

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

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

**Absent:** E. Giordano.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr. E. Blackman.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest:**

Personal Only:

Cllr. Dodman - Agenda Item Village Matters, Byway LM1268 - part of route forms access to Councillor's property.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

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

5.1 Independent Review Panel: The Clerk stated that the final report had now been published and was with the Welsh Government Minister for consideration.

5.2 Repairs to Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that he had been informed that any repairs would need to wait until the next financial year.

5.3 Planning Aid Wales Training: Those Members attending were reminded of the date – 28<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **6. Finance:**

6.1 Payments: The following payments were approved –

Planning Aid Wales (training)	£105.00
Royal British Legion (wreath)	£25.00
XMA Ltd (ink)	£74.42

6.2 Remuneration of Councillors Update and Draft report from Remuneration Panel for 2019-20: The Clerk confirmed that allowances would be taxable and need to go through the payroll process. For the 2018-19 municipal year every Member had indicated that they did not wish to receive the allowance. Members noted the draft report with recommendations for the 2019-20 year and that the provision of the £150 allowance would now be compulsory for all Town and Community Councils.

6.3 GDPR and Individual Councillor Registration: The Clerk confirmed that advice had now been received indicating that providing Members did not process information on their own behalf (i.e. did so only as part of main Council business) they did not need to individually register with the ICO.

6.4 Review of Internal Audit Procedures and Internal Auditor for 2018/19: Members noted that the Internal Auditor remained completely independent and noted the supporting checklists etc which listed the areas to be covered. The appointment of Mr. L. Stevens as internal auditor for the 2018-19 accounts was confirmed.

6.5 Letter of Thanks: The letter of thanks from Radnor First Responders was noted.

#### **7. Correspondence/General:**

7.1 One Voice Wales Sept Meeting: Cllrs. Cooper and Hodge reported on the most recent meeting of the Area Committee which had included items on footpaths and byways and engaging with young people. Members considered again attempting to encourage local young people to be more involved

with the Community Council and it was agreed that Cllrs. Harris and Williams would discuss with the School the possibility of having village matters on the School Council agenda and also on the possibility of attending a School Council meeting. The Clerk would provide a list of the matters that fell under the remit of the Community Council.

Cllr. Hodge had also attended the Annual Conference and gave a short report on the speakers and exhibitors in attendance.

7.2 NHS 111 Information: Noted.

7.3 Unadopted Roads in Wales Consultation: Members discussed at some length the issues surrounding unadopted roads. It was noted that in order for local authorities to adopt such roads the surfaces would first need to be brought up to the correct standard – a cost that would need to be borne by the residents. Resolved no comment be made.

7.4 Dog Banning Orders Consultation (County Council): The Clerk informed Members that she had spoken to the Officer handling this and had been informed that the only area in New Radnor that would be affected would be the area around the Cornwall Lewis Memorial. Members were concerned that even if implemented would be impossible to enforce. There was also confusion on whether the School Field and land around the War Memorial would be covered. The Clerk would write to ask for clarification.

7.5 Royal Mail Information on Scam Mail: Noted.

7.6 Mid & West Wales Fire Service: Draft Corporate Plan 2019-20: Noted. No comment to be made.

7.7 Town Hall Trust: Clerk to investigate the Charity Commission registration.

## **8. Village Matters**

8.1 Christmas Tree/Lights Arrangements: It was agreed to continue as 2017. Cllrs. Harris and Williams to arrange.

8.2 Water Break its Neck Byway Works: Cllrs. Harris and Dodman had attended a meeting with County Council officers, Cllr. Michael Jones and affected landowners. The route was currently open and although further work was planned a DMMO would be needed to re-route one planned section and permission for work on a common would be required for another.

8.3 Community Speed watch Update: With only two names put forward it would not be possible to set up and run a scheme.

8.4 Radnor Valley Resource & Amenity Centre and use of building by RAAG: Members discussed the current situation. Some concerns had been voiced by nearby residents about the proposals to let the Centre to RAAG and it was hoped that these could be resolved. The Centre committee would then meet to consider granting a lease for an initial six month period.

8.5 Other Village Matters:

- Potholes, Westfield Barn, Rectory Lane and The Cross High Street, A44 outside entrance to Vron Farm: Clerk to report.
- Footpath around School Field: Trimmed back.
- New Dog Bag Dispenser now in place at the Porth and dog fouling signs all in position.
- Grass Triangle, Mutton Dingle: Reported to Cllr. Michael Jones as in need of tidying. Members recalled that the Gardening Club had intended to keep the area tidy and the Clerk would find out the present situation.
- New Resident Letter: Agreed as circulated. Members were reminded to inform the Clerk of any new arrivals in the village.
- Footpath/cycle route request Llanfihangel: This was the third request from a resident. The Clerk had previously replied explaining the situation on funding. Members agreed that due to the low population and potential usage this was not a viable proposal that they could support.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his role on the County Council planning committee.

## **9. Planning:**

9.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted –

TREE/2017/0045, Old Mill Pond, Mutton Dingle: Consent.

TREE/2017/0056, The Laurels Broad Street New Radnor: Consent.

9.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

18/0401/FUL Grid Reference: E:319668 N: 264442 Proposal: Installation of 1x 1.8m and 1 x 1.2 microwave dishes onto the existing 60.00m mast at a height of 26.00m and all associated works Site Address: Telecommunications Station Pow5036, Kinnerton, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

9.3 Caravan at Cwm Broadwell Response from County Council: The Planning Officer had confirmed that the unit had been in place for more than ten years but would be investigating the change in use.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.