

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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

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

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### Apologies

- Cllrs. G Jenkins; C Foster

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### Presentation

- Abi Price and Kath ??? from Fruits for All gave a presentation on a project to plant fruit trees in public places within the Machynlleth community – an area in Bryn y Gog has been identified as the most suitable place to start the project – the idea is to plant community fruit trees that the public will be allowed to pick fruit from – PCC and Communities 1<sup>st</sup> have been very supportive – Cllr DW Davies said it was a good idea but was concerned about vandalism – Abi & Kath felt that if people helped plant the trees they would be more likely to protect them and they were planning on involving local school children in the project – all the Councillors felt this was a fantastic project and wished them well – it was **agreed** a letter of support should be sent that can be used for future funding applications – the Clerk asked if MTC could be kept informed of progress.

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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

- The Annual Return was **approved** by Councillors.

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### Mayors Business

The Mayor gave her report and some of her duties are detailed as:-

- Presented sporting certificates at the High School.
- Attended the Civic Reception for the two lady Ambassadors from Bolivia and Paris who were attending the El Sueno Festival.
- A guest at “Miri Mawr” at the Plas – it was a very well attended and enjoyable day – it was **agreed** a letter of thanks should be sent to David Vaughan, Rotary Club thank all those involved in making it a successful day.
- Attended the Plas to open the Art Exhibition – really pleased to see the work of so many local artists.
- Attended the Bowling Club to celebrate the achievements of Club Bowlers – the Clerk said that there should have been more public acknowledgement for the success of the Club – Cllr Dunn passed his apologies to Cllr Rowlands for not attending but did not receive the letter until late on Friday.
- The Mayors trip was to Wrexham and the numbers were down on previous years – everyone who did attend had a wonderful day out and a lovely

meal in Oswestry on the way home.

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### **Matters Arising**

- Hospital Staffing (**5363**) – Letter sent to PLHB – response received
- Footpath on Forge Road (**5199**) letter from PCC
- Tree outside Machynlleth Café (**5362**) – Letter to Mr Kohler
- Tesco Development (**5372**) – letter to Planning - email received from John Pearson stating independent retail study in progress – it was **agreed** a letter be sent from Clerk to Mr John Pearson regarding the Independent Retail Review– Cllr Rowlands stated that a resident in favour of Tesco had called into a local pub unaware that an anti-Tesco meeting was going on and was subject to much verbal abuse – Cllr Rowlands said it was shameful that people were not allowed to have their own opinions without being subject to abuse – Cllr Dunn said that he felt that the MTC had conducted themselves correctly throughout the process – Cllr Williams said that MTC should write to the Planning Department requesting that a member of MTC attend the planning meeting when the developments were discussed – it was **agreed** that Cllr Dunn would attend – Cllr Dunn said he felt that the Co-op proposal should not be part of the independent retail survey and that PCC are just trying to get out of the responsibility of trying to make a decision – Cllr Baldwin agreed.

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### **General Purpose Panel Report**

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- All the Councillors said that the flower tubs were now looking lovely
- Cllr DW Davies said that the people who had borrowed the musical instruments should be made aware that they are only on loan and belong to MTC

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### **Health Panel Report**

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- Cllr Williams said a letter should be sent to the Hywel Trust asking them what provisions and services are available to expectant mothers in Machynlleth.
- MTC should send their response to the Old Peoples Health Provision Report.

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### **Town Clock Panel Report**

- Cllr Jenkins was unavailable and Cllr Williams reported on her behalf stating that we were awaiting official confirmation of funding from the Built Heritage Fund and that a meeting is to be organised with the Architect.

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### **Plas Panel Report**

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- Cllr Dunn reported that the Tolkein Event was gaining more and more interest and he felt this would be a wonderful event at the Plas
- Cllrs Williams, Lewis and Rowlands all offered their time for the Open Day in October
- Cllr Dunn asked if anyone would be able to assist in selling tickets for the November Concert

- Cllr Rowlands asked that Councillors visiting the Plas not just walk into any room they wished as there could be meetings going on – this was **agreed**
- Cllr Rowlands asked that Cllr Dunn and the Secretary leave the room for five minutes and then return.

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### County Councillor J M Williams Report

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- September's minutes – 5.4 – Cllr Williams **confirmed** that PCC and PLHB were working towards a merger which should be in place by April 2012 and to his knowledge would be the first merger of its type in Wales.
- Cllr Dunn asked if the number of 73 County Councillors would be reduced at the next elections – Cllr Williams stated that the Boundary Commission are meeting to discuss this and he felt that 45 Councillors were more than enough to run the Council and that the money saved should go towards “hands-on services” – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to WAG to ask for clarification on the reduction of Councillors.

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### Planning Applications

- P2008 0723 – 17-19 Heol Penrallt – **Refused**
- P2009 0840 – The Old Tannery – Conversion to art gallery
- P2009 0853 – Town Clock – listed building consent
- P2009 0781 – 27 Bryn y Gog – conservatory – **Granted**
- P2009 0807 – Co-Op – extension into Community Centre
- P2009 0755 – 5 Heol Y Doll – change of use - **Granted**
- Letter from PCC regarding Mr & Mrs Jenkins, Ysgubor Wen
- P2009 0914 – Y Plas, Machynlleth – erection of shelter and garden storage shelter

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### Statement of Accounts

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

Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
28/07/2009	Colin Wilde	5128	£ 1,236.41
	Mark Rumbelow	5129	£ 413.39
	R A Gaskell	5130	£ 140.83
31/07/2009	Mel Biffin	5131	£ 375.34
05/08/2009	R A Gaskell	5132	£ 125.88
11/08/2009	R A Gaskell	5133	£ 140.83
11/08/2009	Inland Revenue	5134	£ 765.15
	BT	5135	£ 87.76
	Y Plas - Drill from I G Owen	5136	£ 41.39
	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5137	£ 792.00
14/08/2008	Travis Perkins	5138	£ 134.10
18/08/2009	R A Gaskell	5139	£ 229.24
25/08/2009	R A Gaskell	5140	£ 198.95
26/08/2009	Colin Wilde	5141	£ 1,204.20
	Mark Rumbelow	5142	£ 394.88
02/09/2009	R A Gaskell	5143	£ 110.74
08/09/2009	R A Gaskell	5144	£ 265.16
10/09/2009	Mel Biffin	5145	£ 346.67
15/09/2009	R A Gaskell	5146	£ 140.83
	Inland Revenue	5147	£ 796.13
22/09/2009	R A Gaskell	5148	£ 145.94

	Clips	5149	£	5.57
	John Edwards – Audit	5150	£	100.00
	Bwyty'r Plas - Chillian Evening	5151	£	348.00
	I G Owen	5152	£	4.10
	B3 Architects	5153	£	3,973.00
	Technical Services Shropshire - CCTV	5154	£	354.17
				<b>£ 12,870.66</b>

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### Correspondence

- Tesco – letter to Lembit Opik MP, copy of press release from George Monbiot, press release from Roy Thomas
- Fencing at Tregarth – letter to PCC – response received
- Penrallt Road – edge trimming – letter to PCC – no response
- SNAP – request for advice on possible sites for information point – Cllr Dunn suggested Canolfan Hyddgen – correspondence will be forwarded to them
- Local Environment Initiative
- Wynnstay Hotel – complaint received – response sent
- Dyfed Powys Police – request for use of room – various correspondence – Cllr Dunn stated that on the day of the funeral of Glyn Rowlands – PCSO Monk asked if Dyfed Powys Police could use the Mary Cornelia suite to carry out observation on the Owain Glyndwr memorial – Cllr Dunn said that he obviously didn't know what intelligence had been received by the Police and therefore had to assume that it was to watch the attendees at the funeral - Cllr Dunn refused the request and felt that he should have been asked by someone senior – Cllr Dunn told PCSO Monk that if she wished to go over his head she should talk to the Clerk or Mayor – Cllr Dunn then contacted the Clerk and relayed the request and his decision to him – the Clerk reported on letters he had since sent to the Chief Constable regarding this request – the Clerk said that it was insensitive to request this on the day of the funeral of a local man – the Clerk also said the town was concerned about the number of uniformed and plain clothed officers in the town that day and felt it was the largest number of police officers this town had ever seen – Cllr Rowlands said that Glyn was close to the hearts of many people in Machynlleth and thanked the Clerk and Cllr Dunn for their decision – Cllr Dunn asked that it be recorded that PCSO Monk was well thought of in town and this in no way reflected on her.
- Wind Farms
- Local Government Boundary Commission workshops – Cllr Williams requested a letter be sent asking why Mid Wales had been left out of areas covered by the workshops and to send them details of the facilities of the Plas – this was **agreed**.
- One Voice Wales – AGM
- Powys Rural Development Plan – a letter is to be sent support this
- Open Space – membership renewal – it was **agreed** to renew membership
- Lantern Workshops – letter of thanks from J Heskins
- Ambulance Concerns – email from Montgomeryshire CHC letter received
- Consultation paper – PLHB
- Remembrance Day Service details

- Nursery and Out of School Club – request for letter of support – Mayor Cllr Rowlands said that she was very supportive of the project and it was wonderful to see the children being brought on – Councillors **agreed** that it would be nice to see that the school could be used once again for what it was built for – all **agreed** a letter of support be sent.

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#### **Publications**

- Local Government Partnership Scheme
- Mid Wales Housing
- The Voice magazine
- WAG – Independent Review Panel report of financial support for AM's
- Age Concern newsletter
- Aberystwyth Colitis & Crohn's newsletter

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#### **Any other business**

- Cllr Dunn said a resident had asked what had happened to the right of way in Maesglas as it had been closed when the cottages were being refurbished – Cllr Baldwin said she believed that there had never been a right of way there and that the land was privately owned – Cllr Williams suggested that a letter be sent to David Micah asking for clarification
- Cllr Rowlands said residents had expressed concern regarding the closure of Barclay's Bank on a Tuesday – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to the Bank expressing concerns.