

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 9th May, 2019 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, E. Giordano, K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllr. E. Blackman.

3. Election of Chairman for 2019/20: Cllr. Williams proposed Cllr. Harris and this was seconded by Cllr. Hodge. Cllr. Harris therefore left the room for the election process. Cllr. Hodge presided and Cllr. Harris was elected unanimously. Cllr. Harris returned to the room and accepted the appointment.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Chairman: This was duly completed by the Cllr. Harris.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2019/20: Cllr. Cooper proposed Cllr. Hodge and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams and agreed by all. Cllr. Hodge accepted the appointment.

7. Appointment of Representatives for 2019/20: These were agreed as follows –

New Radnor Community Centre Committee: Cllr. Williams

New Radnor Town Trust: Cllr. Hodge.

New Radnor Charities: Cllrs. Blackman and Dodman.

Radnor Valley School Governor: Cllr. Hodge.

Liaison Councillors, Radnor Ranges: Cllrs. Harris and Hodge.

Cornwall Lewis Memorial Liaison Councillor: Cllr. Blackman.

Village Website: Cllr. Blackman.

Playground Committee: Cllr. Cooper.

One Voice Wales (2): Cllrs. Hodge and Cooper.

Radnor Valley Resource and Amenity Centre/Community Hub: Cllr. Giordano.

8. Appointment to Areas of Special Interest for 2019/20: These were agreed as follows:

Health	Cllr. Dodman
Highways/Footpaths/Bridleways	Cllr. Dodman
Planning	Cllr. Harris and Giordano
Community Activities	Cllr. Hodge
Senior Citizens	Cllr. Dodman and Cllr. Williams
School/Young People	Cllr. Harris and Cllr. Giordano
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 and Data Protection Documents

Risk Assessment.

The continued serving of agenda via email was confirmed.

Remuneration of Councillors: The Clerk reminded Members that it was now compulsory to provide for the reimbursement of care expenses (up to £403 per month) on provision of receipts and an allowance of £150 per annum for each Member. It was therefore confirmed that for the municipal year from May 2019 to April 2020 the following expenses and payments would be provided –

- To provide an annual sum of £150 per year per Member, to be paid six monthly in arrears. Any Member not wishing to accept the allowance should notify the Clerk by the end of September in each year otherwise the payment would be made. Members to note that this payment will be made through the Council payroll and taxed at the appropriate rate.
- To continue to reimburse the cost of travel expenses incurred for travel on Council business outside the Community Council area.
- To note the compulsory requirement of the Remuneration Panel to refund the cost of care expenses up to the stated cost of £403 per month.

Code of Conduct: The continued adoption of the Code of Conduct was confirmed.

Ordinary Meeting:

10. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April, 2019 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

11. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

11.1 'New Radnor' Sign, Porth: Still not adjusted. Clerk to chase.

11.2 Letter of Thanks from Playground Committee: Cllr. Cooper submitted a letter of thanks from the Committee for the recent Council donation.

12. Finance:

12.1 Payments: None at issue of Agenda.

12.2 Internal Audit: The report of the Internal Auditor on the 2018-19 accounts was received and noted. No issues had been raised.

12.3 External Audit Annual Return 2018/19: The Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement and documents for submission to the External Auditors were approved. The External Audit form was then duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

12.4 Review of Bank Mandate: Agreed that no change be made.

12.5 Receipts: The following receipts were noted –

Powys County Council (1 st precept payment)	£2241.53
HMRC (VAT Refund)	£170.09

12.6 Bank Balance: The bank balance of £7718.30 at 30th April was noted.

12.7 Annual Insurance: Members agreed to renew the Council policy with Came and Company (via Axa Inspire) for a three year term.

Came and Company	£331.58
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13. Correspondence/General:

13.1 Report on Library Services Meeting 8th May: Cllrs Hodge and Cooper had attended the meeting. Members noted that a number of New Radnor residents were registered at and therefore presumably used Presteigne Library. It was agreed no further action for the time being but that the situation be monitored.

13.2 Email re donation of mobility scooter: Members agreed that the need for insurance, servicing and a storage facility meant that accepting the scooter was not feasible. It was agreed to suggest that the scooter be sold and the proceeds be donated to the Playground Committee.

13.3 One Voice Wales Request for Motions to be put to AGM: None put forward.

13.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

14. Village Matters:

14.1 Potholes Water Break its Neck Access Track: Members noted that these had been repaired.

14.2 Stone Wall High Street: Cllr. Williams reported that the wall had been damaged and was in need of repair. The Clerk would report this.

14.3 Outdoor Gym: Cllr. Williams suggested that an outdoor gym might be a useful addition to the village. The Clerk confirmed that a grant application could be made to cover costs but that a site

would need to be confirmed before any application could be made. Cllr. Cooper would speak to the Playground Committee to ask if the facility could be sited on the playground.

14.4 Litter Bin, Water Break Its Neck Car Park: Cllr. Dodman confirmed that this was well used.

14.5 Overgrown Hedge: Members reported that the hedge between the bottom and top car parks was overgrown and in need of trimming well back. The Clerk would submit a request to NRW and the County Council.

14.6 Town Hall Trust: Cllr. Hodge had attended the meeting on 30th April and provided a copy of the draft Minutes for Members to view. Accounts for recent years would now be audited and a further meeting would then be held.

14.7 Dog Fouling: Members reported that this was still an issue and various ways of tackling the problem were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk produce a press release advising residents that any one seen not clearing up after their dog was at risk of prosecution.

15. Planning:

15.1 Planning Application Decisions: None this month.

15.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

15.3 Planning Officers Wales Survey: No further comment to be made.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th June, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.