

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 26th October 2009

Present: Cllrs. D W Davies, B. Dunn; G Baldwin; E Hughes; S Rowlands;
K Hubbard; M Williams; G Jenkins.

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

Prior to the meeting Mr John Parsons, Clerk to Machynlleth Town Council, was asked to officially open the new Lecture Hall – it is called the Humphreys & Parsons Lecture Hall – the Clerk unveiled a plaque and then gave a short speech and thanked the MTC for this honour bestowed on him and his family – a bouquet of flowers was presented to Mr Parson's partner

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Apologies

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- Cllrs. C Foster; S Nicholas; D Lewis; G Davies

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Presentation

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- Mr John Mason for Transition Bro Ddyfi gave a presentation about the oil crisis and its affects on the future. Mr Mason stated that 5% of global energy was used for transport. Many facts and figures were presented to the Council – a meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month in the White Lion and everyone was welcome – the Mayor thanked Mr Mason for his informative presentation – Cllr Jenkins said that she felt things such as cooking and sewing be reintroduced into the national curriculum. – Cllr Williams said that all political parties should join together and educate the young people and promote this transition – Cllr Dunn agreed and added that it seems to be the communities being involved and solutions should be coming from the Government.

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Minutes

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

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- Cllr Jenkins stated that the minutes on the website showed that she disagreed with supporting Tesco and that this was incorrect – Cllr Jenkins stated that she agreed to support the majority and asked if the website could be amended to show this.

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Statutory Business

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- It was **agreed** that we should apply for funding towards the new Community Centre
- It was discussed if the new Community Centre should be run by Y Plas or remain under the control of MTC – Cllr Jenkins said it made sense to be run by Y Plas but stated that it was essential that all Councillors should and must ask questions without fear of recourse particularly in regards to spending – Cllr Baldwin disagreed and said that the Community Centre should be run by MTC – Cllr Williams felt that it should be run by Y Plas but answerable to MTC – Cllr Dunn said that he would like to see more commitment from the Councillors if they want to have a say in the running of it – Cllr Jenkins felt that this came across as though you can only have a say if you go to Y Plas and this was wrong – Cllr Dunn felt that his comments were misunderstood and stated he simply wanted more

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Councillors to be involved and gave an example of their lack of interest – Melanie Biffin and Petra Evans are to be considered as it will affect both their jobs – Councillors were again invited to sit on the Plas Panel but nobody showed any interest - It was **agreed** that the running and financial responsibility of the new Community Centre should be Y Plas until 31st March 2010 and the situation would be reviewed.

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Mayors Business

The Mayor gave her report and stated that she had been unavailable for a lot of functions but some of her duties are detailed as:-

- The Mayor thanked Cllr Dunn for attending the Royal British Legion on her behalf
- The Deputy Mayor was thanked for attending the Centennial celebrations of the Girl Guides
- The Mayor attended at the OGI as an independent board member to discuss various matters
- Attended Y Plas open day and stated that people seemed pleased with the new hall and the day was a success.

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Matters Arising

- Right of way (**5388**) – letter to PCC – a phone call had been received from Rab Jones and he stated that he would visit the area and report back.
- Workshops 2009 (**5386**) – letter to Boundary Commission
- Number of Councillors (**5383**) – letter to WAG – no response
- Expectant mothers(**5380**) – letter to Hywel Dda Trust – no response – it was **agreed** a reminder letter be sent.
- Funeral (**5386**) letter from Dyfed Powys Police – letter sent from Clerk

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General Purpose Panel Report

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- The bench at Dovey Vision is ready to be re-sited but the Caretaker was waiting for a suitable van to help move it.
- It was **agreed** that an advert would be placed in the Cambrian News to sell the heaters and chairs – Cllr Rowlands said that she had received complaints from residents that had seen the tables being destroyed and that they should have been offered to the residents – the Clerk stated that the tables were damaged but there were some still left at the old hall if anyone was interested – Cllr Jenkins said that she had spoken to the Caretaker and there were about 250 chairs in good condition still at the hall – Cllr Baldwin said that they should be utilised at the new hall to save on expenditure – this was **agreed** and Cllr Dunn would decide how many he needed and have them brought down.

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Health Panel Report

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- An email had been received – Cllr Rowlands stated that she was present at one of the callouts and was disgusted that the ambulance service claimed to be unaware of the call out – it was **agreed** the Clerk would respond to the email – Cllr Hubbard said it was a pity there was no longer 1st Responders running in Machynlleth.

5397 **Town Clock Panel Report**
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- Cllr Jenkins reported that the 1st phase of works would start the third week in November and would take approximately 20 weeks – Cllr Baldwin asked what the 1st phase would be – it was reported that this would involve works to the brickwork to stop water coming in causing damage and would also involve a small bit of internal work - Cllr Baldwin congratulated Cllr Jenkins on all her hard work.
- Cllr Jenkins stated that as work would be taking place over the Christmas period the tree would need to be sited somewhere else – Cllr Rowlands suggested outside the job centre and stated that she had spoken to members of the Rotary Club who felt that this was the best place – Cllr Williams stated that a permanent sleeve should be sunk into the ground for future use – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Adrian Jervis requesting permission for this – Cllr Jenkins said that we must look into the costs involved in this.

5398 **Plas Panel Report**
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- Cllr Baldwin asked if the auctions would be held at Y Plas – Cllr Dunn stated that letters had been sent to all users of the old hall giving details and prices of the new hall and was waiting to hear if JH Jones would like to make any bookings.

5399 **County Councillor J M Williams Report**
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- Cllr Williams reported on the excellent GCSE results obtained by Ysgol Bro Ddyfi – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to the Head teacher congratulating the pupils.

5400 **Planning Applications**
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- P2009 1075 – Croeslyn, Newtown Road – extension
- P2009 1015 – Ysgubor Wen, Tanrallt Road – erection of dwelling and septic tank
- P2009 1112 – Machynlleth Bowling Club – replacement sheds & storage
- P2009 1103 – Land near Llecyn Clyd, Garth Road – overhead line

5401 **Statement of Accounts**
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Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
28/09/2009	Colin Wilde	5155	£ 1,333.05
	Mark Rumbelow	5156	£ 360.95
29/09/2009	R A Gaskell	5157	£ 130.80
30/09/2009	Severn Trent Water	5158	£ 120.43
30/09/2009	Open Space Society - cancelled	5159	
30/09/2009	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5160	£ 396.00

30/09/2009	B3 Architects	5161	£ 575.00
	Computersurgeon	5162	£ 60.00
06/10/2009	Mel Biffin	5163	£ 362.67
	R A Gaskell	5164	£ 120.77
13/10/2009	R A Gaskell	5165	£ 120.77
	Inland Revenue	5166	
20/10/2009	R A Gaskell	5167	£ 130.80
26/10/2009	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5168	£ 396.00
	Scottish Power	5169	£ 61.23
	Miscellanea - Town Clock Display	5170	£ 56.70
	A Flemming - Plants for pots	5171	£ 250.00
	Elementary Signs - sign for lecture room	5172	£ 158.15
	Travis Perkins	5173	£ 29.93
	BT	5174	£ 114.98
			£4,778.23

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Correspondence

- Police in Penegoes - letter from resident
- Shrewsbury – Aberystwyth Railway
- Remembrance Day service details
- Boundary Commission – meeting 3rd November – the Clerk would speak to Cllr Hughes
- Tesco – letter from Dr Morpeth – letter from local resident, also email from Federation of Small Businesses – meeting – the Clerk reported that he had received copies of a letter that had been sent to Meryl Lewis in Cardiff who turned out to be the Solicitor for Tesco – the Clerk said Ms Lewis had commented that she lived in Aberystwyth and felt that Tesco did not understand the needs of a rural community – the Clerk said he thought it wrong that Mr Will Lloyd had been mentioned in the independent report and it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Ms Lewis with a copy going to John Pearson of PCC regarding using Mr Will Lloyd's name without his permission.- it was **agreed** to ask the Deputy Mayor to attend the Federation of Small Businesses meeting
- Affordable Housing – letter requesting opportunity to present to Council – Secretary has arranged for January
- Montgomeryshire Area Community Council Forum – meeting 17th November
- Red Phone Box – letter from PCC
- Consultation for proposed changes to funding of community centres – meeting 2nd November
- Proposed Local Government LCO – email from One Voice Wales
- Y Tabernacl – newsletter
- Survey of Parish Councils
- Powys Local Development Plan – Bro Ddyfi Communities 1st – the Clerk will look further into this.
- Montgomeryshire Conservatives
- Translation of MTC minutes – letter from Cilla Connor – Cllr Dunn declared his interest – it was **agreed** to pay for this facility.
- Notice Boards – request from Mrs Sedgwick – it was **agreed** that a Town Notice Board be erected and a letter be sent to Ms Tydfil Adams, Head Librarian at County Hall, asking if we can put a board on the grass area in front of the library in Machynlleth.

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Publications

- Open Space Magazine
- Campaign for National Parks
- Cantref Housing Annual Report

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Any other business

- Electric Blanket Checks – Cllr Jenkins reported that some residents had been enquiring about the service – Cllr Williams said a letter should be sent to Mr Steve Clinton, Trading Standards at County Hall – this was **agreed** – Cllr Rowlands said she would also speak to the Fire Officer in Machynlleth.
- Fly-tipping – Cllr Dunn said a resident in Penegoes had complained about fly-tipping at the entrance to the cemetery on Newtown Road
- Sign on Garth Road – Cllr Rowlands stated there are 5 x 30mph signs on the Garth Road and local residents felt that the speed limit should be 20pmh and a street light should also be installed – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Adrian Jervis reporting this.