

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th June, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, N. Dodman, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: . Cllr. K. Williams.

Apologies were also received from County Cllr. M. Jones.

Cllr. Dodman opened the meeting as Acting Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None

Personal and Prejudicial: None

4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Cllr. Dodman invited nominations.

Chairman: Cllr. Bennett was proposed by Cllr. Hodge, seconded by Cllr. Dodman and elected unanimously. Cllr. Bennett duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Harris was proposed by Cllr. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Hodge and elected unanimously

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May, 2015 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Bennett.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

6.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Bennett confirmed that the TRF were included in the membership of the PBUG. Details of membership were contained in the recent Court Order. It was noted that the first meeting of the Group would be on 29th June and that members of the Group could if they wished appoint additional members subject to a majority vote. Members repeated their concerns that there should be true local representation at meetings of the Group and that this should be via a Community Council representative for the area under discussion, in addition to the local County Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr. Dodman, seconded by Cllr Blackman and agreed that the Clerk contact the two known representatives on PBUG, Cllr. Gwilym Williams and Mr. Charles De Winton of the County Landowners Association to ask that this requirement be adopted into the constitution of the Group.

6.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road reply from HCC: Cllr. Dodman reported that some repairs had been completed but that the surface was still very poor and the repairs had been of very poor quality with the edges already deteriorating. It was agreed that the Clerk write again to Hereford Council asking that the length of road be placed on the capital programme for complete re-surfacing.

Cllr. Harris asked that a large pothole near to Walton Vicarage be reported to the County Council.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Public Transport in Powys Consultation: There was no direct effect on New Radnor and it was agreed to make no comment.

7.2 Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter, policing issues, National Rural Crime Survey: The contents of the newsletter were noted and Members were reminded to look at the Rural Crime Survey. The Clerk was asked to report two local issues - speeding motorcycles along the A44 at weekends and vehicle speeds through the village generally.

7.3 Community Delivery in Powys, email and booklet from PCC: Noted.

7.4 Whitton Community Council Meeting with MWhA: Noted. No one was able to attend.

7.5 Public Health (Wales) Bill, Provision of Public Toilets: Noted. The Clerk reminded Members of the comments submitted to the consultation on this bill in June 2014.

7.6 Clerk's Report on All Wales Conference May 2015: Noted.

8. Planning:

8.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported there had been no change from the previous month.

8.2 Planning Applications:
P/2015/0282, householder, construction of new garage and attached workshop at Radbrook Cottages, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Cllr. Hodge advised that the application had been withdrawn and so the matter was not discussed.
P/2015/0247, full, installation of endurance x35 225kw wind turbine with a tip height of 48.01 metres and hub height of 30.52 metres and associated infrastructure including control kiosk, underground cabling, crane pad and creation of access track at land between A488 and Craig Hill, near Bleddfa. It was agreed unanimously and resolved that the application be objected to on the following grounds -
the height of the turbine is excessive and would be too intrusive in the area;
the turbine would have a detrimental effect on the landscape;
the site is too close to the A488;
the site is well outside the TAN 8 area
the turbine is not for personal use and therefore cannot be justified outside the TAN8 area.

8.3 Local Development Plan Deposit Draft, Consultation: The Clerk circulated copies of the settlement plan for New Radnor. Members noted there was no change from the previous consultation in August 2014 and it was resolved that no comment be made. The date of the County Council presentation evening on development control and the Local Development Plan was noted. The Clerk would attend.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Hodge reported on matters discussed at the quarterly meeting with the Ranges. These were -
confirmation that notification of activity on the Ranges was being sent to all those who had requested it;
the flag system was operational;
there had been no progress on the installation of a flashing light at the top of the Ranges and Mr. Bromage had cited technical issues;
notices had been put up asking for gates to be shut;

portaloos were shortly to be put on site;
the speed of traffic using the road had been raised and Mr. Bromage had stated he was not aware of any problem.

Members also noted the receipt of the County Council Records Management Policy. Although it was felt that the records should not have been destroyed it was agreed that there was no benefit in taking the matter further.

Cllr. Dodman stated that he had been approached by a resident concerned at recent activity (involving helicopters and machine gunfire) at night. The Clerk was asked to check with the HSE to see if military exercises were permitted on the site.

9.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption Update: The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Cllr. Williams and there was no progress to report. The Clerk had also checked with BT and adoption would mean that the telephone service would be removed. The adoption would not be confirmed with BT until the defibrillator unit had been received.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

St. Mary's PCC	Cemetery Grant (LGA 1972, s.214)	200.00
St. Michael's PCC	Cemetery Grant (LGA 1972, s.214)	100.00
New Radnor Baptist Chapel	Cemetery Grant (LGA 1972, s.214)	100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	Donation (s.137)	100.00
East Radnorshire Day Centre	Donation (s.137)	200.00
Powys Citizens Advice Bureau	LGA 1972 S.142	50.00
Mrs T. Price	Salary 1st Quarter	426.97
HMRC	Income Tax on above	106.60
Mrs T. Price	Expenses	44.70
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	69.64

10.2 Financial Update: The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts for the year to date together with a comparison with the precept for the year. Members noted that spending was in line with that expected for the stage of the financial year.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th July, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm