**8473 – No 27 Church Place, Machynlleth, Powys**

**Location**

Set back from the road on the left hand side of the main approach to St Peter's Parish Church. Attached to the rear of No 23 (the former Aberllefeni Slate Quarry office) and to the left of No 25 Heol Penrallt, fronting onto Church Place.

**History**

Early C19, probably built as a hearse-house for St Peter’s Church with small attached cottage. It had been in the same ownership as No 23 Heol Penrallt until c2002 when No 23 was sold, and a separate dwelling to the rear (now No 25 Heol Penrallt) was created. No 25 includes the cartshed and first floor above it at the right of No 27 Church Place. Internally, blocked doors on the ground and first floors separate No. 27 Church Place from 23 and 25 Heol Penrallt.

**Exterior**

2-storey rubble structure, pebbledash front to the left hand part outside the churchyard; slate roof (formerly grouted). 16-pane sash windows to the 1st and ground floors, twinned smaller sash to left over the 6-panel door (formerly with gabled porch), boot scraper set in wall to left of door. Boarded door to right end over former cartshed doors (belonging to No 25 Heol Penrallt). Rubble end wall facing NW and set back beyond is the 2-window elevation of the attached range (also belonging to No 25 Heol Penrallt); formerly with large chimney stack at the junction; 12 and 16-pane sash windows.Return to left with 16-pane sash over modern window in partially infilled opening.

**Interior**

Single room depth, ground floor with later partition creating narrow room (kitchen) at rear. Right (internal) wall with chimney breast, door to right to cartshed now blocked. Stone stairs to left with understair cupboard. First floor with bathroom at head of stairs. Main room with narrow chimney breast and further door to right, now blocked. Small room at rear left with built in shelving and cupboard. Simple architraves and skirtings surviving to upper floor.

**Reason for Designation**

Included for its special architectural interest as a rare example of a hearse-house, built to serve the adjacent church incorporating accommodation. It survives with few alterations and has group value with St Peter's Parish Church and the boundary walls and railings to the churchyard. Also of interest for its association with No 23 and 25 Heol Penrallt.

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