

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

Held in Y Plas on Monday 30th November 2009

Present: Cllrs. D W Davies, B. Dunn; G Baldwin; S Nicholas; D Lewis; E Hughes; S Rowlands; M Williams; G Jenkins. G Davies; C Foster

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

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30.11.09

Apologies

- Cllrs. K Hubbard

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Presentation

There was no presentation given.

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30.11.09

Minutes

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

- Cllr Jenkins stated that to be able to view the minutes on the website people now had to register and felt that this should not be the case – Cllr Dunn said he would look into the matter.

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Statutory Business

There was no Statutory Business to discuss – however the Clerk apologised for his error when reporting on the NPL report on Tesco.

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Mayors Business

The Mayor gave her report and stated that she had been very busy and some of her duties are detailed as:-

- Attended the official opening of the new Events Hall at Y Plas – the Mayor praised the concert performers but said she was disappointed that it was not as supported as the El Sueano concert considering it was our own culture and heritage being showcased.
- Attended the Remembrance Day Service
- Attended the British Legion concert and congratulated the performers
- Judged the shop window competition which was one by the Quarry Shop
- Attended the lighting of the Christmas tree and asked that a letter be sent to the Chapel thanking them for allowing us to site the tree on their premises – The Mayor also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Rev Davies who had also offered his grounds to site the tree – it was **agreed** the letters be sent

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Matters Arising

- Tesco **(5372)** – various correspondence – Cllr Williams said that the Planning meeting will be an open meeting and anyone can attend.
- Number of Councillors **(5383)** – letter from – no response
- Expectant mothers **(5380)** – letter from Hywel Dda Trust - Cllr Rowlands said there should still be a maternity unit in Machynlleth and that she had brought this up a couple of years ago – Cllr Williams said we should pass our views onto PLHB for their meeting – this was **agreed**
- Electric blankets **(5404)** letter from PCC

- Band Instruments **(5379)** – 5 instruments have been returned – Cllr Rowlands said that she had been contacted by Sally Marshall who had requested use of the large drum – the Clerk requested that Ms Marshall put her request in writing to MTC
- Christmas tree **(5397)** – Cllr Rowlands stated that she had ordered a tree to be put up on the balcony at Y Plas
- Recycling **(5369)** – letter from PCC
- Montgomeryshire Forum **(5402)** – report from meeting 17th November - Cllr Williams asked if there was any costs involved in joining – it was **agreed** a letter be sent asking
- Signage on Garth Road **(5404)** –Cllr Williams said that any County Council road must have a 30 mile speed sign if there are no street lights
- Notice Boards **(5402)** – it was **agreed** at the October meeting 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 – Cllr Dunn asked if this had been done – the matter is to be followed up.

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30.11.09

General Purpose Panel Report

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

- It was **agreed** that the report should state that we are “...looking into the matter” Regarding metal seats.
- Cllr Dunn asked if an advert had been placed to sell the equipment from the old community centre – there was no response from Councillors

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30.11.09

Health Panel Report

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

- Cllr Williams stated that if anyone should want a copy of the CAPP minutes they should contact the MTC Secretary for a copy.

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Town Clock Panel Report

- Cllr Jenkins reported that the repairs first thought needed for the 1st phase were not as bad as first thought and the Architect had suggested that to save on costs they carried out the works required from Phase 4 – this was **agreed**
- Cllr Jenkins stated that a local resident asked why local scaffolders had not been used – Cllr Jenkins said that we have to agree the best price and this was all sorted by the Architect in line with the funding we have received.
- Cllr Rowlands had been asked by a resident if the night time chiming could be stopped – Cllr Jenkins stated that some time ago Cllrs unanimously stated that the chiming should not stop
- Cllr Baldwin asked if there was some way to stop birds nesting and dropping seeds etc into the guttering – Cllr Jenkins would look into this.

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30.11.09

Plas Panel Report

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

- Cllr Dunn mentioned that he had been approached by a local B&B owner, who had berated him outside the Plas stating that they were not listed on the Touch Screen information site in the window of Y Plas and that it

should only advertise local sites – Cllr Dunn explained that any B&B could get in touch with him and he will arrange for them to be added.

5415 County Councillor J M Williams Report

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- Cllr Williams said congratulated the under 14's six a side team on their competition win – it was **agreed** a letter of congratulations be sent to the Youth Club.

5416 Planning Applications

- TC**
30.11.09
- P2009 1075 – Croeslyn, Newtown Road – extension - **granted**
 - P2009 0914 – MTC – youth shelter & garden storage - **granted**
 - P2009 0853 – MTC – Town Clock listed building consent – **granted**
 - P2009 1223 – Leeds House – rear extension & conversion of upper floors to residential units

5417 Statement of Accounts

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Date		Chq No	Chq Drawn
28/10/2009	Colin Wilde	5175	£ 1,279.43
	Mark Rumbelow	5176	£ 376.37
	Mel Biffin	5177	£ 370.67
	R A Gaskell	5178	£ 140.83
	Petra Evans - 13 wks	5179	£ 312.00
03/11/2009	R A Gaskell	5180	£ 130.80
09/11/2009	PCC - Rates on Community Centre	5181	£ 1,990.00
10/11/2009	R A Gaskell	5182	£ 130.80
	Inland Revenue	5183	£ 757.26
18/11/2009	R A Gaskell	5184	£ 130.80
24/11/2009	R A Gaskell	5185	£ 140.83
24/11/2009	Colin Wilde	5186	£ 1,331.88
	Mark Rumbelow	5187	£ 330.10
	B3 Architects	5188	£ 3,061.25
	Cambrian News - licensing notice for the Plas	5189	£ 161.00

£10,644.02

5418 Correspondence

- TC**
30.11.09
- Thank you card from Mel Biffin
 - Bilingual Wales event
 - Open Meeting for Tesco
 - Thank you from Mrs A Beaumont
 - Dyfed Powys Police – Community Consultative meeting – Thursday 3rd Dec, Llandrindod
 - Cambrian Wildwood – Wednesday 9th December, 7pm, OGI
 - Art by Jack Crabtree held at MOMA to be transferred to Y Plas – this was **agreed**
 - Invite from WAG – 3rd December 2009
 - Advertising for Cllrs – Cambrian News – Cllr Dunn asked if the Mayor

would be charged for her Christmas message - the reporter in attendance said the message would be free

- Wales Air Ambulance – thank you letter to Plas – Cllr Dunn stated that various donations from the profit of the Opening Concert had been distributed
- A letter of thanks had been received from Mr Barry Flemming for the MTC's support of the Bowling Team
- A copy of the letter received from Machinations would be sent to the Planning Department.

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Publications

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- PLHB – Powys Teaching Report
- Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
- WAG – proposed guidance for Fire & Rescue Authorities in Wales

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Any other business

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There was no other business to discuss

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Estimates

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Cllr Williams declared his interests and did not take part in any discussion relating to the groups he supported. The following donations were **agreed**:

Machynlleth Nursery & Out of School Club	£500.00
US Mach	£100.00
CAMAD	£150.00
Y Tabernacl	£400.00
Machynlleth Guides	£100.00
Owain Glyndwr Institute	£500.00
Cemmaes Village Association	£ 50.00
Cadfarch Riders	£ 50.00
Machynlleth Hurricanes	£100.00

A discussion took place as to whether non local groups be supported and also to what extent – it was **agreed** that at the AGM in May a Resolution would be passed to clarify exactly what support would be available in the future – for this year only it was **agreed** only to support anyone who had applied. The non local groups supported were:-

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre	£ 50.00
Blaenau Gwent Eisteddfod	£ 30.00
Hope House Children's Hospice	£ 50.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£ 30.00
Montgomery Music Festival	£ 50.00
R N I B	£ 50.00
Victim Support	£ 50.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00
Age Concern	£ 30.00
Aberystwyth Colitis & Chron's Association	£ 50.00
Mid Wales Colo-Rectal Fund	£ 50.00
Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod	£ 50.00
The total donations were	£2540.,00

- Cllr Dunn said that we must make sure we do not burden the council tax payer but many community projects are providing services and facilities where PCC are failing – Cllr Jenkins agreed but stated that MTC must be prudent and we should do what is best for our residents – the Clerk stated that we have a new responsibility with the Plas and we must ensure the new hall is covered by using funds held by MTC - The expenditure was discussed and it was **agreed** that any moneys assigned previously to the old community centre should be reassigned to the new Events Hall at Y Plas

	Expenditure		Revenue	Surplus or Deficit	Estimate 2010/2011
	2009-2010	To Date	To Date		
Community Centre Sundries	{ £	4,664.03	£ 904.00	xxxx	
Wages	{ £	24,238.28	£ 11,841.47	xxxx	
Utilities	{ £	10,919.08		xxxx	
Admin - Stationery/Sundries	{ £	1,852.80		xxxx	
	£	45,000.00	£ 12,745.47	£ 16,071.28	£ 50,000.00
Clock Tower / War Memorial	£	6,000.00	£ 822.16	-£ 4,362.99	£ 6,000.00
Bus Shelters, Seats and Trees	£	1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Mayor's Fund	£	2,500.00		£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
Appeal Letters	£	3,800.00	£ 3,800.00	£ -	£ 3,800.00
Christmas Lighting	£	1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Publicity	£	100.00	£ 60.00	£ 40.00	£ 100.00
Plants / Tubs	£	750.00	£ 250.00	£ 500.00	£ 750.00
PWLB Loan	£	1,000.00	£ 533.33	£ 466.67	£ 1,000.00
Misc	£	1,000.00	£ 1,212.20	£ 9.98	£ 1,000.00
CCTV	£	2,500.00	£ 489.64	£ 2,010.36	£ 2,500.00
Totals	£	64,650.00	£ 13,577.61	£ 19,023.10	£ 69,650.00

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In Committee

- The Remembrance Day Parade was discussed – Cllr Rowlands will speak to the British Legion
- CCTV was discussed – the Clerk will speak to Dyfed Powys Police