

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

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

Absent: Cllr. E. Giordano.

**2. Apologies:** None.

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

*Personal:*

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

*Cllr. Harris - Agenda Item Byway LM1268 - uses route for access to farmland.*

*Prejudicial: None.*

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

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

5.1 Blocked Drains A44: Cllr. Harris reported that some drains had been cleared but others had not and it was thought that those not done needed larger equipment. The Clerk would try to find out what was planned.

5.2 Street Lighting: The Clerk had tried several times but had not been able to obtain a list of the lights in the village. She would try again so that Members could review the lighting.

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

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T.A. Price (salary final quarter)	£667.61
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)	£166.80
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)	£37.44
Old Radnor Community Council (cont. twds training)	£25.00

6.2 Budget Update/Review of Reserves: Members had all received copies of the budget update and analysis of the end of year balances. They noted the year end free reserve was slightly more than the minimum recommended of three months expenditure but felt that this was prudent and would allow some flexibility over the 2020-21 financial year.

6.3 Risk Assessment: Members reviewed and approved the updated risk assessment.

6.4 Asset Register: Members reviewed and approved the Asset Register.

6.5 Final report of the Independent Remuneration Panel: Members considered the determinations which would take effect from May. It was resolved to make no change to the present allowances and expenses payable these being -

- £150 available annually to each Member (mandatory)
- Reimbursement of Care Costs (mandatory)
- Payment of Travel Expenses outside the Community Council area (discretionary).

6.6 Letter of thanks from Radnor Valley Resource and Amenity Centre: Noted. Cllr. M. Jones asked that his personal thanks be noted.

6.7 Application for a donation from Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod: The application was refused.

6.8 Re-Issue of Cheque: Members noted that the original cheque had been lost by the Company's bank and that the Clerk had stopped the cheque so it could not be cashed. It was agreed that a new cheque be issued to XMA Ltd for £97.87.

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

7.1 Wales Audit Office – Consultation on Future External Audit Arrangements: The Clerk explained the proposed changes and Members agreed that the Clerk respond stating that Members felt the increasing advice and training available and targeting those Councils that were having issues would be a better solution and avoid increasing the costs to those Councils complying with regulations and having no issues.

7.2 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Supplementary Report on the principles relating to the reimbursement of costs of care Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

7.3 East Radnorshire Day Centre AGM and Lottery Information: Noted.

7.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

## **8. Village Matters:**

8.1 Radnor Arms: The Clerk reported on the replies to the various letters sent after the February meeting. These were –

- CADW: Unable to act directly as enforcement carried out by the County Council.
- County Council: Refused to review its decision to take no further action.
- Kirsty Williams AM: Had agreed to write again to Powys County Council.
- Environmental Health: Unable to take action on rats without a complaint from a resident. The damp issue was a private housing issue.

8.2 Water Break It's Neck Access Track: Cllr. Harris reported that the potholes had been temporarily filled and the surface rolled. More permanent works were to take place in the better weather.

8.3 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk had received the pieces from the Memorial and these were passed to Cllr. Harris.

8.4 Footpath Marker Post, School Lane: The Clerk reported that the post holding the dog bag dispenser was loose and leaning. Cllr. Harris would investigate and attempt to repair.

## **9. Planning:**

9.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted –  
20/0192/TRE, Castle Cottage, Mutton Dingle: Conditional Consent.

9.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered –  
20/0276/TRE Grid Ref: E: 321481 N: 260699. Proposal: Works to several trees within the conservation area. Location: The Rectory, School Lane, New Radnor. Resolved no objections be raised.

**10. Date of Next Full Meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

**11. Corona Virus Outbreak – Emergency Measures:** Members considered the need for emergency measures should Council meetings need to be cancelled and it was agreed that the Clerk be delegated emergency powers to deal with any urgent matters including finance and planning applications after consultation with the Chairman. Any action taken to be reported to the next possible meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.