

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 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, E. Giordano.

**In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.  
**Absent:** K. Williams.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr. N. Dodman, County Cllr. M. Jones.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 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: The meeting commenced with a presentation from Sgt Kelvin Briggs on the issues concerning speeding, current enforcement and education measures and the setting up of a community enforcement scheme. In addition, Members learnt that prosecutions could now be brought on the basis of dash cam footage and that this could be submitted online. Sgt. Brigg suggested traffic calming measures for speeding within the village together with a possible community scheme (police would train and supply equipment, three people minimum required at one time, criminal record check needed for all volunteers). The problems with speeding on the A44 would be reported by the Clerk to the Go Safe website. Speeding within the village boundary would be discussed again when Cllr. Williams was present. The traffic monitoring by the County Council had recorded an 85%ile speed of 37.1mph, higher than the threshold for enforcement.

5.2 Christmas Tree and Lights: These had been erected by Cllrs. Harris and Williams. Invoices to come.

**6. Finance:**

6.1 Payments: The following payments were approved –

Mrs T.A. Price (salary third quarter)	£632.16
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)	£158.20
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)	£6.00

6.2 Budget Update/Review of Reserves: Spending was generally in line with the budget apart from election spending which was below budget as the election had been uncontested. £380 was therefore unspent and it was agreed this would be vired to general reserves pending the full review of reserves at the January meeting. To date no Councillor training had taken place and the sum available would almost cover the cost of a bespoke course from One Voice Wales. The Clerk would circulate a list of the possible courses.

6.3 Initial draft precept for 2018/19: No new projects were put forward. The draft budget would be considered in detail at the January meeting.

6.4 Request for a donation from Radnor Valley Rainbows: Deferred to January due to the absence of Cllr. Williams.

6.5 Cost of elections 2017 - £312.39: Noted.

(to be deducted from the December precept payment from PCC)

## **7. Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted -  
Rowington, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Conditional Consent.

7.2 Planning Applications:

TREE/2017/0053: Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation area at 4 Pugh's Plock, Rectory Lane, New Radnor. Resolved to support the application.

7.3 LDP: Latest Information: Noted.

## **8. Correspondence/General:**

8.1 Powys Plans for Schools Consultation: The major points were noted. No comment to be made.

8.2 Police Precept Consultation: Noted. It was agreed to request more resources be allocated to rural and road policing but not to suggest a precept increase.

8.3 Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Information: Noted.

8.4 One Voice Wales Consultation Meeting, Howey Village Hall: Cllrs. Hodge and Cooper had attended together with the Clerk. The discussions were being collated by One Voice Wales for a response to the Community Council review panel.

## **9. Village Matters**

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report.

9.2 Christmas Arrangements (precepted budget £250): Members expressed grateful thanks to Cllrs. Harris and Williams for arranging the tree and lights. Invoices to come.

9.3 Upgrading of Street Lighting, Reply from PCC: Some lights were still to be completed but it was hoped that all would be done by the end of 2017. Members would check for lights not upgraded in 2018.

9.4 Re-siting of Rubbish Bin: This had been moved to Porth as requested. The siting of a dog bag dispenser in the area would be considered at the precept setting meeting.

9.5 Clearing of Village Streets: The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Lloyd to thank him for clearing the roads etc after the recent heavy snow.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.59 pm.