

NORTH MONTGOMERYSHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL FORUM

MINUTES

Of a meeting held on **Tuesday 21st November 2017**
at 7pm in the Town Hall Broad Street Welshpool

1. Record of attendance

Cllr F Buckingham	Chair	Llandysilio Community Council
Cllr E Bleivas		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr H Evans		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr F Veenstra		Welshpool Town Council
Cllr W Williams		Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
Vicki Griffith		Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
Cllr M Jerman		Castle Caereinion Town Council
Cllr J Kimble		Montgomery Town Council

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting confirmed the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions taken since the last meeting

The meeting was updated on actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

Welshpool Town and Community Plan 2017-2022

To note that the plan has been formally adopted with a copy available on the web site at www.welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk

Hospitals – Referendum in Welshpool

To note the result of the Welshpool Town Council referendum.

If the planned care is to remain at Telford there is a need for more planned care to be provided at Welshpool and Newtown Hospitals.

4. Independent Review Panel for Wales

The meeting discussed in some detail the draft annual report of the Independent Review Panel for Wales.

The issue of making allowances for the proposals was covered and implications explained.

The Forum was opposed to the sections on Town and Community Councils with regard to the payment of allowances.

The following actions were agreed:

Objection to the annual report

The Secretary is to email an objection to the proposals in the annual report.

Support for change of dates of the panel's deliberations

The Forum supports the approach to Welsh Government to change the dates of reporting to allow budgets to be prepared with more certain knowledge.

5. Future of Town and Community Councils

The meeting considered an update on the above and the results of the Seminar held in Welshpool on 18th November 2017. Councils were urged to respond to the paper issued to most Town and Community Councils with 4 questions.

Welshpool has held a seminar and will be reporting to the Panel by Christmas.

6. Charters with Town and Community Councils

The meeting considered an update on charters. The Welshpool Charter is ready for renewal.

7. Date of next meeting

The dates for 2018 meetings were confirmed as:

23rd January

27th March

22nd May

17th July

25th September

27th November

All meetings are at 7pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall Welshpool.