

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th January, 2023 At 7.30 p.m. Meeting held via video conferencing

22/80. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), K. Williams, E. Giordano, N. Dodman. C. Newnham.

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

22/81. Apologies: Cllr. E. Powell.

22/82. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only:

Cllr. Dodman - Agenda Item Byway LM1268 - part of route forms access to Councillor's property.

Cllr. R. Harris re. Agenda Item Byway LM1268 - uses route for access to farmland.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

22/83. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2022 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

22/84. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

22/84.1 Registration for Internet Banking: The Clerk reminded Cllrs. Hodge, Newnham and Williams about the need to get their registrations completed.

22/84.2 Wales Air Ambulance Review of Bases: The Clerk confirmed that the consultation had not yet commenced.

22/84.3 Donation of Christmas Tree: The Clerk confirmed that the letter of thanks had been sent.

22/85. Finance:

22/85.1 Payments: – The following payments were agreed –

Cllr. Hodge

Cllr. Dodman

Cllr. Powell (7 months)

HMRC

Total £387.50

Unity Trust (bank charges) £18.00

K. Williams (refund purchase of Christmas Lights) £39.99

22/85.2 Receipts: The following receipt was noted -

Powys County Council (final precept instalment) £3104.00

22/85.3 Bank Balance at 31st December, 2022: Noted as £9083.94

22/85.4 Setting of precept 2023-24 and Review of Free and Allocated Reserves: Members considered the draft budget supplied. The amount set aside for dog bags was increased by £50 to £350 and an amount of £100 was included for Replacement Defibrillator Batteries and Pads and/or replacement defibrillator units in due course. This resulted in a total budget for 2023/24 of £9646, producing a Band D precept of £40.68.

Members also considered the current allocated reserves and made adjustments resulting in the following being allocated to go forward into 2023/24 –

Election Costs	£2104
Christmas Lights	£165
Councillor Remuneration	£300
Councillor Training/Travel	£300

Bench Fund (new/repairs) £1000

Total of Allocated Reserves £3869

Free reserves were then estimated to equate to approximately three months expenditure.

22/85.5 Donation Requests – Hope House Children’s Hospice and Kids Cancer Charity: Applications refused.

22/86. Correspondence/General:

22/86.1 PACE Update: Cllr. Dodman had been unable to attend the most recent meeting. He advised that there was currently a group in the village that was looking at community energy projects and that this group may well decide to become a part of PACE in due course.

22/87. Village Matters:

22/87.1 Minor Village Matters: The following matters were raised –

- Christmas Tree: To be removed on 13th January.
- Rotten Kissing Gate, behind School, off Clawdd Lane: Clerk to report.
- Coronation 2023: Clerk to contact Carnival and Hub Committees to find out what events where planned.
- Water Break its Neck Access Track: In a very poor condition again and no notice on the entrance from the main road to indicate that access to the Waterfall was closed due to ash die back with a contractor yet to be appointed to do the works. Clerk to try to arrange a meeting between County Council, Natural Resources Wales and representatives of the Community Council to try to agree works needed to the surface and ask for better placed signage. County Cllr. Jones would also speak to the County Council to see if anything could be done.
- Blocked Drains on the A44 New Radnor to Water Break its Neck: Clerk to report.
- Large Amounts of Rubbish on A44: Clerk to report.

22.87.2 Dark Skies Project Update: Cllr. Dodman stated that he was going to arrange one further meeting to ascertain commitment from the other Councils. He was aware that some grant funding was possibly to become available from the International Dark Skies Association in order to purchase light meters.

22/87.3 Broadband Project Update: The Clerk confirmed that survey work was due to start in a few months with the aim of completing connections by the end of 2023.

22/87.4 Speeding on A44: The Clerk had chased the FOI request with no luck so far. It was agreed that she invite James Evans MS and Fay Jones MP to visit the A44 by the village on a Sunday morning to witness the speeding in person. County Cllr. E. Jones stated he was also working to get something done about the situation.

22/88. Planning:

22/88.1 Planning Application Decisions: No decisions to report this month.

22/88.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

22/2214/FUL Grid Reference: E:318085 N: 258168 Proposal: Change of use of public house lounge area to extend self-catering holiday let together with internal works and alterations. Site Address: Red Lion Inn, New Radnor, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2TN. Resolved to support the application.

22/89 County Councillor’s Report:

County Cllr. Jones reported he was looking at the following –

- Speeding on A44.
- Broadband for area.
- Proposed new wind farm.
- Air Ambulance Consultation
- Water Break its Neck AccessTrack

22/90. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th February, 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.