

NORTH MONTGOMERYSHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL FORUM

MINUTES

**of a meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017
at 7pm in the Town Hall Broad Street Welshpool**

1. Present were

Cllr F Buckingham (Chair)	Llandysilio Community Council
Cllr E Bleivas	Welshpool Town Council Gungrog Ward
Cllr A Bowen	Welshpool Town Council Llanerchuddol Ward
Cllr H Evans	Welshpool Town Council Castle Ward
Cllr P Vingoe	Berriew Community Council
Robert Robinson	Welshpool Town Clerk (Secretary to the meeting)

2. Apologies received from

Apologies were received from C.Davies (Llandrino & Ardleen and Llandysilio Community Councils), Vicki Griffiths (Llanfair Caereinion Town Council), J Hopkins (Castle Caereinion Community Council and M Jerman (Castle Caereinion Community Council).

3. Minutes

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Actions since the last meeting

The meeting considered actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

Recycling Centres

The meeting noted the new arrangements starting on 1st April.
Concern over increased fly tipping was raised again.

Shrewsbury Telford Hospital

There is no further news at present. A full consultation is expected in September 2017.

Elections

The meeting noted the election arrangements for 4th May 2017.

Cambrian Lines Surveys

The meeting received an update on the Cambrian Lines Rail Service survey.

PCC Liaison Meetings

Concern and anger was expressed over the cancellation of the liaison meeting between PCC and the Town & Community Councils. The Chair is considering writing a letter of complaint. The County Council appears not to be able to understand the various roles of the secretary and that the meeting being called was agreed and to be as per last meetings hosted by the County Council. The meeting had little faith that anything further will happen.

5. Local service delivery

The meeting considered the local service delivery experiences. Little has really happened with PCC still be difficult over information to most Councils.

6. Local Government re-organisation

The meeting received an update on the local government re-organisation. A review of Town and Community Councils is taking place with an announcement expected in September 2017.

7. Boundary Commission

The meeting noted the Boundary Commission review of wards taking place at this time with the consultation ending on 31st May.

It is important that communities get involved if their wards less or more than 1,660 (plus or minus 10%). This has an effect on both County and Town/Community Councils.

8. Fly Tipping and consultation on local fixed penalties

There was concern expressed over the increase in fly tipping and also the apparent lack of action against those who do it. PCC policy of letters first was considered to be too soft.

The meeting generally supported the proposal by Welsh Government on Fly Tipping spot fines.

9. Future of Forum

The attendance at the Forum varies according to topics raised. Consideration as to its format in the future will need to be reviewed. A surgery format was suggested as an idea. The consideration of the way forward will be completed after Mark Drayford has made an announcement on the future of Town and Community Councils.

10. Welshpool Town and Community Plan

A new plan is being prepared for Welshpool with the consultation being widened out to Town and Community Councils who use Welshpool as their centre. The next meeting of the Forum will cover this when all Town and Community Councils in the area will be invited to attend to have their say.

11. Date of next meeting

To note the next meeting to be Tuesday 28th March 2017