

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th November, 2022 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/60. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), N. Dodman, K. Williams, E. Giordano, C. Newnham.

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

22/61. Apologies: Cllr. Powell

22/62. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Dodman: Agenda Item on discussion of Bute Energy Plans - owns property bordering the proposed development and related pecuniary implications.

The Clerk reminded Members of the email she had sent regarding the declaration of interests in relation to the wind farm application and clarified the position regarding both personal and prejudicial interests and the issue of pre-determination.

22/63. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October, 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/64. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None this month.

22/65. Finance:

22/65.1 Payments: – The following payments were agreed –

Zoom (refund T. Price) Subscription	£143.88
Planning Aid Wales (training course)	£35.00

22/65.2 Requests for Donations - Urdd Eisteddfod and Brecon Advice Centre: Refused. Council gives to local organisations only.

22/65.3 Local Government Pay Award: Members had all received details of the recently agreed award which applied from 1st April. Pay arrears would be calculated and paid with the next salary payment.

22/65.4 2022 Election Costs: The Clerk informed Members that she had been notified that the cost of the uncontested election would be £365.30. An invoice would be issued in due course.

22/66. Correspondence/General:

22/66.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman had had technical difficulties so had been unable to join the recent meeting. He was to receive a meeting recording to view and would provide an update at the next meeting.

22/66.2 Removal of Wales Air Ambulance Mid Wales Base: Update: Members had all received copies of the email replies from James Evans, MS Fay Jones MP and the Community Health Council. Public meeting to be held in Knighton on 11th November.

22/66.3 Draft Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Members noted the proposed changes, increasing the annual allowance to £156 per year and introducing a new expenses allowance of £52 per year. A final report would be issued early in 2023.

22/66.4 Welsh Government Consultation: Electoral Administration and Reform White Paper: Resolved no comment be made.

22/66.5 Letter from East Radnorshire Care re. joining the Board of Trustees: No one wished to put their name forward.

22/66.6 Report on recent County Council Briefing Meeting: Members noted the report of the Clerk on the recent meeting, including budget pressures, Ukrainian refugees, Countryside Services and the review of the Local Development Plan.

22/67. Village Matters:

22/67.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matter was raised –

- Periodic Meeting with Radnor Ranges to be arranged by Cllr. Harris.

22/67.2 Dark Skies Project Update: Cllr. Dodman reported that he was still struggling to get a firm commitment from the other Councils and advised that by the New Year it might be best to proceed for New Radnor only. He would update Members at the next meeting.

22/67.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk reported that the Powys wide timetable was still awaited and she had been promised details by the end of the month. The community building offer was now set as three free years with a 50% reduction ongoing for the life of the connection.

22/67.4 Speeding on A44: The Clerk had not received anything further and had had no reply to the Freedom of Information request. Cllr. Harris reported that he had spoken to the speed van when on site recently and they had confirmed the camera could catch motorbikes and three tickets had been issued to bikes on one recent Sunday.

22/67.5 Missing bridleway Sign Update: This had been received by the Rights of Way Department and would be replaced in due course.

22/67.6 Village Christmas Tree: Cllr. Harris had this in hand and would advise the Clerk when a letter of thanks needed to be sent.

22/68. Planning:

22/68.1 Planning Application Decisions: None this month.

22/68.2 Planning Applications: None this month.

22/68.3 Powys Local Development Plan Update: The Clerk advised that the call for candidate sites for development had now been made. Members had all received more detailed information via email.

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

22/68.4 Proposed Energy Park, Bute Energy: Members noted the email from the local action group. The Clerk would forward information to Members as it was received. In response to a question from Cllr. Harris the Clerk confirmed that in her view membership of a local anti wind farm action group did not demonstrate an open mind and therefore indicated that Member was predetermined.

22/69. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th December, 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.59pm.