

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Present:** Cllrs. B. Dunn; S Rowlands; E Hughes; S Nicholas; G Baldwin; DW Davies; G Davies; G Jenkins; M Williams; D Lewis.

**Also present:** J. H. Parsons - Clerk;

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### Apologies

- Cllrs. K Hubbard; M Biffin – Secretary

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### Presentation

- A presentation was given by Ian Draisey of Dulas Ltd – Mr Draisey explained that Dulas employed over 60 people from the area – they have a good order book and much of their work is Aid Funded but they were looking further afield for both finance and projects – Ian stated that they offer a £1000 bursary to young people in the area and councillors were surprised that nobody had yet taken advantage of this – all the Cllrs greatly impressed with the work done by Dulas and they were congratulated on their most recent award and those they have received previously.

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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 – however the Clerk mentioned that S4C would be filming in Y Plas in the forthcoming week.

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### Mayors Business

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

- Attended the Tabernacl for the EcoDyfi presentation in recognition of their Biosphere status
- Attended the Owain Glyndwr crowing ceremony at the OGI. She made special mention of Mr. John Duckett and the effort he had put in to make sure there were plenty of flags and bunting up for the day.
- The Mayor recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to Alan Thomas, President of the Welsh Bowling Association, following the Wales win in the recent International held in Belfast – this was **agreed**

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### Matters Arising

- Allotment Provision (**5338**) – letter from Chris Tully, PCC – Cllr Nicholas said that the Machynlleth Allotment Association will be revived – Cllr Rowlands stated that a person living 2 miles out of town had shown an interest in providing land for a token payment – a discussion about possible sites on Y Plas ground were discussed again – Cllr Dunn and Cllr Williams repeated the comments they had made at the May meeting
- Green at Bryn y Gog (**5338**) – letter from Ian Friaser, PCC – a meeting has been arranged with residents and PCC – Cllr Rowlands said that parents were concerned about the loss of the playing area for young children

- Policing of Rugby & Football Fields (**5338**) – letter to Sgt Gareth Owen – no response.
- Coach parking (**5328**) – letter sent to Wyn Lloyd of Lloyd’s Coaches – Cllr Dunn is to meet Wyn Lloyd on 30<sup>th</sup> June and then will report back to MTC.
- Staffing at Machynlleth Hospital (**5241**) – email received from David Evans, LHB – Cllr Williams read a further letter received from David Evans of PLHB saying the hospital Manager will not be replaced but a Senior Sister will be responsible for Machynlleth and Llanidloes – Cllrs were not necessarily supportive of this stance.

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**General Purpose Panel Report**

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

- Cllr Baldwin mentioned the bad road surface at the Co-Op crossing – Cllr D W Davies mentioned the trees overhanging the beacon at the crossing – it was **agreed** a letter be sent to Adrian Jervis reporting these matters.

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**Health Panel Report**

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

- Cllr Rowlands mentioned the new service at the surgery as part of the Stop Smoking Wales Campaign – there will be a Counsellor at the surgery once a week

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**Town Clock Panel Report**

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

- Cllr Jenkins stated that initial tenders are almost ready
- Ann Nixon of Miscellania was selling postcards based on a watercolour of the Town Clock which had been donated by a gentleman from Shrewsbury.
- Cllr Hughes mentioned that a local scaffolder he knew would be able to provide a low quote for the clock – it was **resolved** that the scaffolder concerned should work through the architect who is responsible for the tendering process.

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**Plas Panel Report**

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- Cllr Dunn mentioned the report sent to Cllrs on the first year of trading
- Cllr DW Davies congratulated Cllr Dunn and his staff for their achievement so far.

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**County Councillor J M Williams Report**

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**Planning Applications**

- Letter to and from Planning Department – the Clerk mentioned that many applications were not received in time for discussion at full Council level
- P2009 0658 – 5 Trem-yr-Orsedd – single storey extension

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**Statement of Accounts**

Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
29/05/2009	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5100	£ 396.90
25/05/2009	Colin Wilde	5101	£ 1,180.10
25/05/2009	Mark Rumbelow	5102	£ 419.56
25/05/2009	Mel Biffin	5103	£ 366.67
26/05/2009	R A Gaskell	5104	£ 150.86
03/06/2009	R A Gaskell	5105	£ 130.80
09/06/2009	R A Gaskell	5106	£ 141.03
10/06/2009	David Vaughan & Co	5107	£ 3,450.00
10/06/2009	Inland Revenue	5108	£ 616.65
18/06/2009	R A Gaskell	5109	£ 145.94
23/06/2009	R A Gaskell	5110	£ 234.35
22/06/2009	Travis Perkins (Hire of Strimmer)	5111	£ 87.44
22/06/2009	D K Utilities (removal of dead trees)	5112	£ 218.50
25/06/2009	Colin Wilde	5113	£ 1,227.68
25/06/2009	Mark Rumbelow	5114	£ 401.05
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### Correspondence

- Welsh Language Scheme – the Clerk pointed out that the costs could be prohibitive – he reminded Cllrs that we have a Welsh Language Policy which responds in Welsh to correspondence received in Welsh and we also offer Welsh to those who express a preference. In addition we have a bi-lingual website where Council minutes were posted each month in both languages.
- Disabled Access at Machynlleth Railway Station – it was **agreed** a letter of support for the complainant be sent to Gerwyn Jones, Arriva Trains along with a copy for Cllr Williams
- Congratulation letters to:- Ysgol Gynradd Machynlleth for the Estyn Report, Mr Hemming & Mr Jones on being selected for the Wales Bowling Team, Mr Will Lloyd Williams on being awarded the MBE, Ian Draisey of Dulas Ltd
- Tesco – letter from resident and a copy of her reply from Lembit Opik MP – Cllrs had been previously provided with a copy of both items – the letters will be kept on file to be included in any discussions at the appropriate time.
- One Voice Wales – meeting
- One Voice Wales – training
- Cadfarch Riders – request for money – a letter is to be sent referring them to the Budget Meeting in November.
- Paving Slabs – a letter was received from Mr K Humphreys asking for an apology from MTC – a vigorous debate took place – Cllr Jenkins suggested a letter of sympathy but not apologies be sent – this was **agreed**
- Planning difficulties – a letter was received from Elizabeth Jenkins – it was **agreed** a letter be sent expressing our very strong support of Mrs Jenkins.

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**Publications**

- Open Space Society
- Powys Age Concern
- Y Tabernacl newsletter
- PLHB newsletter

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**Any other business**

There was no other business to discuss

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**In Committee**

- CCTV – Cllr Dunn recommended that a maintenance contract be entered into so that he felt more easy about calling out the engineers when problems arose – Cllr Jenkins agreed providing the price for the contract was supplied for discussion – contact will be made with Technical Services to obtain such a quote.