

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th December, 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, E. Giordano, K. Williams,

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllr. N. Dodman.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November, 2019 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Cllr. Harris reported that the drains on the A44 had still not been cleared. The Clerk would chase this.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Mrs T.A. Price (salary third quarter)	£667.41
HM Revenue & Customs	£167.00
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)	£6.00
XMA Ltd (ink toner)	£97.87

It was noted that an invoice for the village Christmas tree would be received in due course.

6.2 Requests for Donations: Two requests for donations had been received -

- Powys Dyslexia Support Group – Members felt this was a good cause but agreed that the Clerk should ask for more information on the number of people in the Community Council area receiving support and non the type of support provided.
- URDD Eisteddfod: Resolved not to donate.

Cllr. Williams joined the meeting at this point.

6.3 New projects for 2020-21: None put forward.

6.4 Notification of S.137 Limit for 2020-21: Noted.

6.5 Budget Update to end of December 2019: Noted. All spending was as expected. The Clerk requested that the balance of the training budget, £35.00, be used towards payment for attendance at the Practitioner's Conference in February and this was agreed. Members also agreed that the Clerk apply for a bursary of £75.00 from the SLCC to further fund attendance.

6.6 Letter of thanks from New Radnor over 60s Club: Noted.

6.7 Letter from New Radnor Community Hub re. precepted grant for 2020-21: Members noted that RAAG no longer required the precepted amount of £200. Members noted that the Snooker Club was in need of funds and the Clerk was asked to request the most recent accounts so that a donation could be considered both in this and the next financial years.

6.8 Bank Balance: The balance of £6290.02 at 29th November was noted.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Community Health Council Survey: A number of points were raised for submission. These were

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To look at the English model for shorter ambulance turn arounds at hospitals. Also for CHCs to cover Powys as a whole not be split into Brecon & Radnor/Montgomery.

Priorities to be –

- Reducing waiting times and review of how these are calculated.
- Better provision for home care.
- Improve cross border working.
- Seek the views of the public re. ambulance response times.

7.2 Powys County Council Countryside Access Project: Deferred as Cllr. Dodman not present.

7.3 Written Statement from Local Government Minister on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: The Clerk reported that the main areas affecting the Community Council were the introduction of a compulsory annual report and the creation of a 'general power of competence' for Community Councils.

7.4 Powys Schools Vision 2019: Noted. Cllrs. Hodge and Cooper would attend the session on 17th December.

7.5 Precept Consultation from Police and Crime Commissioner: No comment made.

7.6 Biodiversity Report (as required by Environment (Wales) Act 2016: Members noted the requirement and agreed that the following form the report for submission to Welsh Government –

- A commitment to engage with local primary school (via those Members that are also school governors) to encourage it to create habitats for birds and other wildlife.
- To continue to liaise with organisations such as Natural Resources Wales to reduce incidents of pollution, fly tipping and flooding and to report any issues coming to the Council's attention.
- To consider the net benefit of biodiversity when considering planning applications so that development does not cause significant loss of habitats or populations of species.
- To consider supporting any local organisation which wishes to promote biodiversity.

Also to state that the Community Council does not currently manage any land or property.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Arms - Update from County Planning Department: Members were very concerned that the Officer had not felt the condition of the building needed addressing and the Clerk was asked to write suggesting that the Officer re-visit and inspect the party wall via the neighbouring property. She was also asked to raise health and safety concerns due to the loose guttering etc.

8.2 Reply from PCC re. Village Shop Sign: Members noted the reply from the County Council Officer. Whilst disappointed they believed that the sign had, in any event, now been moved. It was agreed not to request any of the facilities listed on the main sign be patched over.

8.3 To raise any other village matters.

9. Planning:

9.1 Planning Application Decisions: No decisions this month.

9.2 Planning Applications: No applications this month.

9.3 Petition of CPRW on the Publication of Third Party Planning Correspondence by Powys County Council: It was agreed that the Clerk sign the petition on behalf of the Community Council. Members were also encouraged to sign as individuals if they felt it appropriate.

11. Date of Next Full Meeting: Thursday 9th January, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm.