

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllr. E. Giordano, County Cllr. M. Jones.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 Community Speed Awareness Scheme: PCSO Anna Bowen would now attend the December Council meeting.

5.2 Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday: Church Service 10 a.m., laying of Wreaths 10.50 a.m.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payment was approved –
Wales Audit Office (External Audit Fee) £186.00

6.2 Requests for Donations:

Radnor Valley Rainbows: Deferred to the December meeting to allow Cllr. Williams to obtain more information on the expected cost of the item and the amount of donation that was hoped for.

Marie Curie Nurses: Resolved not to make a donation.

6.3 The Bank Balance of £6389.64 at 29th October was noted.

6.4 Projects in 2018/19: None put forward at this point.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted -
P/2017/0862 Fan Lland, Llanfihangel Nant Melan: Conditional Consent.

7.2 Planning Applications:

P/2017/1151 Grid Ref: 321208.78/260845.49 for Householder: Alterations to dwelling namely demolition of chimney at Rowington, Rectory Lane, New Radnor. Resolved no objections to the application.

P/2017/1213 Grid Ref: 322203.26/260393.08 for Full: Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay and firewood at land adj A44, New Radnor. Resolved no objections to the application.

P/2017/1229, Grid Ref: 321258.53/260941.42 for Section 19 application for variation of condition no.2 of listed building consent P/2007/0400 in relation to approved plans at The Forge, 1 High Street, New Radnor. Resolved no objections to the application.

TREE/2017/0045, TREE: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area at Old Mill Pond, Mutton Dingle, New Radnor. Resolved no objections to the application.

7.3 Powys Local Development Plan Consultation on Matters Arising: The final comments to the County Council were confirmed as –

MAC refs 121 and 124: Anaerobic digestion - there seems to be no proper regulation in place and there should be a separate category for these units. At the moment it is dealt with under renewable

energy and waste management. There are no real safeguards against air pollution or offensive odours for instance.

MACs 12, 123 and 124: Renewable energy Policy RE1 – The Council objects to Llandegley Rhos being categorised as medium landscape sensitivity for solar power development, given the comments of the planning committee about Hendy Windfarm application. It should be high. There needs to be an appreciation of the value of tourism, and the effect on the quality of life for local residents.

MAC 42: Intensive Livestock Production - Powys CC has no Intensive Livestock Policy and relies upon NRW to pronounce on this rapidly expanding topic. There have been 18 intensive poultry unit applications in the last few months and apparently no will to seriously consider the potentially harmful effects of Ammonia and Nitrogen pollution. There are obvious threats to human health, biodiversity and small scale farming from uncontrolled and unregulated growth intensive livestock production.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Boundary Commission for Wales, Updated proposals re parliamentary constituencies: Resolved no comment be made.

8.2 Welsh Government Consultation: Town and Village Greens: Resolved no comment be made.

8.3 Consultation on proposed amendments to the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003: Resolved no comment be mad.

8.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

8.5 One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards: Resolved that the Clerk submit a nomination for the Council website.

8.6 Changes to Data Protection Legislation and appointment of Data Protection Officer: Members accepted the updated data security and handling policy and agreed the appointment of the Clerk as Data Protection Officer.

8.7 One Voice Wales Meetings re Town and Community Council Review: No one was able to attend the meeting in Howey.

9. Village Matters

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Dodman had received one complaint about large amounts of black smoke. No other matters to report.

9.2 Christmas Arrangements (precepted budget £250): The Clerk advised Members of the possibility of installing solar powered trees on lighting columns. The trees would be installed on a hire basis by a professional contractor. The Community Council would need to apply for a bunting licence from the County Council at a cost of £102 per annum. It was agreed that time was too short for this to be properly considered for 2017 but it would be a possibility for 2018. For 2017 Cllr. Williams and Harris would source a tree and outdoor lights for installation in the village.

9.3 Litter Bins and possible removal: Members did not wish to lose a bin from the village and asked that the Clerk repeat their request for the moving of an existing bin to the Porth area as it was felt that this was needed, in particular for use by dog walkers in that area.

9.4 Overhanging Trees A44 Junction: The County Council had agreed that these would be pruned.

9.5 Other Village Matters:

- Fly tipping, Mutton Dingle and Warren Wood: Clerk to report.
- Street Lighting: A number of lights had not been upgraded. Members would obtain the numbers and the Clerk would then check with the County Council.
- Overgrown Verge from Village Exit towards Water Break its Neck Car Park: This length of verge was walked regularly and Members agreed to consider possible additional cuts in 2018.
- Holes/Cones left from changes to Street Lighting A44: Holes had been left for the installation of Road Traffic Signs.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th December, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.