

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th April, 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, K. Williams.

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

**2. Apologies:** Cllr. N. Dodman.

**Absent:** Cllr. S. Bennett.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal: None.*

*Prejudicial: None.*

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March, 2017 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

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

5.1 Asset Register: Cllr. Cooper reported that following the March meeting she had reflected on Council Assets and believed that the Information Board at the Cornwall Lewis Memorial was the property of the Community Council. The Clerk would investigate and bring a revised Asset Register to the next appropriate meeting of the Council.

**6. Finance:**

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

One Voice Wales (membership)	£31.50
Radnor Valley School (twds prizes for poster competition)	£20.00
New Radnor Community Centre (hire charges)	£90.50

6.2 Approval of Annual Accounts: The final accounts were approved as circulated.

6.3 Completion of the VAT Reclaim 2016/17: Noted.

6.4 End of Financial Year Update: Members noted the report circulated. The Council's reserves were in line with three months expenditure recommended and spending over 2016-17 had been in accordance with the agreed budget.

**7. Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted -

P/2017/0048 & 0053, Crossways, Mutton Dingle: Applications Withdrawn.

P/2017/0105, Little Folly, Mutton Dingle: Conditional Consent.

7.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

7.3 Local Development Plan Consultation on Focussed Changes: Members noted that the renewable energy hearings had been postponed. New dates would be 27th and 28th June.

7.4 Planning Application P/2014/0672, Hendy Wind Turbines: The Clerk informed Members that she understood that this application was to go before the Planning Committee on 27th April. She had not as yet been formally notified.

**8. Correspondence/General:**

8.1 Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys: Noted. The Old Radnor Division, at around 1300 was currently below the aim of 1600 for reviewed areas. It was agreed that no comment would be made at this stage.

8.2 Powys County Council: revised opening days for HWRC: Noted. Members agreed that a further letter should be sent outlining concerns at the reduction in opening times and also suggesting that the possibility of alternating the weekend opening days be considered.

8.3 Powys County Council: Confirmation of Decision to merge Builth Wells/Llandrindod Wells High Schools: Noted.

8.4 Reply from Radnor Valley Young Farmers Club: The Clerk read the letter from the Club which was in response to a letter sent in October on the possibility of involvement with the Council to inform and comment on issues for younger residents in the Community Council area. It was agreed to invite Ms Pugh to the June meeting of the Council.

8.5 Powys County Council: Letter re withdrawal of code of conduct training: Noted.

8.6 Vision for Health and Care in Powys to 2027 and beyond: Information: Noted.

8.7 Change of Primary School Admission Age Information: Noted.

## **9. Village Matters:**

### **9.1 Radnor Ranges:**

Planning Enforcement Visit: A reply had now been received from the County Council confirming that the structures checked were considered temporary in nature as they did not benefit from foundations. The Clerk was asked to reply requesting a full definition of 'temporary' and to ask for a further site visit.

Email from resident re exemption from business rates: Noted.

Extension of Factory Licence: The Clerk reported that the HSE officer would be visiting the Ranges on 19th April and had agreed to meet with the Community Council afterwards. The Clerk reported the concerns raised by Cllr. Dodman on this extension and the associated removal of the right to roam. After some discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Community Council would not oppose the extension. It was felt that given the need for public safety for existing activities the extension would enhance the current protection. Under the circumstances it was agreed that the planned meeting with HSE should be cancelled.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant: Both cabinets had now been put in place and the defibrillators were both on site. Western Power were to re-connect the electricity to the kiosk on 18th April following which the cabinet there would be connected to the supply and would be heated as required.

Cllr. Williams had held further training sessions - with the Vintage Tractor Club and staff at the Primary School. Further sessions would be held over the coming months. The Clerk was asked to supply the parish magazine with information on the defibrillators and their locations.

9.3 New Radnor War Memorial: The Clerk had met Mr. Protheroe on site and he had supplied a quote for holding an instruction/demonstration session in the cleaning and re-pointing of the joints of the Memorial. The Memorial would be sympathetically cleaned and only the inscription panels would be done in order to preserve the lichen patterns on the main structure. The Powys War Memorials Project had indicated that it would support with a grant to cover the session and the provision of light refreshments. Cllr. William would obtain quotes for the refreshments. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the forms necessary to apply for the grant.

9.4 Dog Fouling School Poster Competition: Cllr. Williams reported that the pupils had begun designing their posters.

9.5 Dog Bag Dispenser: It was agreed that the new dispenser would be sited at the entrance to the Castle Mound. Cllr. Blackman would get permission from the Castle Mound Trust and the Clerk would purchase the new unit plus an additional supply of bags.

9.6 Hand Bells: Cllr. Hodge reported that the Group had been invited to perform at a rally at Burghill on 29th April. The Clerk would inform the insurer to ensure cover.

9.7 Walton to Presteigne Road: Cllr. Harris reported that the road surface continued to degenerate and that there were a number of very bad potholes. The Clerk would report this to Balfour Beatty.

**10. Election Information:** The Clerk confirmed that there had been six nominations and all of those would therefore be elected unopposed. The remaining vacancy would be filled by co-option. Notices would be displayed following the annual May meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 18th May, 2017

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.