

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th February, 2017 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

**1. Present:** Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, N. Dodman.

**In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk; County Councillor M. Jones.

**2. Apologies:** Cllrs. S. Bennett, K. Williams.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal*

*Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to his property.*

*Prejudicial: None.*

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Members received comments from a member of the public on recent activity (7/8th February) at Radnor Ranges. The resident raised concerns on a number of issues including excessive traffic onto the site and on the A44, obstruction of nearby properties, shock waves increased and now reaching the village, damage to the bridleway (particularly the edges) by the traffic and the noise levels from the explosions. Cllr. Harris suggested that the resident receive emails on forthcoming activity from the Ranges and the resident agreed that his email details could be passed on to Range's management. Cllr. Harris reminded those present that the Community Council had met with a number of official bodies such as the County Council and HSE to ensure that activity complied with the current licences and restrictions. There was little else that the Community Council was able to do. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Environmental Health requesting monitoring equipment for the resident to keep on site for a period of time so incidents could be recorded. The resident confirmed that this would be acceptable. Cllr. Dodman asked that the County Council be reminded that previous monitoring records had not been supplied to the Community Council and were no longer available. It was essential that records were kept for all further monitoring and the results provided to the Community Council.

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2017 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

5.1 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reported that signage was still inadequate and had resulted recently in another group of vehicles straying of route. It was agreed that the County Council be asked to provide larger, more substantial signs. The Clerk was to ask that these be left with Cllr. Harris who would erect them on site.

**6. Finance:**

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Information Commissioner (data registration)	£35.00
Viking (office supplies)	£63.08
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website)	£168.00

6.2 Wales Audit Office Report on Town/Community Council Audits 2015-16 Accounts: The Clerk provided a brief summary of this report noting that, including New Radnor, only 20% of Community Councils in Wales had received an unqualified audit with no matters being raised for attention.

**7. Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted -  
P/2016/0845, Land at the Coach House, Water Street: Conditional Consent.  
P/2016/0846, The Coach House, Water Street: Conditional Consent  
P/2016/0641, Gwernorgwllwyd, Llandegley: Conditional Consent.

## 7.2 Planning Applications:

P/2017/0048 & 0053 (LBC), Grid Ref: 320875.13/261621.86 for Erection of dwelling and creation of new access and associated works at Crossways Mutton Dingle New Radnor. Resolved to support the application as it was a passivhaus and also because it will provide accommodation for a local person thus meeting a local need.

P/2017/0105, Grid Ref: 320923.88/261537.78 for Householder: Erection of a garden studio at Little Folley, Mutton Dingle New Radnor. Resolved to support the application.

7.3 Local Development Plan Consultation on Focussed Changes: Cllr. Dodman reported on the pre-hearing meeting held earlier in the week and also on the public meeting organised by Chris Davies MP. Hearing dates for representations on the renewable energy changes would be 9/10th May. The County Council was in the process of compiling more information for submission to the Inspector in charge of the hearings. Cllr. Dodman suggested therefore that he delay finalising his comments so that the new information could be assessed. It was agreed that draft comments would be brought to the March or April Council meetings. Cllr. Dodman had also arranged a meeting with Mr. Peter Morris at the County Council to obtain more information.

## 8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Powys Electoral Review 2017 Presentation Dates: Noted. The Clerk would attend.

8.2 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

8.3 Powys War Memorials Project: Noted. Cllr. Cooper would check the Memorial and if it was felt that work was necessary would contact the Clerk who would arrange for a stone mason to quote.

8.4 Powys County Council Letter regarding payroll support: Noted. Not required.

8.5 Street Naming and Numbering Guidance Notes Information: Noted.

8.6 Welsh Government Consultation: Reform of School Governance Framework: The Clerk highlighted a number of points included in the consultation including the ability for governing bodies to adjust the start and finish times etc at the beginning of each term rather than each school year, the ability for governors to be recruited in line with the skills needed rather than just for their representation of specific bodies and enabling electronic record keeping and communication. Members had no comment to make.

8.7 Draft Vision for Health and Care in Powys Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

8.8 Kidney Wales, Walk for Life Information: Noted.

8.9 Welsh Government White Paper Consultation: The Clerk reported on matters included which related to Town and Community Councils, including the commissioning of a further review of the Community Council sector, a duty to consider and plan for the training needs of Councillors, the postponement of any boundary review and the proposal to introduce a general power of competence to allow Councils to have more freedom to serve their communities. Members agreed that the Clerk respond indicating strong support for the introduction of the general power of competence at the earliest opportunity.

## 9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Harris would telephone the Ranges to arrange the regular meeting between Range staff and Council representatives (Cllrs. Harris and Hodge).

9.2 Defibrillator Grant: The Clerk reported that a fault with the power at the kiosk had delayed completion of the installation of the heated cabinet. BT had now arranged for Western Power to attend and correct the fault.

9.3 Street Cleansing/Grass Cutting: Decision on Contracting for extra work by County Council: Agreed that no additional work be commissioned for the time being. Should it be felt necessary over the course of the year then the matter would be re-considered.

9.4 Road Name Sign: Park Road: Following problems with the initial location a site meeting had been arranged for 11.30 on 13th February.

9.5 Letter from Radnor Arms Action Group: Members all read the letter which was duly noted.

9.6 Dog Fouling: Cllr. Cooper stated that this continued to be a problem. The Clerk was asked to provide further notices and to include a statement indicating that the Council would be considering the installation of CCTV if matters did not improve. Cllr. Williams had agreed to ask the School if pupils would design posters to put up in the village. The Clerk would remind Cllr. Williams. Members would monitor the situation and report back to a later meeting.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th March, 2017

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.