

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th December, 2022 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/70. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Powell, K. Williams, E. Giordano.

Absent: Cllr. C. Newnham

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk. One member of the public.

22/71. Apologies: Cllr. N. Dodman. County Cllr. Edward Jones.

22/72. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

22/73. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/74. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

22/74.1 Meeting with Radnor Ranges: Cllrs. Harris and Hodge had met with the Ranges Management. The workforce was expanding and the planning application for a ballistics testing building had now been passed.

22/75. Finance:

22/75.1 Payments: – The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T. Price (Salary inc arrears)	£906.35
HM Revenue & Customs (tax on above)	£226.80
Mrs T. A. Price (expenses)	£42.60
Unity Trust Bank (charges to 30 th Sept)	£18.00
JRB Enterprises Ltd (dog bags)	£178.50

22/75.2 New Projects for 2023/24: None put forward.

22/75.3 Budget Update to end of December: Members noted the update as provided. The Clerk drew their attention to the £250 set aside for miscellaneous donations and the £150 allocated to fund insurance for the Carnival which remained unused and would need consideration when setting the budget.

22/75.4 Update on Internet Banking Access: The Clerk urged those signatories who had not completed their registration for internet banking to complete the registration as a matter of urgency.

22/75.5 Notification of Section 137 Limit for 2023/24 as £9.93 per elector: Noted.

22/75.6 Receipts: The following receipt was noted –

Old Radnor Community Council (cont. twds zoom licence) £60.00

22/75.7 Donation Request - Llandrindod Wells Twinning Association: Refused.

22/76. Correspondence/General:

22/76.1 PACE Update: No update due to the absence of Cllr. Dodman.

22/76.2 Removal of Wales Air Ambulance Base, Welshpool: The Clerk reported that the public meeting in Knighton had been poorly attended. The decision on the base had been delayed and would now not take place early in the New Year to allow for some consultation. Cllr. Williams stressed the need to note that without the backup of the Air Ambulance the people of Powys would be left without access to the enhanced clinical skills that were available in any case in other parts of Wales.

22/76.3 Biodiversity Report: Members approved the policy as drafted.

22/77. Village Matters:

22/77.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –

- Letter re. introduction of 20mph limit: Clerk to reply advising of the situation.
- Christmas Tree: Now in place. Cllr. Williams to purchase more lights. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the supplier of the tree.

22.77.2 Dark Skies Project Update: Due to the absence of Cllr. Dodman there was no update this month.

22/77.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk was still awaiting the timetable for the Powys projects.

22/77.4 Speeding on A44: The Clerk had chased up the Freedom of Information request. There was nothing further to report.

22/78. Planning:

22/78.1 Planning Application Decisions: None this month.

22/78.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

22/2013/FUL Grid Reference: E:322875 N: 262414 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling together with retention of existing dwelling in order to allow for its continued occupation as holiday accommodation only, installation of package treatment plant and improvement of existing access and all associated works Site Address: Forget-Me-Not Cottage, New Radnor, Presteigne, LD8 2TG: Resolved to support the application.

22/78.3 Powys Local Development Plan Update: The Clerk reminded Members that the submission of candidate sites would close shortly.

22/79. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th January, 2023. Clerk to investigate the possibility of using the school as a venue for a first hybrid meeting due to the concerns of some Members about online meetings and issues with broadband. The Clerk stressed that meetings held face to face only would not be deemed to be legally held, all decisions made would not be valid and would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.