

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th November, 2019 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, N. Dodman.

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

2. Apologies: Cllrs. E. Giordano, K. Williams.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal:

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

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October, 2019 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None this month.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: No payments this month.

6.2 Request for Donation New Radnor Over 60s Club: Members considered the request for funding and agreed to donate £100 towards the Club using the remaining allocated reserve for donations (£43) and the remaining £57 from free reserves. In addition the Club would be considered for a grant in 2020-21 when setting that budget.

New Radnor Over 60s Club	£100.00
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6.3 Letter of thanks from Lady Hawkins School: The letter of thanks was noted.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Mid and West Wales Fire Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2025: No comments made.

7.2 VE Day 2020: Members agreed to discuss possibilities with local groups. Cllr. Dodman would approach the Hub Committee and the Clerk would ask Cllr. Williams to raise this with the Carnival Committee.

7.3 Council Motion Request re national community energy campaign: Agreed not to comment.

7.4 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Draft Report 2020-21: Members noted the draft report and had no comment to make.

7.5 Big Lottery Funding - Countryside Access Project, Letter from County Council: Members noted the letter from the County Council. It was agreed that this would be something that could be useful for the community and Cllr. Dodman agreed to make contact with the Officer and promote the project in the community.

7.6 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

7.7 Community Health Council Questionnaire: Deferred to December meeting.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Temporary Closure Notice Water Break its Neck Byway: Noted. Members were concerned that the notice appeared to show the route closed from the A44 as this would prevent access to the car park for walkers. The Clerk would report this to the Officer at the County Council. She would also make a request for a large, clearly visible sign to be placed on the gate at the start of the closure.

8.2 Business Signage on A44: Cllr. Dodman reported that he had been approached by a business owner who had been asked to remove their sign from the A44 by the County Council. He pointed out that there were a large number of private signs along the A44, thirty-three of these were beside entrances/exits. He also pointed out the inaccuracy of the brown information sign at the entrance

to the village which was out of date and still showing services that were no longer available. Members agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council indicating the need for signage to promote businesses in the village and asking if action was being taken against all such signs in Powys. In addition the Clerk was instructed to ask if a reasonable solution could be reached.

8.3 Water Break Its Neck Access to Car Park: Cllr. Dodman reported that there was a considerable amount of water damage to the track and that culverts needed clearing etc. The Clerk would report this.

8.4 Blocked Drains etc A44: The Clerk was asked to report the blocked drains etc along the A44 from New Radnor to the water Break its Neck turning. She was asked to point out that to not keep these clear was counter productive as considerable damage was caused to the road surface by the running water.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his position on the County Council Planning Committee.

9. Planning:

9.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted –

19/1555/TRE Briarlea, Clawdd Lane, New Radnor: Approval 18th October.

9.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered:

19/1764/FUL. Grid Reference: E:321639 N: 260434 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural field to static caravan site (25 static caravans), creation of a new access, installation of a package treatment plant and all associated works. Site Address: Land West of Old Station Caravan Site, New Radnor, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2AZ: Members considered the application in detail and agreed that the following comments be submitted –

- Concern over the visual impact of the site in an area of great natural beauty.
- Given the visibility of the site both from the A44 and New Radnor village Members asked that it be fully and adequately screened. The slope of the site makes screening problematic and this needs to be fully addressed via an appropriate planning condition.
- Noting that the applicant acknowledges that the site is subject to a flood risk and measures should be put in place to secure against flooding.
- Concern at the increased numbers of vehicles entering/exiting the very fast A44 road. Members also noted that the proposed visibility splay to the left (on exiting to A44) was considerably shorter than that in the opposite direction.

9.3 Welsh Government Planning Consultations – Housing, Compulsory Purchase Powers, Flooding and Coastal Erosions: Resolved no comment be made.

11. Date of Next Full Meeting: Thursday 12th December, 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.