

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

At 7.30 p.m.

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

**20/68. Present:** Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, E. Giordano, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

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

**20/69. Apologies:** None.

**20/70. Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal Only: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

**20/71. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

**20/72. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

20/72.1 Re-location of Dog Bag Dispenser: Still to be done.

**20/73. Finance:**

20/73.1 Payments: The following payments were approved–

Mrs T. Price (salary third quarter) £707.45

HM Revenue & Customs £177.00

NB Note includes arrears due from 2020 Pay Award.

Mrs T.A. Price (expenses) £36.60

Viking (office supplies) £54.49

20/73.2 Budget Update: Members noted the budget update to the end of December. The Clerk highlighted the following areas –

- Miscellaneous donations overspent by £100
- Office Budget would finish the year overspent due to the need to pay for a video conferencing licence from May.
- External Audit Fees would increase for one year in every three from 2021 due to an increased audit including specific transaction testing.

20/73.3 Precepted donations for the following (deferred from September).

New Radnor Snooker Club £100 precepted. Deferred to January for Cllr. Blackman to ask the Club if the money was needed.

Over 60s Club £100 precepted. Agreed to pay.

New Radnor Carnival £150 precepted to cover insurance. Agreed to consider adding this money to the Snooker Club donation if paid. Review at January meeting.

20/73.4 New projects for 2021-22. One new project put forward – the possibility of having a water refill station in New Radnor village. Cllr. Hodge to obtain further information and a provisional budget of £250 to be included in the draft budget for consideration in January.

20/73.5 Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22 of £8.41: Noted.

20/73.6 Bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November as £6109.89: Noted.

**20/74. Correspondence/General:**

20/74.1 Works Consent Application - BOAT LM1268(A) near New Radnor - s38 Commons Act 2006: Noted.

20/74.2 Update on Rights of Way Work (Hendy Fund) from PCC: The Clerk reported that the Footpaths Officer would be progressing the various matters very soon and would action some from each Community Council at a time rather than doing all one area together.

20/74.3 Powys Climate Network Meeting 26th November: The Minutes of the meeting had been circulated. Cllr. Dodman reported that the meeting had been largely procedural and that the Group was hoping to involve more Community Councils as only a few had attended.

20/74.4 Letter from Llandrindod Wells Town Council re NHS Dental Provision Crisis in Powys: Members shared the concerns of the Town Council and asked that the Clerk write to the Powys Teaching Health Board in support of their comments.

20/74.5 Update on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: The Clerk explained that this Bill was due to become law later in January. Additional requirements for the Community Council would be the need to produce an annual report together with the need to produce and regularly review training plans for both Councillors and the Clerk. Other changes included the introduction of the 'general power of competence' and the confirmation of a five year regular term for Community Councillors.

20/74.6 Views on Countryside Code: Members had no comment to make.

### **20/75. Village Matters:**

20/75.1 New Signage for Dog Bag Dispensers: Members approved the ordering of signage as precepted.

20/75.2 Village Christmas Tree and letter of thanks: Members noted their thanks to Cllrs. Harris and Williams for obtaining and placing the Christmas Tree. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to the Duff Gordons for the donation of the tree.

20/75.3 Other Village Matters –

- Some potholes repaired in the village.
- Damaged Wall High Street: Believed repaired.

### **20/76. Planning:**

20/76.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted –

20/1636/TRE Wayside House, 9 High Street, New Radnor: Approval.

20/1702/TRE South of Little House, Water Street, New Radnor: Approval.

20/76.2 Planning Applications: To consider the following applications – None this month.

20/76.3 Planning Aid Wales Training: Cllr. Dodman had still not received the course information. He would chase this up.

*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 it was resolved to exclude the Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the following item.*

**20/77. Annual Appraisal of Clerk:** Members had no issues to raise and the Clerk also had no concerns in general but asked that the number of hours and working at home allowance be reviewed. The Clerk then left the meeting while Members discussed this. Members agreed to increase the monthly working from home allowance to £10 and to also increase the hours paid by one per month. Both these to take effect from April 2021. The Clerk returned to the meeting.

**20/78. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 14th January, 2021 (via video conferencing).

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.