

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 25th May 2009

Present: Cllrs. B. Dunn; S Rowlands; E Hughes; S Nicholas; G Baldwin; DW Davies; G Davies; G Jenkins; M Williams; K Hubbard

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

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25.05.09

Apologies

- Cllrs. D Lewis

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Presentation

- There was no presentation given

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Minutes

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

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Statutory Business

- There was no business to discuss

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Mayors Business

The Mayor gave his report earlier at the AGM

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Matters Arising

- Seats on Penrallt (**5313**) - Cllr Baldwin stated that the benches at Penrallt had been moved and local residents had passed on their thanks.
- Car parking at railway station (**5297**) – Cllr Dunn said that he had met with the Railway Station manager regarding parking and that he had sent around a details of the meeting to all Councillors - Cllr Williams suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Manager of the train station to discuss this further – Cllr DW Davies said that a coach had tried to park in Y Plas car park and had found manoeuvring very difficult due to the bollards put up by Mid Wales Housing – Cllr Dunn stated that it was not MTC responsibility to provide coach parking, although Y Plas welcomed coaches. There were 3 coach bays in situ which were situated before a coach even reached the bollards. He also pointed out that when MTC took over Y Plas the plans for the bollards were put before the council and approved – Cllr Hughes suggested as MTC had bought the ground at the train station which was now being used by Lloyds Coaches perhaps we could sell it and put the money into Y Plas – Cllr Rowlands suggested that we asked Mr Lloyd to try manoeuvring a coach in the Plas and report back – Cllr Rowlands suggested a letter be sent to Lloyds Coaches asking this and also to arrange a meeting with him to discuss the parking on land at the train station – this was **agreed**
- Dyfi Bridge (**5311**) - letter received from Mick Bates AM – Cllr Williams stated that he had received some concern from people regarding how long any decision would take – the people of Llanwrin felt that the amount of

traffic that passed through the village when the Dyfi flooded was excessive – it was felt that WAG needed to sort it out and provide a new bridge and a road across the flood plain.

- Footpath refurbishment (**5313**) - an email had been sent to Adrian Jervis and a response had been received from Andrew Jones

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25.05.09

General Purpose Panel Report

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- A letter had been received from Ysgol Gynradd PTA stating that they no longer wished to contribute towards a new bus shelter and were spending the money elsewhere – it was **agreed** that MTC would no longer pursue the issue and any future shelter would be the responsibility of PCC
- Flower tubs – the Clerk stated he had spoken to the caretaker who was waiting for authority from PCC
- Drains – Cllr Jenkins stated that the Bowling Club had still not received a copy of the report – it was **agreed** a copy would be sent to them.

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Health Panel Report

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

- Cllr Williams stated that all CHCs would be left in abeyance and it would be their responsibility to come up with a working practice – Cllr Williams also stated that LHBs would be reorganised.

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25.05.09

Town Clock Panel Report

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

- Cllr Jenkins asked if MTC would pay for banners to advertise the businesses behind the Clock that would be behind the scaffolding whilst work was carried out – it was **agreed** that Cllr Jenkins would obtain quotes to present before the next meeting.

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25.05.09

Plas Panel Report

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

- Cllr Jenkins asked why £4500 had been paid for equipment and that this had not been passed by the MTC but was pleased that the possible purchase of a piano had been refused – Cllr Dunn stated that the equipment purchased was essential and would be used by the next person to take over the restaurant and they would be asked to pay a bond as security for the equipment - Cllr Jenkins was concerned that large financial purchases were being made by the Plas Panel with no agreement with the rest of the Council – a heated debate took place – Cllr Jenkins said that she felt reticent to speak out as people seem to get aggressive and defensive when asked questions about the running of Y Plas – Cllr Dunn pointed out that this only occurred when he had addressed the issues raised on the first question and yet people appeared to still wish to debate the issue. He was left to wonder what constituted a satisfactory answer. Cllr Dunn said that he was there on a daily basis and perhaps other Councillors should come in and work there if they were concerned – Cllr Rowlands was pleased that Cllr Jenkins asked these questions because as Councillors we had the right and duty to ask these questions and hoped

that Cllr Jenkins would continue to do so.

- 5333**
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25.05.09
- County Councillor J M Williams Report**
The minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council
- Cllr Williams stated that with regard to point 2.1 – no response had been received from the general public.

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- Planning Applications**
There were no planning applications received

- 5335**
TC
25.05.09
- Statement of Accounts**
The Statement of Accounts having been previously circulated, were **approved** by Council

Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
30/04/2009	R A Gaskell	5086	£ 120.77
29/04/2009	I G Owen	5087	£ 104.53
29/04/2009	BT	5088	£ 168.85
29/04/2009	PCC - Carnival Bunting Hoist Hire	5089	£ 448.75
07/05/2009	R A Gaskell	5090	£ 130.80
12/05/2009	R A Gaskell	5091	£ 110.54
12/05/2009	Inland Revenue	5092	£ 326.98
17/05/2009	B3 Architects	5093	£ 2,823.25
	Travis Perkins	5094	£ 157.92
	I G Owen	5095	£ 83.70
	Y Plas - Stamps	5096	£ 60.00
	Smith of Derby - Clock Maintenance	5097	£ 172.50
20/05/2009	R A Gaskell	5098	£ 120.77
29/05/2009	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5099	£ 396.90
		TOTAL	£ 5,226.26

- 5336**
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25.05.09
- Correspondence**
- Aberdyfi station platform
 - Improving links between PCC and Town and Community Councils
 - Letter from Chief Supt Gwyn Thomas
 - Letter from Mayor to Football Club
 - Wynford Vaughan Thomas memorial
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- 5337**
TC
25.05.09
- Publications**
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Action Plan – Cllr Williams had completed a form for approval to be sent – the Clerk would read through this and then send it off.

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25.05.09
- Any other business**
- Plaque at front of Y Plas – Cllr Dunn stated that when the bolder holding the plaque was hit the plaque came away but that he had spoken to PCC workmen and the plaque can now be re-attached.
 - Allotments – Cllr Nicholas stated that he had been asked to see if MTC would be providing any further allotments at Y Plas – Cllr Dunn stated that

he had some land in mind but it may not be suitable as it was near the car park and house at the end of the drive – Cllr Williams stated that when PCC had Y Plas they had also thought of providing more but would need planning permission and had been informed by their own planning department that planning would be refused as the land as well as the house was Grade 2 listed – Cllr Rowlands suggested that Cllr Nicholas get in contact with the elderly/disabled who had large gardens to see if they would be interested in letting part of their land as allotments – Cllr Williams suggested a letter be sent to Mr Ian Fraisser, Head of Housing, PCC Welshpool asking if anything was being done to find land in Machynlleth – this was **agreed**

- Rugby/Football Club – Cllr Nicholas stated that the clubs were having problems with youths drinking and the throwing/burying broken bottles over the pitch – there was also concern with a tree house that had been built in a tree at the rugby pitch – Cllr Jenkins stated that these problems seemed to occur at night and that we should have a Police Officer patrol the Plas – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Dyfed Powys Police regarding this.
- The green at Bryn y Gog – Cllr Jenkins stated that she had received complaints from residents at Bryn Y Gog regarding children playing football on the green in front of their properties – local residents had written to PCC but had not received a response – it was **agreed** Cllr Jenkins would give copies of the letters to the MTC secretary and a letter would be sent to Mr Ian Fraisser.
- Manager at Y Plas – Cllr Hughes said that a paid Manager should be appointed at Y Plas and suggested it be Cllr Dunn – Cllr Jenkins stated that if a paid position was available then it should be advertised properly as we had a duty to run the Council fairly and transparently
- Cllr Dunn suggested that an additional councillor should join the Plas Panel – Cllr Jenkins asked if it would be suitable for a local business person to be on the Panel – this was thought not to be a suitable idea as the Council were elected by the community of Machynlleth and it was therefore their responsibility, added to which, a business person might at times have a conflict of interests – no Councillors put their names forward for the Panel.