

NORTH MONTGOMERYSHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL FORUM

MINUTES

of a meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7pm

Council Chamber Town Hall Welshpool

1. Record of Attendance

Cllr F Buckingham	Llandysilio Community Council and Chair
Cllr E Bleivas	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr H Evans	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr F Veenstra	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr R Dawe	Forden Community Council
Cllr M Connell	Carreghofa Community Council
Carol Davies	Community Clerk Arddleen/Llandrinio and Llandysilio Community Council
Robert Robinson	Town Clerk Welshpool Town Council

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions since the last meeting

To meeting considered an update on actions taken since the last meeting.

- i) **Training dates** – anyone interested in attending should contact the Town Clerk at Welshpool so that they can be invited.
 - 16th September – Roles & Responsibilities including some aspects of Law – 7.15pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber
 - 21st October - Finance
 - 18th November - Property
- ii) **Crossing point at Llanfair** – The Welsh Government has confirmed it does give money to PCC for safety but that it is up to the County Council to decide how this spent.

4. Future of Councils – Minister's Statement

The meeting considered an update, no real action at this time, awaiting further statement from Welsh Government.

5. Rodney's Pillar

The meeting received an update and report on the above.

There are further public meetings being held and it is hoped a 'Friends of Rodney's Pillar Group' may come forward. Those involved are seeking a person able to supervise works etc.

6. Transport in Welshpool

The meeting considered an update on the following:

Bus Station for Welshpool

Plans are to be taken forward with funding expected later this year.

Welshpool Main Line Station

Plans to improve the station facilities are progressing and a feasibility study has been completed. Further meetings with Welsh Government and Transport for Wales will take place in due course.

Transport for Wales rail services

The concerns of residents have informed a meeting with Government and Transport for Wales. There will be improvements but it will take time. The number of seats on trains must be more than at present.

7. One Way System in Welshpool

The meeting received an update on progress with the One Way System in Welshpool. It was noted that completion is due on 29th July.

8. Powys County Council

The meeting considered the next stage of the consultation for Welsh Government as follows:

To consider how relationships between Town and Community Councils and County Councils could be improved. (A consultation item from Welsh Government.

The meeting was mainly concerned with the following:

- i) The lack of response from the County Council when approached.
- ii) The poor quality of the drawings on the planning portal.
- iii) The lack of liaison meetings (promised on many occasions but never delivered).
- iv) The lack of information from the County Council even to their own ward Councillors.

The situation would improve by putting in place the following:

- i) Liaison Meetings between the County Council and Town/Community Councils quarterly as previously held.
- ii) More information issued to Town and Community Councils about their area to aid working together.
- iii) Better Planning information particularly on the web site.

9. Planning (objection letters)

The Local Authority does not now post individual objections. This does not enable interested parties to see them without an appointment which takes time and is not available within the 21 day objection period.

10. County Council contact

There are many issues at present being experienced by mainly the seniors in society with having to deal with PCC online for bins, housing list etc.

11. Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7pm Welshpool Town Hall.

