a letter be sent to Paul Griffiths, Leisure and Recreation, at PCC Llandrindod, stating that PCC should ensure the services at the Bro Dyfi Leisure Centre remain and are not reduced or ceased.
- The Clerk stated he had received 2 booklets from PCC in two separate envelopes and was concerned at the wastage of post costs – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to the Chief Exec at PCC pointing this out.

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Planning Applications

- TREE/2008/0026 – Works to trees at land between OGI and Top Chip Shop
- P2008 1354 – Change of use – motor repair garage land to Recycling Depot – **Refused**
- P2008 1483 – Y Plas, Machynlleth – Listed Building Consent – **Granted**
- P2008 1486 – Y Plas, Machynlleth – Internal & External alterations – **Granted**

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Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council

Date		Chq	Drawn
25/11/08	R A Gaskell	4985	£ 127.28
	Colin Wilde	4986	£ 1,137.67
02/12/08	Mark Rumbelow	4987	£ 417.00
	R A Gaskell	4988	£ 142.15
	Computer Surgeon - Web Site	4989	£ 25.00
	Tech Services Shropshire Ltd - CCTV in Plas	4990	£ 1,077.29
	Travis Perkins	4991	£ 100.93
	Gala Lights - Xmas Tree Lights	4992	£ 558.13
08/12/08	Y Plas - PCC Payment made to wrong Account	4993	£ 236.50
09/12/08	M Biffin	4994	£ 390.35
	Inland Revenue	4995	£ 626.65
	Cash - Keith Sheen - Roof Repairs	4996	£ 120.00
10/12/08	R A Gaskell	4997	£ 127.28
	Computer Surgeon - Web Site	4998	£ 60.00
	I G Owen	4999	£ 46.32
	SARPA	5000	£ 7.00
	Gala Lights - Xmas Lights - Chamber of trade	5001	£ 1,161.19
16/12/08	R A Gaskell	5002	£ 117.57
22/12/08	Colin Wilde	5003	£ 995.09
	Mark Rumbelow	5004	£ 450.00
	M Biffin	5005	£ 370.20
	P Evans -13 weeks	5006	£ 291.20
	R A Gaskell - 2 weeks	5007	£ 225.04
24/12/08	BDO	5008	£ 373.75
06/01/09	R A Gaskell	5009	£ 137.19
13/01/09	R A Gaskell	5010	£ 117.37

13/01/09	Inland Revenue	5011	£ 558.21
20/01/09	R A Gaskell	5012	£ 132.24
22/01/09	MTC Y Plas - Website Hosting	5013	£ 55.00
	I G Owen	5014	£ 93.76
	Tech Services Shropshire Ltd - CCTV in Plas	5015	£ 637.44
			£10,914.80

It was **noted** that the accounts covered two months.

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Correspondence

- Letter from Arriva Trains – London to Aberystwyth Rail Service – Cllrs all felt this was a useful and worthwhile service
- Letter from Mr Gillson – trees – it was **agreed** that MYC should not become involved in this matter
- O G I – Representative required – Cllr G Davies has **agreed** to continue as the Representative for MTC

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Publications

- One Voice Wales
- Powys CAB

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Any other business

- Award to Antony Vaughan – Cllr Rowlands said that MTC should send a letter to Congratulate Mr Vaughan – Cllr Rowlands would pass the address onto the Secretary
- It was **agreed** that a letter would also be sent to Sam “Pennal” congratulating him on receiving the MBE
- Glyndwr Crown Civic Ceremony – Cllr Dunn would like to see MTC take over the organisation of this Ceremony and make it a more family affair – Cllrs agreed and Cllr Dunn will arrange a meeting with local organisers and councillors