

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th September, 2022 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/40. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), N. Dodman, E. Giordano, C. Newnham, E. Powell.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk. County Cllr. Edward Jones. Members of the Public.

22/41. Apologies: Cllr. K. Williams.

The meeting commenced with a minute of silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

22/42. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. N. Dodman Re agenda item on Energy Park Development, Bute Energy – owner of property on/near proposed development.

Cllr. Powell completed his declaration of acceptance of office.

22/43. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July, 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/44. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None this month.

22/45. Finance:

22/45.1 Payments: – The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T. Price (Salary)	£727.85
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)	£181.80
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)	£42.60
Cartridge People (refund T. Price)	£139.90
J & P Turner (bench)	£310.00
Audit Wales (fee 20-21)	£200.00
J. Hodge (allowance 21-22 – now paid by bank transfer – cheque missing)	
<u>Note this payment is part of the 21-22 accounts.</u>	<u>£150.00</u>

22/45.2 Budget Update to end September: Members noted the budget update. Spending was in line with that expected for the time of year.

22/45.3 Provision of Broadband to enable Hybrid Meetings: Cllr. Giordano reported that the equipment he had hoped to source was out of stock and on back order for some time. Alternative equipment was much more expensive. Given this, and now that funding had been secured for the community broadband project, it was agreed to continue online only for the present.

22/45.4 Letters of thanks from St. Mary's PCC and Wales Air Ambulance: Noted.

22/45.5 The following receipts were noted:

Powys County Council (second precept instalment)	£3104.00
Powys County Council LEADER Grant – IT Equipment	£869.18
R. Baker (donation for bench)	£260.00

22/46. Correspondence/General:

22/46.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman provided Members with an update on the most recent meeting. A regular newsletter was now being produced. A webinar on Community Low Carbon Energy Heating would take place on 5th October and all were welcome.

22/46.2 Making Council Tax Fairer -Welsh Government Consultation: Noted. Resolved no comment be made.

22/46.3 Extending the Well Being of Future Generations Act: Consultation: Noted. Resolved no comment be made.

22/46.4 Appointment to Community Sub-Committee, Standards Committee at County Council: To note that Cllr. Dodman had been successfully been elected to represent Radnorshire. The first meeting was yet to be held.

22/46.5 Draft Annual Report: Members agreed the report as previously circulated and it was decided that the report would be placed online, a few copies would be printed and left at the shop/ nearby libraries. The Clerk would also prepare a press release to advise the public how to access the report.

22/46.6 Training policy: Members considered the draft policy as previously circulated and the policy was approved without amendment. The Clerk was asked to look into various training options and report back to a future meeting.

22/47. Village Matters:

22/47.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –

- Wall High Street: Damaged again. Clerk to report.
- Van Parked on Pavement: County Councillor Jones would look into this as it was a County Council matter.

22/47.2 Dark Skies Project Update: Cllr. Dodman reported that a speaker had attended the latest meeting to provide information on the Dark Skies application process. Unfortunately attendance had been poor. It was agreed that Cllr. Dodman would email the other Councils to ask them to confirm that they were committed to the process. If not then work could continue with an application for New Radnor Council area only.

22/47.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk confirmed that funding had been allocated and that she was awaiting a project timetable from Broadway Partners.

22/47.4 Speeding on A44: Members noted the recent reply from the Police and Crime Commissioner indicating he had written to the County Council and Welsh Government. The Clerk had been told that no figures were held for the costs of the recent accident. Cllr. Dodman had also received a complaint about the noise levels from the motorbikes – the Clerk had replied to this and advised the resident to contact Environmental Health direct for advice. Cllr. Dodman would get an update from the resident. Members asked the Clerk to submit a further FOI request, asking how many speeding fines had been issued along the A44 between Penybont and Walton.

22/47.5 Replacement Bench Update: Shortly after the July meeting a relative of a deceased resident had approached the Clerk to ask if they could donate the money for a bench in the village. The Clerk and Cllr. Williams had obtained quotes and the donor had chosen a bench which had been ordered. Cllrs. Harris and Williams had kindly installed the bench.

22/47.6 Extension of Double Yellow Lines, High Street: Cllr Harris reported on the Meeting with the County Council. The Officers had seen the reasoning behind the suggestion but had indicated that funding was not readily available and that it would cost around four thousand pounds. County Councillor Jones had suggested that the TRO process could be combined with a site in Gladestry which was a problem and he had approached that Council to discuss this. They had agreed to write to the County Council asking for action on the problem but had appeared reluctant to allocate any funds from its budget. Cllr. Jones would update the Clerk on any progress.

22/48. Planning:

22/48.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted –

22/0747/FUL: Lower House, New Radnor: Approval 24th June.

22/0697/HH: Brookside Farm, New Radnor: Approval 18th July.

22/0698/LBC: Brookside Farm, New Radnor: Consent 18th July.

22/0381/FUL: Radnor Range, Harley Dingle: Consent 18th July.

22/48.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

22/1142/TRE Grid Ref: E: 321071 N: 260742 Proposal: Works to a tree in a conservation area. Location: 4 The Porth, New Radnor: Resolved no objections be raised.

22/48.3 22/1007/FUL Grid Reference: E:321237 N: 260855 Proposal: Replacement of all wooden doors and windows including fire exits with oak coloured upvc Site Address: Community Centre, Hall Lane, New Radnor: Noted - as the applicant the Community Council did not comment.
22/48.4 Powys Local Development Plan and call for Candidate Sites: The information on the candidate sites process had been circulated to all Members. The Clerk advised that the call for sites for consideration in the new plan would happen in the next couple of months.

Cllr Dodman left the meeting at this point having declared an interest in the following item.

22/48.5 Bute Energy Development: The public exhibition had been held the previous day. Cllr. Harris had attended. The Clerk had received no other information.

22/49. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October, 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.