

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th October, 2021 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via Video Conferencing

21/49. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, E. Giordano, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk. County Councillor M. Jones. Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer. Anne Peters, Broadway Partners.

21/50. Apologies: None.

21/51. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

Prior to the start of the meeting Members received a short presentation from Anne Peters of Broadway Partners on the opportunity for a community broadband scheme providing fibre to the premises broadband and utilising government funding to provide the connections. Ms Peters outlined the stages of such a project and answered Member's questions. The Chairman thanked Ms. Peters for attending.

21/52. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2021 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

21/53. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

21/53.1 Saplings, Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Still to be removed.

21/54. Finance:

21/54.1 Payments: The following payments were approved –

SLCC Enterprises Ltd (Wales Training Seminar)	£27.00
Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)	£35.00

21/54.2 Changes to Banking Arrangements: The Clerk explained that HSBC was to commence charging for current accounts from 1st November and outlined the options available. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council's banking be changed to Unity Trust Bank. The Clerk was instructed to arrange this as soon as practical. Existing signatories to continue.

21/54.3 Re-allocation of the budgeted amount of £100 (Snooker Club): Agreed to re-allocate to free reserves for consideration with all free reserves as part of budget setting in January, 2022.

21/54.4 Request for donation – Tenovus Cancer Care: Refused.

21/54.5 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation: Noted. Resolved no comment to be made.

21/54.6 Annual Subscription – Zoom: Agreed that the Clerk take out an annual subscription to Zoom to allow for continued online access to Council meetings and obtain a saving on monthly payments.

21/54.7 Review of the appointment of Internal Auditor and Internal Audit procedures for 2021-22 Audit: Members noted that the Internal Auditor remained completely independent and approved the supporting checklists etc which listed the areas to be covered. The appointment of Mr. L. Stevens as internal auditor for the 2021-22 accounts was confirmed.

21/55. Correspondence/General:

21/55.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman provided a brief update on the recent activities of the Group. A day of action was being planned and he asked if he could contact the School to see if it wished

to be involved. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Dodman would approach the School informally but that the Clerk would also get in touch with PACE to suggest more work was done with young people.

21/55.2 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Initial Proposals Consultation: Resolved no comment be made.

21/55.3 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill: Resolved that the Clerk reply indicating support for the Bill.

21/55.4 Open Consultation on Proposed Guidance on “Principles of Good Administration” and “Good Records Management”: Resolved no comment be made.

21/55.5 Letter from Llandrindod Town Council re. hybrid meetings and request for Welsh Government funding and support: Resolved that the Clerk write to Welsh Government requesting support and funding to enable smaller Councils to hold hybrid meetings.

21/55.6 Powys Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Consultation: Resolved no comment be made.

21/56. Village Matters:

21/56.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –

Wall in High Street still not repaired: Clerk to chase.

Empty Property, Flat 4, Caer Lan, Water Street: Agreed that the Clerk contact the Housing Department to find out why there was a delay in re-letting the property.

21/56.2 Dark Skies Update: The Clerk had still heard nothing from the other Councils. It was agreed that Cllr. Dodman would make one further attempt to get a response and report back to the November meeting.

21/56.3 Broadband Project Update: Members discussed the benefits for the community and agreed to proceed with the project using Broadway Partners. The Clerk would draft the initial letter to residents and arrange a first meeting.

21/56.4 Airspace Change Proposal (Temporary Danger Area) at Radnor Ranges: Resolved no comment be made.

21/56.5 Meeting with Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Harris reported that the owner was currently away and he would try to arrange a meeting on his return. Members also noted that the Planning Officer had not yet managed to investigate the concerns reported.

21/56.6 Rights of Ways Works (Hendy Wind Farm Funds): Members noted that the Rights of Way Officer had had to prioritise other works but that matters would be progressed as soon as possible.

21/56.7 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in New Radnor: Members noted that the Carnival Committee would consider an event and that the Clerk was forwarding any emails received on the celebrations.

21/56.8 Changes to Street Lighting due to disconnection of power supply: Members discussed this issue at some length and it was agreed that the Community Council wished the lights to remain on if at all possible. The Clerk was asked to reply to the Street Lighting Department and also to suggest the use of solar panels.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his position on the County Council Planning Committee.

21/57. Planning:

21/57.1 Planning Application Decisions: No decisions this month.

21/57.2 Planning Applications: No applications this month.

21/58. Casual Vacancy Update

The Clerk confirmed that notices had been displayed.

21/59. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd November 2021 via video conferencing.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.