

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th December, 2021 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via Video Conferencing

21/70. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, E. Giordano, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

21/71. Apologies: County Councillor M. Jones.

21/72. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

21/73. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November, 2021 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

21/74. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None to report this month.

21/75. Finance:

21/75.1 Payments: The following payments were approved -

Mrs T.A. Price (salary 2 nd quarter)	£715.20
HM Revenue & Customs	£178.80
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)	£56.99
Mrs T.A. Price (Zoom subscription refund)	£92.82
JRB Enterprises (dog bags)	£106.02

21/75.2 Budget Update to end of December: Members noted the budget update. Cllr. Hodge would follow up the possible refill point as part of the Refill Wales initiative for which a £250 budget had been allocated. A further £250 had been allocated for miscellaneous grants over the year and the Clerk suggested that allocating this be considered at the January meeting.

21/75.3 Change of Bank to Unity Trust: The Clerk informed Members that this was taking longer than expected and that contacting the bank on the phone was proving really difficult.

21/75.4 Letter from County Council re. estimated election costs in 2022: The estimated costs of £2500 for a contested election and £500 for an uncontested election were noted.

21/75.5 Notification from Welsh Government re. S.137 limit for 2022-23: Noted.

21/76. Correspondence/General:

21/76.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman reported that he had been unable to attend the last meeting or the one planned for this evening as they clashed with Community Council meetings. Members had all received copies of the Minutes and links to some of the projects the group were working on.

21/76.2 Reply from Welsh Government re. Multi Location Meetings: The Clerk reported that a reply had been received stating that a Digital Support Officer was to be appointed to assist the sector with the new meeting requirements. There had been no mention of any funding yet being available.

21/76.3 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted. The Clerk would post to anyone who wished to see the copy.

21/76.4 Questionnaire for Stakeholders - Preparation of the Annual Plan 2022-23, Powys Community Health Council: Members discussed the priorities for 2022-23 and it was agreed that Cllr. Dodman would complete the questionnaire listing the Council's suggested priorities as improving dental provision and a general hospital for Powys.

21/76.5 Cabinet Written Statement: Review of the Ethical Standards Framework for Wales (as emailed): Members noted this for information. The Clerk stated that two important points were the possible mandating of code of conduct training and setting out the exact remit of Standards Committees.

21/76.6 Letter re support for Senedd Petition on Intensive Poultry Units: Members discussed this at some length and agreed not to take any action at this time.

21/76.7 Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets: The Clerk explained that the proposed changes were intended to improve the availability of housing for local residents and would introduce a new use class for second or holiday let properties. Members agreed to support the proposals.

21/77. Village Matters:

21/77.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were discussed -

- Christmas Tree: Now in place. Letter of thanks to be sent to Sir Andrew Duff Gordon.
- Road Ahead Closed Sign in place and needing removing.
- Banners now all in place for the Broadband Project.

21/77.2 Dark Skies Update: Cllr. Dodman reported that he was hoping to meet with two representatives from other Councils for an initial discussion and that a formal meeting would follow for all probably in January.

21/77.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk reported that she had now received twenty-one responses and that there were a number that had registered their interest direct on the Broadway Partners Website. The Clerk would put a short article in the parish magazine and Cllr. Dodman would also ask if the shop could promote the project. The Clerk would also circulate the link to the facebook page to all Members to share as much as possible. Cllr. Giordano asked that the situation be clarified for residents of Llanfihangel Nant Melan regarding their existing fibre connections and the Clerk agreed to check with the Powys Community Broadband Officer.

21/77.4 Speeding on A44: Update and replies from Welsh Government, James Evans MS and Fay Jones MP: Members noted the replies received and that Welsh Government had stated that an approach needed to be made to the County Council. The Clerk would write.

21/78. Planning:

21/78.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted -

- 20/0688/FUL, land of A44 West of Great House, New Radnor: Consent 25th October.
- 21/1061/FUL, new gateway School Lane, New Radnor: Consent 25th October.
- 21/0868/HH, Kemadarr, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Consent 3rd November.

21/78.2 Planning Applications: No applications this month.

21/78.3 Technical Advice Note 15 – Update from Minister for Climate Change: Noted.

21/79. Council Vacancy

Members unanimously agreed to co-opt Cath Newnham to fill the current vacancy.

21/80. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th January 2022 via video conferencing.

21/81. Exclusion of Public and Press: 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.

21/82. Annual Appraisal of Clerk: Members confirmed their satisfaction with the work of the Clerk over the previous twelve months. There were no issues to raise.

The meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.