

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th November, 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), M. Cooper, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge, K. Williams.

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

2. Apologies: . Cllrs. E. Blackman, N. Dodman.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: Cllr. S. Bennett re LM1268 byway, member of trail riders fellowship. NB dispensation for members of clubs and charities issued in February 2013 applies.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2015 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Bennett.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: The Clerk reported that the County Council was looking into the installation of additional signs. County Councillor Jones submitted the Minutes of the September PBUG meeting for information. It was understood that quotes for various works on the route were being sought. The Clerk agreed to circulate the PBUG information.

5.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with both the Herefordshire Councillor for the area and the Portfolio Holder for Highways in Herefordshire. It seemed that the road was included on the list for re-surfacing but a more definite date or time scale was still awaited.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 Concurrent Functions and Village Hall Grants Letter from PCC: Did not apply in New Radnor. Noted.

6.2 Proposed changes in remuneration to Members of Town and Community Councils, Consultation: No comment. Noted.

6.3 Letter from PCC Executive Leader, W. Barry Thomas (Community Delivery): Noted. No action required.

6.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted. To be circulated.

6.5 Ramblers Cymru Paths for People Guide for Community Councils: Provided for information.

6.6 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Annual Improvement Plan Consultation: h

6.7 Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill, Consultation: No comment. Noted.

6.8 Council Website: The Clerk reported that Upper Bridge Enterprises were preparing a sample website as a replacement and would like to present this to the January meeting. Members agreed that the Clerk should arrange this.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions -
P/2015/0787 Coach House, Water Street: Application Withdrawn
P/2015/0789 Coach House, Water Street: Application Withdrawn

It was also noted that the Commons Application connected to the proposed Hendy Wind Farm had been closed by Welsh Government.

7.2 Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -

P/2015/0765, section 73 application for variation of condition 2 of P/2012/1025 (erection of a dwelling) to extend time period for submission of reserved matters at land between rear of 13 Broad Street and rear of Old Pound, Water Street, New Radnor: No objections raised.

TREE/2015/0034, works to a tree within a conservation area at Zion Cottage, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: No objections raised.

7.3 Developments of National Significance (Right of Notification from Welsh Ministers): It was agreed that the Clerk write requesting that the Community Council be notified of such developments within its area.

7.4 Planning Training Workshop Information (as emailed): Noted. Cllr. Hodge had attended the training event in August.

7.5 Planning Applications: Members were extremely concerned to learn that the County Council was intending to cease sending out paper plans to the Community Council for consultation. The Clerk was asked to write objecting to this proposal, pointing out that many smaller Community Councils were unable to access wifi at meeting venues, lacked facilities to project plans onto a screen at meetings and were unable to print plans to a readable size.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing new to report.

8.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption: Cllr. Williams reported that the funds were now available and a new account was due to be opened. The defibrillator application could then proceed. It was agreed to proceed with the adoption of the telephone kiosk and the formal agreement with BT was duly signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that works were underway and due to be completed by mid December. The structural survey was complete and no issues had been found. The cherry tree roots had now been cut back. During the excavation of the trial pits there had been no evidence of town gates.

8.4: Poppy Wreath: Cllr. Williams proposed that future budgets include the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that the Clerk should include this in the draft budget.

8.5 Other Village Matters: Cllr. Hodge reported complaints about speeding along Rectory Lane and also problems with parking along Water Street which was obstructing the view of those exiting from Lewis Place. She agreed to call on the owners of the parked vehicles to ask if the vehicles could be parked elsewhere.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payment was agreed -
British Telecom (adoption of kiosk) £1.00

9.2 Annual Internal Audit Review:

Members had all received the relevant documentation prior to the meeting. It was agreed to confirm the following -
the appointment Mr. L. Stephens as the internal auditor for the 2015/16 accounts
the planning and reporting arrangements as detailed in the report
the scope of the internal audit process as detailed in the Council Audit Plan and Action List.

9.3 Bank Balance: The balance of £4349.00 at 29th October was noted.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th December, 2015.
The meeting closed at 8.30 pm