

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th July, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. **Present:** Cllrs. E. Blackman, M. Cooper, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge.

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

2. **Apologies:** . Cllr. S. Bennett (Chairman), N. Dodman, K. Williams.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

Personal Only: None

Personal and Prejudicial: None

In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that Cllr. Harris would chair the meeting.

4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June, 2015 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: The Clerk reported that as requested she had contacted Cllr. Gwilym Williams and Mr. Charles De Winton to ask that at the first meeting of the PBUG they put forward the case for local Community Council representation. Both had replied indicating that they would put this forward. The PBUG meeting had been scheduled for 29th June. The Clerk was asked to contact both persons again to ask for a report on the meeting.

Members were also informed that a TRO had been placed on a section of the route until 18th December.

5.2 Pothole, Near Walton Vicarage: Cllr. Harris reported that this had still not been repaired.

5.3 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: Cllrs. Dodman and Williams had not as yet taken photographs of the worst areas of the route. The Clerk would follow up the request for the road to be placed on the capital programme for re-surfacing.

6. **Correspondence/General:**

6.1 Letter from Pensions Regulator: The Clerk reported that she had submitted details of the nominated contact as required. The pensions staging date for New Radnor was 1st July 2017.

6.2 Invitation to RWAS Reception Powys County Council: No one was able to attend.

6.3 Ombudsman, Annual Report 2014/15: Noted.

6.4 Planning Aid Training Workshop 4th August 5-8pm: The Clerk and Cllr. Hodge to attend.

6.5 Smoke Free Playgrounds Letter: Noted. To be passed to the Playgrounds Committee.

6.6 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

7. Planning:

- 7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions -
Radbrook Cottages, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Conditional Consent Given.
Storage Building, Land adj to A44, New Radnor: Conditional Consent Given.
- 7.2 Planning Liaison Meeting 6th July: The written report from the Clerk had been previously circulated for information.

8. Village Matters:

- 8.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report. Next quarterly meeting with the Ranges due in the Autumn.
- 8.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption: No progress to report.
- 8.3 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that work was on hold pending a grant application to CADW by the County Council.
- 8.4 Police and Crime Commissioner Reply: Members noted that Operation Darwen had recently been carried out to engage with the motorcycling community and that New Radnor had been included in the patrols. The availability of training and equipment for the Community Speed Watch scheme was noted.
- 8.5 Other Village Matters:
Footpath to Old Caravan Park: This had been reported to the Clerk as being overgrown. Members believed that it had now been cut back.
Trees, Opposite the Old School House, School Lane: A resident had reported that a large branch had recently broken off and that the trees should be checked. The Clerk was asked to report this to the County Council.

9. Finance:

- 9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Caleb Roberts Insurance Services (Insurance New Radnor Carnival)	£76.00
BDO (external audit)	£210.00

The Clerk reported that the external audit fee had increased due to an increase in the amount of precept requested in 2014/15. The fee scale was based on the higher of the income or expenditure in the given year.

- 9.2 The letters of thanks from East Radnorshire Day Centre, New Radnor Baptist Chapel, St. Michael's PCC and St. Mary's PCC were noted.
- 9.3 Report of External Auditor: The Clerk reported that the external audit had now been completed. No further action was required.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th September, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm