

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 24th November 2008

Present: Cllrs. B. Dunn; J MacDermot; S Rowlands; E Hughes; D Lewis; DW Davies;
M Williams

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

5217 Apologies

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- Cllrs: G Davies; G Baldwin; K Hubbard.

5218 Presentation

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- There was no presentation given.

5219 Minutes

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

5220 Statutory Business

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- The Clerk reported to the Council the accounts had been presented to BDO and he had responded to a few queries they had raised.

5221 Mayors Business

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The Mayor gave his report as follows:

- 4 November; meeting with Plas Grounds group regarding improvements to the Teenzone/Scansis pitch area
- 4 November; at the Clock with British Legion for photographs with 'poppy man'
- 9 November; Remembrance Sunday parade and service
- 11 November; Armistice Day. Attended at the War Memorial to observe the silence
- 10 November; met with Andy Rowland as a follow-up from his presentation to the Council last month. Have since made various enquiries of the PCC Planning Department
- 12 November; attended PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting at the Community Centre
- 17 November; attended at the Pathways project at the High School.
- The Mayor stated said that he had spoken to Andy Rowlands since he gave his Presentation to MTC in October and that he had stated that the meeting to discuss supermarkets coming to Machynlleth would be put on hold until the Council had more information and had seen the Planning Application.

5222 Matters Arising

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- Policing Numbers & Crime Figures Comparison (**5205**) – following his letter under Freedom of Information Act, Cllr Dunn has spoken to Inspector Ridley from Newtown and produced a report for Councillors.

- Parking in Bank Street (**5161**) – copy of letter to Ms Morgan from PCC
- Rent Office (**5199**) – letter to PCC (no response) – Cllr Dunn stated that Rent Office was moving to the new Pathfinder's Project in January
- Street Lighting (**5161**) – Letters to and from PCC – Cllr Williams suggested that Cllrs: Dunn, Rowlands; DW Davies; MacDermot and himself hold a meeting to discuss the draft proposals put forward by PCC – this was **agreed**
- Tourist Information Centre (**5209**) – Letter to PCC

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General Purpose Panel Report

- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council.
- Footpath: Cllr Williams stated that the work on the footpath up to the Top Chip Shop is recorded to be carried out by PCC
- Bus Shelter: Cllr Rowlands felt that this has been ongoing for too long and needed to be sorted as soon as possible
- Drains at Community Centre: Cllr Rowlands said there were again problems with the Bowling Club/Com. Centre drains – Cllr DW Davies suggested that Bowling Club should install their own drainage and that he believed there used to be a drain solely serving the Club – Cllr Hughes offered the free use of a camera to investigate the drainage problem, an offer that was gratefully accepted.

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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 Dunn asked if Cllr Rowlands could explain the current position – Cllr Rowlands told the meeting that the Doctors were providing a service from 6th January 2009 but it will be limited to minor emergency injuries only – Cllr Rowlands said she wished to thank the Doctors for their support in undertaking this service – Cllr Williams agreed and said that without our GP's support problems would be much worse.

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Town Clock Panel Report

- There was no Town Clock report given.

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Plas Panel Report

- Cllr Dunn gave his report Y Plas which was **accepted**.

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County Councillor J M Williams Report

- The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council
- Cllr Williams said that page 3, item 3.1 of his report should read "£2140 for the Chairman"

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Planning Applications

- P2008 0490 – 25-27 Heol Y Doll, Machynlleth – Listed Building Consent – **Granted**

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Statement of Accounts

- The accounts were presented to Council and **approved**.

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Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
27/10/2008	John Edwards - Audit Check	4977	£ 90.00
28/10/2008	M Biffin	4978	£ 463.43
	R A Gaskell	4979	£ 127.28
04/11/2008	R A Gaskell	4980	£ 116.00
06/11/2008	Royal British Legion	4981	£ 16.95
12/11/2008	R A Gaskell	4982	£ 132.24
18/11/2008	Inland Revenue	4983	£ 540.69
	R A Gaskell	4984	£ 122.33
			£ 1,608.92

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Correspondence

- Swansea Building Society
- Festival of Lights – thank you letter
- Arriva Trains – Trains to Birmingham
- PCC Planning Liaison Meeting
- Y Tabernacl – Invite
- Wind Energy Consultation Document from PCC
- Dyfed Powys Police – Meeting – Newtown 26th November 7pm
- Information Commissioners Office
- Community Celebration Day invite from Communities First– Cllr Dunn congratulated Communities 1st on the production of their Local Directory
- Form for Age Concern AGM
- Bro Ddyfi Advice Centre AGM – 5th December 2008
- Cambrian Railway Membership renewal – it was **agreed** to renew the membership
- TraCC questionnaire – the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Dunn and complete the Questionnaire
- WAG – Assemble Members allowances – the Clerk and Mayor will look at the letter and respond accordingly
- British Legions wreaths – Cllrs **agreed** that the wreaths should be kept on display as per the request, i.e. for up to 10 months.

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Publications

- Fire & Rescue Service – Action Plan 2009/2010
- Powys Rural Development Plan
- Preparing for Peak Oil
- Community Directory
- Adjudication Panel for Wales
- Cambrian Railways magazine

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Any other business

- Welsh Language Policy – the Clerk told Councillors that it was now compulsory for Town Councils to have a Welsh Language Policy, and that we should make it known that if anyone wishes to conduct their business with MTC in Welsh they are able to do so.
- CCTV – Cllr Dunn said he had spoken to Technical Services regarding the escalating costs and the broken camera by the Spar – Technical Services sent a long letter of explanation which pointed out that some of the

equipment was old and needed repairing/replacing – Technical Services confirmed that as far as they could see this was the last repair outstanding. Council **agreed** that the work should proceed and that we should budget for a maintenance agreement for future work.

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Budget Meeting

- Cllr Williams suggested that Cllr Hughes prepare a report on the Memorial – Cllr Hughes said that people had spoken to him requesting the Memorial be moved in to the Plas grounds but he felt that it would then be away from the main road and risked being vandalised – all **agreed** to leave War Memorial where it is.

	Expenditure		Revenue	Surplus or Deficit	Estimate 2009/2010
	2008-2009	To Date	To Date		
Community Centre Sundries	{	£ 4,052.48	£ 1,937.63	xxxx	
Wages	{	£ 24,484.48	£ 12,288.78	xxxx	
Utilities	{	£ 5,987.31		xxxx	
Admin - Stationery/Sundries	{	£ 927.85		xxxx	
	£	35,000.00	£ 14,226.41	£ 13,774.29	£ 45,000.00
Clock Tower / War Memorial	£	6,000.00	£ 148.03	£ 1,602.35	£ 7,454.32
Bus Shelters, Seats and Trees	£	1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Mayor's Fund	£	2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ 2,500.00
Appeal Letters	£	3,125.00	£ 3,125.00	£ -	£ 3,800.00
Christmas Lighting	£	1,000.00	£ 704.42	£ 670.93	£ 966.51
Publicity	£	100.00		£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Plants / Tubs	£	750.00	£ 385.00	£ 365.00	£ 750.00
PWLB Loan	£	1,000.00	£ 1,067.56	£ 67.56	£ 1,000.00
Misc	£	500.00	£ 549.50	£ 49.50	£ 1,000.00
CCTV	£	3,000.00	£ 8,342.01	£ -5,342.01	£ 2,500.00
Totals	£	53,475.00	£ 51,773.64	£ 16,499.69	£ 18,201.05
				£	64,650.00

Appeals Agreed

Cllrs: M Williams and E Hughes declared their interests and did not take part in any of the discussions relating to Appeals.

Machynlleth Nursery & Out of School Club	£	500.00
U S Mach	£	100.00
Bro Ddyfi Advice Centre	£	1,200.00
Y Tabernacl	£	500.00
PTA Ysgol Gynradd	£	100.00
CAMAD	£	100.00
Rotary Club Machynlleth	£	100.00
Machynlleth Snooker Club	£	100.00
Machfringe	£	250.00
O G I	£	500.00
Open Space Society	£	25.00
Montgomeryshire Music Festival	£	50.00
Bobath	£	50.00

Urdd Gobraith Cymru	£	25.00
Welsh Air Ambulance	£	100.00
Hope House Children's Hospice	£	50.00
Aberystwyth Colitis & Chron's Assoc	£	50.00
		<u>£ 3,800.00</u>

- It was **agreed** that if OGI wished to apply for future donations they must adhere to the same rules as everyone else and apply by the end of October to be considered. It was not felt acceptable for a letter to arrive the day of the meeting.
- Cllr Dunn said that perhaps we should support Powys CAB *if they were providing a **regular service actually based in Machynlleth***. However, Councillors felt they were already supporting a Citizens Advice service in Machynlleth that was providing a much more regular and reliable service - it was **agreed** that Powys CAB would not receive a donation this year.