

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Thursday 10th June, 2021
At 7.30 p.m.
Meeting held via video conferencing by virtue of the
(coronavirus)(meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020**

21/18. Present: J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, E. Giordano, N. Dodman.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk. County Councillor M. Jones. Mr. R. Simmons of Powys County Council.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was agreed that Cllr. Dodman chair the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members heard from Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer at Powys County Council who explained his role as community broadband officer and outlined the opportunities available to obtain 'fibre to the premises' connections. Members thanked Mr. Simmons for attending and agreed that the matter be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

Cllrs. Hodge and Giordano joined the meeting partway through the presentation above. Members agreed that Cllr. Dodman continue as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

21/19. Apologies: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), K. Williams.

21/20. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

21/21. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2021 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr. Dodman.

21/22. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

21/22.1 PACE Meeting: Cllr. Dodman reported that this was to take place that evening and also that an invitation to a webinar for Community Councillors on meeting carbon targets was to take place on 17th June. The link to this event would be circulated to all.

21/22.2 Signs at Village Entrance off A44: The Clerk reported that an Officer from the County Council had been out on site and agreed to the signs being moved. The work would take place in due course.

21/23. Finance:

21/23.1 Payments: The following payments were approved –

Mrs T.A. Price (salary first quarter)	£715.20
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)	£178.80
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)	£63.74
St. Mary's PCC (annual grant)	£215.00
St. Michael's PCC (annual grant)	£115.00
New Radnor Baptist Chapel (annual grant)	£115.00
East Radnorshire Day Centre (annual grant)	£265.00
Wales Air Ambulance (annual grant)	£115.00
Powys Citizen's Advice Bureau (annual grant)	£55.00
New Radnor Over 60s Club	£100.00

21/23.2 Budget Update to end of June: Members noted the budget update provided. Spending was in line with that expected for the end of the first quarter.

21/24. Correspondence/General:

21/ 24.1 Letter and leaflet re. EU Citizens: Closing date was 30th June. Noted.

21/25. Village Matters:

21/25.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –

Removal of conifers at the top of Rectory Lane: Cllr. Blackman asked if permission was needed for this and Cllr. Dodman agreed to speak to the nearby resident in the first instance.

Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Blackman suggested that increased construction traffic was going to the site. Agreed that the two Liaison Members seek clarification from Range management.

Speeding Vehicles (approaching village from Kinnerton direction): Cllr. Dodman reported this had been raised as an issue and suggested possible traffic calming measures or a reduced speed limit.

The Clerk advised that first steps would be the collection of data via the monitoring strips or community Speedwatch and reminded Members that a recent attempt to set up a Speedwatch group had resulted in just one person putting their name forward. Cllr. Michael Jones was asked for advice on the situation with reference to work recently carried out in Whitton and advised that this had been due to the crossroads in the village and a number of accidents there. The Clerk added that there was also a very active Speedwatch group. It was agreed that there was little that could be done at present given there was supposedly only one or two vehicles speeding.

21/25.2 Village Defibrillators: Deferred due to the absence of Cllr. Williams.

21/25.3 Dark Skies Update: The Clerk reported that despite chasing she had still not received any replies from Whitton or Llanfihangel Rhydithon Councils. She would chase again and Cllr. Dodman would speak to Members on each Council.

21/25.4 Street Lighting Update and review: The Clerk reported that she had asked the County Council to consider turning all lights off after midnight but that it was not willing to do so. It had pointed out that 50% of the lights currently turned off after midnight and the remaining lights all dimmed by 50% at that time. Cllr. Hodge asked about the shades that had been promised and the Clerk advised that this would be done when the workmen were next in the area (if not already done).

21/26. Planning:

21/26.1 Planning Application Decisions: None this month.

21/26.2 Planning Applications: The following applications – None this month.

21/27 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th July 2021 via video conferencing.

The Clerk would consult Members on a return to face to face meetings during August.

The meeting closed at 8.13 p.m.