

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th March, 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: Cllr. K. Williams.

Absent: Cllr. S. Bennett.

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 the rateable value of the Radnor Ranges together with a request that the Community Council take action to get this amended. Members discussed the concerns with the resident and it was agreed to consider the request under the appropriate item on the agenda.

County Councillor M. Jones confirmed that the values were set by the Valuation Office and not by the County Council.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February, 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. Harris had spoken to Council Officers, Mark Stafford-Tolley and Jill Exton on the locations for new signage.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Mrs T. Price (salary final quarter)	£442.26
HM Revenue and Customs	£110.60
Mrs T. Price (expenses etc)	£70.86

6.2 Review of Risk Assessment: Members approved the updated risk assessment as circulated.

6.3 Review of Asset Register: Members approved the updated Asset Register as circulated.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted -

P/2016/0946 8 Broad Street, New Radnor: Conditional Consent.

P/2016/0947 8 Broad Street, New Radnor: Application Withdrawn (LBC).

7.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

7.3 Local Development Plan Consultation on Focussed Changes, Draft Comments for Hearing: Deferred to the April Meeting.

7.4 Local Development Plan, Letter from County Council re acting on behalf of other objectors: Resolved that due to the difficulty in accurately representing others the Community Council refuse the invitation to be included.

7.5 Pre-Planning Consultation, Bache Farm, New Radnor. Free Range Poultry Unit: Resolved no comment to make at this point.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 One Voice Wales Letter re. membership: Resolved that the Council become members for the 2017/18 financial year. The Clerk would add the payment to the April agenda.

- 8.2 Powys Public Services Board Well Being Consultation: Noted. No comment.
- 8.3 Wales Remembers, Letter asking re WW1 Commemorative Plans: Noted. Members would inform the Clerk if they became aware of any events.
- 8.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.
- 8.5 Letter from County Council re annual play area inspections: Noted. Cllr. Cooper would pass to the Playground Committee.
- 8.6 Boundary Commission 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies: Noted. No further comment.
- 8.7 Welsh Government Consultation on draft circular for the planning of gypsy, traveller and show people sites: Noted. No comment.
- 8.8 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Annual Report for 2017/18: Noted. At present only travel expenses were paid to Community Councillors.
- 8.9 Powys County Council Objection Report re Llandrindod and Builth Wells High Schools: Noted.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllrs. Hodge and Harris had attended a meeting with the Ranges and reported the following -

- the perimeter of the exclusion zone at the Ranges was being extended to cover all the land held by the organisation and this land had therefore been removed from the right to roam under the CROW Act. This had been understood to be at the Welsh Government's request.
- the site was now a fully licensed factory site.
- an apology had been made for the recent extremely loud explosion.

Cllr. Dodman expressed concern at the first point above and the Clerk was asked to check this. The Clerk confirmed that noise monitoring equipment was now on site at a property near to the Ranges. However the Ranges did not wish to add that resident to the list for notifications of activity due to previous incidents. This would be re-considered should a written undertaking be given that these actions would not be repeated.

Members then considered the issue of the rateable value of the site which presently receives a full small business rate exemption. Following discussion a vote was taken, with only one vote in favour the proposal to raise this issue with the Valuation Office failed and it was resolved that no action should be taken.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant: The unit at the school was now in place however the power supply to the kiosk had still not been re-connected by Western Power.

9.3 Road Name Sign: Park Road: Cllr. Blackman and the Clerk had met the County Officer on site to agree a location. The sign was now in place.

9.4 Dead Tree, High Street: Cllr. Williams had confirmed that this had been removed. Members also reported that the overhanging branches at the A44 junction had now been done.

9.5 War Memorial: Cllr. Cooper had arranged for an initial quote for cleaning and basic re-pointing. This seemed expensive. The Clerk would arrange for a further quote from a local stone mason. She would also contact the County Council War Memorial Project to obtain some cleaning kits so that a community cleaning event could be organised.

9.6 Dog Fouling: School Poster Competition: It was agreed that this should go ahead and £20 would be provided for the school to purchase three prizes.

9.7 Other Village Matters:

- Road Surface: The road surface outside the timber yard was breaking up and needed attention. The Clerk would report.
- Beating the Bounds: Cllr. Hodge reported that this would take place over the Whitsun holiday weekend.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th April, 2017
Amended Date of May Meeting: Thursday 18th May 2017.

11. Elections Briefing: The Clerk gave a short explanation of the election process and issued election packs to each Member. Nomination papers would need to be submitted between 20th March and 4th April.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.