

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 18th May, 2017 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. E. Blackman, R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), N. Dodman, K. Williams .

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllr. M. Cooper.

3. Election of Chairman for 2017/18: Cllr. Hodge proposed Cllr. Harris and this was seconded by Cllr. Blackman and agreed by all. Cllr. Harris accepted the appointment and completed his declaration of acceptance of office.

4. Declarations of Acceptance of Office: These were duly completed by all those present. The Clerk would arrange for Cllr. Cooper to sign her declaration.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to his property.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

6. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2017/18: Cllr. Dodman proposed Cllr. Hodge and this was seconded by Cllr. Blackman and agreed by all. Cllr. Hodge accepted the appointment.

7. Appointment of Representatives for 2017/18: These were agreed as follows -

New Radnor Community Centre Committee	Cllr. Harris
New Radnor Town Trust	Cllr. Cooper
New Radnor Charities	Cllr. Blackman and Cllr. Dodman
Radnor Valley School Governor	Cllr. Hodge
Liaison Councillors, Harley Valley	Cllr. Hodge and Cllr. Harris
Village Website	Cllr. Blackman
Playground Committee	Cllr. Cooper
One Voice Wales	Cllrs. Cooper and Hodge.

8. Appointment to Areas of Special Interest for 2017/18: These were agreed as follows:

Health	Cllr. Dodman
Highways/Footpaths/Bridleways	Cllr. Dodman
Planning	Cllr. Harris
Community Activities	Cllr. Hodge
Senior Citizens	Cllr. Dodman
School/Young People	Cllr. Harris
Environment	Cllr. Blackman

9. Annual Review of Council Documents: It was resolved that no change be made to the following Council documents -

Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Formal Complaints Policy

Freedom of Information Documents

Risk Assessment.

The continued serving of agenda via email was confirmed.

There was no change to the remuneration of Councillors, payments being only for travel expenses on approved journeys outside the Council area.

Continued adoption of the new model code of conduct was agreed unanimously.

10. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April, 2017 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

11. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

11.1 Cornwall Lewis Information Board: The Clerk was still to look for the original purchase price so the Board could be added to the Asset Register.

11.2 War Memorial: The Clerk was arranging the cleaning/repair morning and a grant to cover the costs would be obtained.

11.3 Radnor Ranges Minute 9.1, April: Cllr. Dodman asked for clarification of the information considered and expressed concern at the decision reached. The Clerk advised that decisions could not be re-visited within a six month period unless a written request was made to her as Clerk by five Members. It could however be re-visited if additional information was received. She stressed that she could not confirm that this would be the case in advance of receiving any relevant documentation.

12. Finance:

12.1 Annual Insurance: The annual insurance renewal was agreed. The Clerk reminded Members that the Community Council was currently in a three year agreement to May 2018. (increased premium due to increase in IPT and index linking)

12.2 Payments:	Came and Company (annual Insurance)	£288.46
	Lee Stephens (internal audit)	£31.50
	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£130.08
	XMA Ltd (printer ink)	£74.42

12.3 Receipts:	Precept	£2345.00
	HMRC VAT Refund	£315.04

12.4 Internal Audit Report: The report of the internal auditor for 2016-17 was circulated. No concerns had been raised and no action was required.

12.5 Annual Return 2016/17: The Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Significant Variances for submission to the External Auditors were approved. The certifying of the necessary documentation for the External Audit was agreed and carried out by the Chairman and the Clerk.

12.6 Review of Bank Mandate: Resolved no change be made.

12.7 Bursary application for Clerk's Training: It was agreed that an application be submitted for 50% of the cost of the forthcoming course, Employing Staff, the Basics.

12.8 Wales Audit Office Letter re fees and future audit themes: Noted.

13. Correspondence/General:

13.1 Community Councillor Representative on Community Sub-Committee of Powys Standards Committee, Invitation to submit Nomination: None to be submitted.

13.2 Potholes etc Walton to Presteigne Road: Cllr. Harris reported that the potholes had already been marked by Balfour Beatty but agreed to report them again on the Herefordshire website. The Clerk would also write pointing out that the potholes had been marked but not repaired. It was noted that due to the location of the potholes and drivers swerving to avoid them it was very dangerous.

13.3 Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light 11th November 2018: Noted. No action to be taken.

13.4 Reply from PCC re recycling sites and opening times: The reply giving reasons for the reduced hours, the fixed day at the weekend and the possibility of increased fly tipping was noted.

14. Planning:

14.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions:

P/2014/0672 land off A44 Hendy: Application Refused

P/2016/0632 6 Broad Street, New Radnor: Conditional Consent.

P/2016/1045 Radnor Ranges: Conditional Consent.

14.2 Planning Applications:

P/2017/0408 Grid Ref: 322393.46/262775.49 for Full: Erection of free range poultry building (16,000) associated feed bins and associated works at Land at The Bache Farm New Radnor Presteigne (not statutory consultee): Agreed not to comment.

14.3 LDP Renewable Energy Hearing: Following the revision of the County Council proposals Cllr. Dodman was in the process of preparing comments for presenting to the LDP Hearing. Comments would be circulated for agreement. The Clerk would confirm that the Community Council still wished to speak at the Hearing.

15. Village Matters:

15.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Dodman reported a concern on recent activity at the Ranges with large amounts of black smoke and flames reported.

15.2 Defibrillators: Western Power had still not connected the power to the Kiosk but the defibrillator was in place.

15.3 War Memorial: See 11.2.

15.4 Dog Bag Dispenser: Cllr. Harris would fit the additional dispenser.

15.5 Removal of Timber: Concern had been expressed that timber should not be removed via Mutton Dingle. It was reported that this was not happening and an alternative route was being used so no further action was required.

15.6 Byway WBIN: Cllr. Dodman reported that the County Council had agreed to re-instate the original missing length of byway and asked that the Clerk again remind the County Council of the need for a survey of the area to ensure munitions were not present.

15.7 Speeding A44: Cllr. Williams would speak to Owen Dhillon the road policing sergeant on this issue.

15.8 Chimney Smoke: Cllr. Hodge reported that this was causing a problem to nearby residents. She would advise those affected to take photographs and contact Environmental Health.

16. Co-Option:

The Clerk had posted notices and applications for co-option would be considered at the June meeting.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th June, 2017

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm