

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th September, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. **Present:** Cllrs. M. Cooper, N. Dodman, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge, K. Williams.

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

2. **Apologies:** . Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), E. Blackman.

#### 3. **Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal Only: None*

*Personal and Prejudicial: Cllr. Harris re. complaint, spraying of farmland - Owner of site.*

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 9th July, 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 Minutes of the PBUG meetings in June and July had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council asking for proper signs to be erected showing where the route was closed to vehicular traffic and informing it that vehicles were still using the byway as a through route despite the closed section.

5.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: Cllrs. Dodman and Williams had not as yet taken photographs of the worst areas of the route but agreed to do so in the near future. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to write to Herefordshire Council asking for a meeting on site with the Locality Steward and also stating that the Community Council was assuming that full responsibility would be taken by Herefordshire for any damage to vehicles incurred on the road given their opinion that the route did not need work.

#### 6. **Correspondence/General:**

6.1 Centenary Fields, Email/ Flyer: Noted. No action required.

6.2 Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions)(Wales) Regulations 2015: The Clerk outlined the contents of these regulations.

6.3 PCC Consultation on Three Weekly Rubbish Collections: Noted. No comment to be made. Cllr. Dodman reported problems with non collection of his own refuse and the Clerk agreed to report this.

6.4 Powys Teaching Health Board Event: 17th September: To be passed to Cllr. Bennett as representative for Health matters.

6.5 Refugee Issues in the Community: Cllr. Dodman provided Members with various statistics and advised that a meeting was to be held in Knighton on 22nd September to discuss ways to help. The possibility of Members hosting a similar Community meeting in New Radnor was raised as a

possibility for the future. County Councillor Jones reported that the County Council was sending representatives to a meeting of the Welsh Local Government Association which was co-ordinating efforts to help in Wales. He added that there was a possibility of some government funding being passed to County Councils for work with the refugees

6.6 East Radnorshire Day Centre AGM: The date of the AGM was noted.

6.7 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine, The Clerk Magazine, Play Wales Magazine: Noted. To be circulated.

## **7. Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following -  
P/2015/0011, Eagle Hotel, New Radnor (replacement of timber windows): Application withdrawn.

7.2 Planning Applications:

TREE/2015/0020, remove dead wood and height to improve safety and access at Willow Cottage, New Radnor. *Council Response confirmed as no comment.*

P/2015/0247, wind turbine, land between A488 and Craig Hill, near Bleddfa, additional information: *Resolved that no additional comment be made*

P/2015/0024, wind turbine, Bwlchau Bettws, Hundred House, additional information. *Resolved that no additional comment be made.*

## **8. Village Matters:**

8.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report. It was agreed that the quarterly meetings be changed to six monthly unless there was anything urgent to discuss.

8.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption: Cllr. Williams reported that the funds to purchase the defibrillator unit were now in place and that a unit would be purchased shortly and would be part funded by a British Heart Foundation grant. It was therefore *resolved that the telephone kiosk be formally adopted by the Community Council subject to receipt of a paint kit to re-furbish the kiosk. The Clerk to ask for the electricity supply to be retained.*

8.3 Complaint re spraying of farmland: Cllr. Harris remained to advise Members of the spray used and the location of the site treated. This had been carried out by a contractor. He confirmed that notices warning of the intention to spray has been erected. He then left the room whilst the matter was discussed. Members agreed that during the absence of Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Williams would assume the Chair. The Clerk advised that the resident had been supplied with information on spraying regulations and what to do in the event of any concerns. Members agreed that Cllr. Harris be asked to contact the firm to report the issue and to remind it of the need to abide by all regulations. No further action.

8.4 Other Village Matters:

Damaged bollard, The Long House: Clerk to report.

Street Lighting Changes A44: Clerk to find out if/when this work was to be done.

Name Sign for Park Road: The Clerk reminded Members that this sign had been placed on the County Council list to be ordered when funds permitted.

Recycling of Green Waste: The possibility of the siting of green waste skips in the village was discussed. The School had already been approached about this and did not want any on the School site. The Clerk advised that green waste bags could be purchased by the roll from the County Council.

Dog Fouling Notices: Cllr. Cooper reported that one sign had been removed and the Clerk was asked to request a replacement.

Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that the County Council was in the process of requesting tenders for minor repair works. It was hoped that these would be carried out before the end of the year.

## **9. Finance:**

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Mrs T.A. Price	£426.77
HM Revenue and Customs	£106.80

9.2 Financial Update and Budget Monitoring Report: Copies of the accounts for the year to date, together with a budget comparison had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted that all spending was in accordance with the precept allocation. The Clerk reminded Members of the budget allocation for general donations, the allocation for a replacement bench and the allocation of monies for the devolvement of services. It was agreed that the monies for the bench would be set aside until a replacement was needed. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to get costings for additional grass cutting and street cleaning.

9.3 Letter of thanks from Radnor Carnival: Noted.

9.4 Receipts: The following receipt was noted -

Powys County Council (second precept payment)	£1755.00
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9.5 Bank Balance at 2nd September £4937.47: Noted.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8th October, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm