

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 14th May, 2020 At 7.30 p.m.

Meeting held via video conferencing by virtue of the (coronavirus)(meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020

2/10. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, N. Dodman, E. Giordano, K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

20/2. Apologies: None.

20/3. Election of Chairman for 2020/21: Cllr. Cooper proposed Cllr. Harris and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams. Cllr. Hodge presided and Cllr. Harris was elected unanimously. Cllr. Harris returned to the room and accepted the appointment.

20/4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Chairman: This would be duly completed by the Cllr. Harris.

20/5. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

20/5. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2020/21: Cllr. Cooper proposed Cllr. Hodge and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams and agreed by all. Cllr. Hodge accepted the appointment.

20/6. Appointment of Representatives for 2020/21: 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.

20/8. Appointment to Areas of Special Interest for 2020/21: 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

20/9. Annual Review of Council Documents: It was resolved that no change be made to the following Council documents -

Council Standing Orders

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 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.

Biodiversity Report: No change.

Financial Regulations: Members approved the one change proposed.

Ordinary Meeting:

20/10. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March, 2020 were approved as circulated (subject to the removal of two words from Minute 8.1) and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

20/11. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

20/11.1 Footpath Sign. School Lane: Cllr. Harris had repaired.

20/12 Confirmation of Payments and Decisions taken by the Clerk under Delegated Powers Between The March and May Meetings

20/12.1 Payments: The following payments were made -

One Voice Wales (membership)	£74.00
New Radnor Community Centre (room hire)	£92.40
JRB Enterprises (dog bags)	£11.46

20/12.2 Planning:

20/0614/TRE. Grid Ref: E: 321177 N: 260915. Proposal: Application for works to trees within a conservation area. Location: Jasmine Cottage, 6A High Street, New Radnor. Considered under delegated powers 24th April. No objections raised.

20/0476/LBC Grid Reference: E:321292 N: 260802. Proposal: Internal restoration works to repair water damage: 6 Broad Street, New Radnor, Presteigne, LD8 2SP. Considered under delegated powers April 2020. Resolved to support the application.

20/13. Finance:

20/13.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed –

L.R.S. Auditing (L. Stephens)	£33.00
XMA Ltd (ink toner)	£108.01

20/13.2 Approval of Annual Accounts: The annual accounts were approved as circulated.

20/13.3 Completion of VAT return and end of year PAYE information: Members noted that these had been completed.

20/13.4 Internal Audit: The report of the Internal Auditor on the 2019-20 accounts was received and noted. No action was required.

20/13.5 External Audit Annual Return 2019-20: Members considered and approved the Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Significant Variances for submission to the External Auditors.

20/13.6 Review of Bank Mandate: No change proposed.

20/13.7 Receipts: The following receipt was noted –

Powys County Council (1 st precept payment)	£2317.00
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20/13.8 Bank Balance: Members noted the bank balance of £7329.07 28th April.

20/13.9 Renewal of annual insurance policy: Members confirmed the payment for the annual insurance (currently under a three year agreement).

Came & Co (annual insurance)

£340.03

20/13.10 Confirmation that details of Councillor Remuneration for 2019-20 submitted to Independent Remuneration Panel: Members noted that this had been done.

20/13.11 Purchase of meeting licence for 'gotomeeting' to enable ongoing video conferencing: Members agreed to the purchase of the software to enable ongoing video conferencing during the current crisis. Cost of a full licence approx. £114.

20/14. Correspondence/General:

20/14.1 Email from County Council re. monies for rights of way: Members noted that the sum of £17,500 was available from the Hendy Wind Farm development towards rights of way improvements within a 10km radius of the development. Cllr. Dodman suggested that the packhorse bridge above the water break its neck waterfall be restored. He felt that the bridge was on a public footpath but agreed to look into this. Both Cllr. Dodman and Cllr. Giordano had photographs of the bridge which could be supplied to the County Council. He would also research other possible works within the eligible area and report back to the Clerk.

20/15. Village Matters:

20/15.1 Radnor Arms Update: Nothing further had been heard. The Clerk would ask Kirsty Williams AM for an update.

20/15.2 Street Lighting Review: The Clerk reported that the Street Lighting Manager at the County Council had been in touch to discuss potential improvements to street lighting in Powys. In order to take initial steps to seek the views of residents it was agreed that the Clerk issue a press release and public notice requesting comments.

20/15.3 Wall, High Street: Still not repaired.

20/15.4 Possible Wind Turbine Development: Cllr. Dodman reported that he had been in contact with a developer looking at wind energy in the area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to request that the Community Council be kept informed and consulted at the earliest opportunity. Cllr. Dodman would supply contact details.

20/16. Planning:

20/16.1 Planning Application Decisions:

20/0276/TRE The Rectory, School Lane, New Radnor, LD8 2SS: Approval.

15.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th June, 2020 (via video conferencing).

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.