

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 14th May, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. **Present:** Cllrs. S. Bennett, M. Cooper, N. Dodman (Acting Chairman), J. Hodge.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk, County Councillor. M. Jones.

2. **Apologies:** . Cllrs. E. Blackman and K. Williams.

Absent: Cllr. R. Harris.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

Personal Only: None

Personal and Prejudicial: Cllr. Hodge re planning application P/2015/0282: close neighbour.

Cllr. Cooper re planning application P/2015/0282: close neighbour.

4. **Election of Chairman for 2015/16:** It was agreed that the appointment of Chairman for the year be deferred until the June meeting to allow all Councillors to be present. Cllr. Dodman was unanimously appointed Acting Chairman for the May meeting.

5. **Election of Vice-Chairman for 2015/16:** Again this appointment was deferred until the June meeting.

6. **Appointment of Representatives for 2015/16:** These were agreed as follows -

New Radnor Community Centre Committee	Cllr. Harris
New Radnor Town Trust	Cllr. Bennett
New Radnor Charities	Cllr. Blackman and Cllr. Dodman
Radnor Valley School Governor	Cllr. Hodge
Liaison Councillors, Harley Valley	Cllr. Hodge and Cllr. Harris
Cornwall Lewis Memorial Liaison Councillor	Cllr. Bennett
Village Website	Cllr. Blackman
Playground Committee	Cllr. Cooper
Affordable Housing	Cllr. Dodman and Cllr. Hodge

7. **Appointment to Areas of Special Interest for 2015/16:** These were agreed as follows:

Health	Cllr. Bennett
Highways/Footpaths/Bridleways	Cllr. Dodman
Planning	Cllr. Harris
Community Activities	Cllr. Hodge
Senior Citizens	Cllr. Dodman
School/Young People	Cllr. Harris
Environment	Cllr. Blackman

8. **Annual Review of Council Documents:** It was resolved that no change be made to the following Council documents -
Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
Formal Complaints Policy

Freedom of Information Documents
Risk Assessment.
The serving of agenda via email was confirmed.

9. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April, 2015 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr. Dodman.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

10.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: At the request of the affected landowner Cllr. Dodman had attended a site meeting with Powys County Council to find a solution to the current issues. At present the route remained open. The membership of the Powys Byways User Group had now been defined and a constitution was in preparation. Concern was expressed that the Trail Riders Federation and Mountain Bike Association did not appear to have been included.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council asking that
representatives of the Trail Riders Federation and Mountain Bike Association be included on the User Group;
the Community Council be advised of all meetings of the group;
contact details of the individual representatives be supplied to the Community Council.

10.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: Cllr. Dodman reported that photographs were still to be taken and it was agreed that the Clerk would forward these to Herefordshire Council as soon as this had been done.

10.3 Recycling Banks, School Lane: The Clerk had made initial enquiries about the siting of a green waste skip but following information from Cllr. Cooper had not pressed for a reply. Cllr. Cooper reported that she had spoken to the School and that the Head teacher was against the siting of a green waste skip but would like the present recycling banks to be retained. It was agreed that no further action be taken and that the request for a green waste skip be withdrawn.

10.4 Dog Fouling: The new notices were now up and the School had confirmed that it still had an ample supply of free green dog poo bags.

11. Correspondence/General:

11.1 Letter from Ombudsman for Wales re revised guidance for Code of Conduct: Noted. Copies were available for those that wanted one.

11.2 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: To be circulated.

11.3 Welsh Government Guidance Access to Community Council Information: Noted.

12. Planning:

12.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following:
P/2014/0225 Hendregenny, Whitton: No decision at 7th May.
P/2014/0672 Hendy Wind Farm: No decision at 7th May.
P/2014/0892 Bethugree Farm, Llandewi: Application Withdrawn.
P/2015/0011 Eagle Hotel: No decision at 7th May.
P/2015/0024 Bwlchau Bettws: No decision at 7th May

12.2 Planning Applications:

P/2015/0399, full, erection of building for the storage of hay and firewood at Land adjacent to A44, New Radnor: Resolved that no comment be made.

P/2015/0282, householder, construction of new garage and attached workshop at Radbrook Cottages, Rectory Lane, New Radnor. Cllrs. Hodge and Cooper left the room for this item. As the meeting was no longer quorate no decision was made. If time permitted the application would be discussed at the June meeting.

13. Village Matters:

13.1 Radnor Ranges: A provisional date for the next meeting had been suggested but as yet no response had been received from the Ranges. Matters to be raised were agreed as follows - the need for a flashing light/beacon at the top of the Ranges as previously raised the speed of delivery vehicles and the possibility of a site speed restriction; recent concerns about gates not being shut properly causing livestock to stray; ongoing concerns about the effectiveness of the current flag system.

13.2 Defibrillator Update: The Clerk reported that notices had been posted on the kiosk and only one comment had been received. This was positive and supported the adoption of the kiosk. BT had confirmed that just two calls had been made from the box in the last twelve months. There was no update on the defibrillator purchase due to the absence of Cllr. Williams. Cllr. Bennett felt it would be beneficial to leave the phone service if only so 99 calls could be made. The Clerk informed Members that the adoption agreement included the condition that the phone service would be removed but agreed to check with BT in case the retention of the phone service was possible.

13.3 Other Village Matters: The following matters were reported -
several potholes in Water Street
a large pothole in Rectory Lane (near to the barn)

14. Finance:

14.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Lee Stephens (internal audit)	£26.25
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website)	£163.20
SLCC Enterprises Ltd (conference fee)	£ 82.80

14.2 Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Precept	£1753.55
HMRC VAT Refund for 2014/15	£105.78
SLCC Training Bursary	£ 34.50

14.3 Internal Audit Report: Noted that no issues had been raised.

14.4 Annual Return 2014/15: Members approved sections one and two of the Annual Return, including the Annual Governance Statement and the attached Statement of Significant Variances for submission to the External Auditors. The Acting Chairman and Clerk duly signed Section 3 of the audit form.

14.5 Annual Insurance: Members considered the renewal of the annual Council insurance policy and the quotes obtained by the Clerk for renewal. It was agreed that the insurance be changed to Came and Company under a three year agreement.

Payment: Broker Network Ltd (Came and Company) £265.00

14.6 Review of Bank Mandate: After consideration it was agreed not to change the bank mandate for 2015/16.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th June, 2015.

16. OVW and SLCC Wales Conference: The Clerk thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the conference.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm