

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th June, 2022 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/17. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), N. Dodman, E. Giordano, K. Williams (part).

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

22/18. Apologies: Cllr. C. Newnham.

22/19. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

22/20. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/21. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

22/21.1 Internet Banking: The Clerk reminded those Members not yet online to complete their registrations as soon as possible.

22/22. Finance:

22/22.1 Payments: – The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T. Price (Salary)		£729.35
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)		£182.40
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)		£ 97.94
St. Mary's PCC	annual grant	£215.00
St. Michael's PCC	annual grant	£115.00
New Radnor Baptist Church	annual grant	£115.00
Wales Air Ambulance	annual grant	£115.00
East Radnorshire Care	annual grant (LGA 1972 s.19)	£265.00
Powys Citizens Advice Bureau	annual grant (LGA 1972 s.142)	£ 55.00
New Radnor Over 60s Club	annual grant (LGA 1972 s.19)	£100.00

The Clerk was awaiting bank details for several of the above and would make the payments as soon as possible.

22/22.2 Budget Update/Review of Reserves: Members noted the update on expenditure to the end of June which was as expected for the time of year.

Cllr. Williams joined the meeting at this point.

22/23. Correspondence/General:

22/23.1 13.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman advised that all was as included within the Minutes that had been circulated. He highlighted that the group was being re-organised as the former Chair had now been elected to the County Council.

22/24. Village Matters:

22/24.1 Minor Village Matters:

- Need for Additional Yellow Lines – High Street: Cllr. Harris asked if there had been any progress on the request for additional yellow lines to prevent parking on the corner in High Street meaning that vehicles had to travel around a blind bend on the wrong side of the

road. The Clerk had not had any response and Cty Cllr. Jones agreed to follow up the request.

- **Overhanging Trees:** The Clerk was asked to report overgrown and overhanging trees at the village entrance at the Walton side of the village and when exiting the Water Break its Neck car park.

22.24.2 **Dark Skies Project Update:** Cllr. Dodman reported that he had now heard back from the International Dark Skies Association and would need to send in detailed maps of the area and population figures. He confirmed that a former Member of Whitton Community Council was still interested in being involved with the project but that it would be useful to have a representative from the Community Council once it was fully re-formed.

22.24.3 **Broadband Project Update:** The Clerk confirmed that the project was still with UK Government for a decision.

22.24.4 **Speeding on A44:** The Clerk had again written to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask for the information and support promised. Members discussed the possibility of making a further attempt to form a community Speedwatch group but Cllr. Williams felt that even if it were possible (and it was believed it was not allowed in a 60mph limit) then it would not be correct to ask residents to put themselves at risk on the road given the speeds involved. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Penybont Clerk about any arrangements for their length of the A44 and also to contact the local PCSO for information on the rules for where Speedwatch groups could operate.

22.24.5 **Platinum Jubilee Mugs:** To be handed out at the 'Get to Know Your Community' morning on 18th June. The Clerk had issued a press release and sent information to the school and a poster for the village shop.

22.24.6 **Get to Know your Community Morning:** Cllrs. Harris, Dodman and Giordano would attend together

22/25. Planning:

22/25.1 **Planning Application Decisions:** The following decision was noted –
22/0337/HH Holly Cottage, New Radnor: Consent 12th May.

22/25.2 **Planning Applications:** No applications were considered this month.

22/25.3 **Powys LDP Settlement Audit Information Request:** The Clerk advised that the initial findings of the consultant were still awaited. Members agreed to wait to receive these before making any comment.

22/26. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th July, 2021.

22/27. Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Cllr. Williams: The Clerk witnessed the signing of the declaration by Cllr. Williams.

22/28. New Laptop/IT Equipment: The Clerk advised that, following a discussion with the Chairman, and using part of the allocated budget for a laptop, she had applied for grant funding to purchase equipment and a laptop to enable the Council to hold hybrid meetings (subject to a broadband connection). The commitment for the Council would be less than £250, well within the laptop budget. If successful the monies would need to be spent immediately.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.