NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th October, 2022 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/50. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), N. Dodman, E. Powell.

Absent: Cllr. C. Newnham.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

22/51. Apologies: Cllrs. K. Williams, E. Giordano. County Cllr. Edward Jones.

Prior to the meeting Andrew Sowerby of Pryor and Rickett Silviculture gave a short presentation on woodland creation in Wales and answered Members' questions.

22/52. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

22/53. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/54. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

22/54.1 Annual Report: The Clerk confirmed that this had now been published and copies sent to local libraries and the village shop.

22/54.2 Bute Energy: The Clerk confirmed she had received nothing further from Bute Energy.

22/54.3 Prejudicial Interests relating to Bute Energy: Cllr. Dodman asked that an item be included on the November agenda to clarify the position of all Members in relation to this matter.

22/54.4 Registration for Internet Banking: The Clerk informed Members that internet banking had still not been set up for every Councillor.

22/55. Finance:

22/55.1 Payments: – The following payment was agreed –

Royal British Legion £35.0

22/55.2 Review of Internal Audit Processes and appointment of internal auditor for 2022/23 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 2022-23 accounts was confirmed.

22/55.3 Renewal of Annual Zoom Subscription: Agreed to renew.

22/55.4 Planning and the LDP Process Training: The Clerk provided details of a forthcoming training course to be held online. Members to notify the Clerk if they wished to be booked to attend. She would also look at future dates available.

22/56. Correspondence/General:

22/56.1 PACE Update: Cllr Dodman reminded Members of the most recent Minutes from the group and gave advance notice of a Climate Action Conference to be held in the Spring, probably in Llandrindod Wells.

22/56.2 Draft Annual Business Improvement Plan 2023/2024 - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service - Consultation: Resolved no comment be made.

22/56.3 Email re. removal of Wales Air Ambulance Mid Wales Base: Members agreed that the base in Welshpool was vital to enable quick and prompt attendance at accidents in the area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Community Health Council, Assembly Member, Welsh Government Minister for Health, Member of Parliament, Leader of Powys County Council and local County Councillor E. Jones. 22/56.4 County Council Consultation on Public Participation: Noted. Resolved no comment be made.

22/57. Village Matters:

22/57.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –
Bridleway sign at bottom of Newgate Lane missing: Clerk to report.

22.57.2 Dark Skies Project Update: Cllr. Dodman had now emailed the other Councils that had been involved asking them to reconfirm their commitment to the project. He would provide a further update when he had all the replies.

22/57.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk had nothing further to report but would chase Broadway Partners for a provisional timetable. She had also been contacted by the County Council in relation to another project looking to connect community buildings in Powys. She would keep Members updated and had notified the County Council about both the Community Centre and the Hub.

22/57.4 Speeding on A44: Nothing further to report.

22/57.5 Extension of Double Yellow Lines, High Street: Nothing further to report.

22/58. Planning:

22/58.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted – 22/1007/FUL Community Centre, New Radnor: Approval 29th September.

22/58.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

22/58.3 Powys Local Development Plan Update: No update this month.

22/59. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th November, 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.