

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

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

2. Apologies: . Cllr. Williams.

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.
Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to his property*

Personal and Prejudicial: None

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 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: It was confirmed that additional signs were in place at either end of the section closed to four wheeled traffic. Cllr. Dodman reported that additional sections were now deeply rutted. He also reported that the first section of the track from the main road now had many potholes and that blocked drains are leading to water run off making matters worse. The Clerk was asked to report this to the County Council and ask for repairs to be made.

Members noted the delay in receiving the minutes from the PBUG group which made it hard for Community Councils to respond to issues raised. It was noted that the County Council was in the process of applying for an extension to the temporary TRO.

5.2 Road Surface Presteigne to Walton Road: The Clerk reported that Titley Council had replied noting the concerns raised and stating that the road would be added to their list for repair requests. There had been on further information from the Portfolio Holder.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 Play Pledge/Charter, email from PAVO: Noted. No action. Cllr. Cooper to check that the Playground Committee was aware of PAVO and its services.

6.2 Community Delivery, further letter from Cllr. W. Barry Thomas: Noted.

6.3 Police and Crime Commissioner Survey: It was agreed that the Clerk complete the survey on behalf of the Community Council indicating the three main priorities to be - care for vulnerable people, community policing and online security.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions -

P/2015/0765, rear of 13 Broad Street and Old Pound: Conditional Consent
P/2014/0024, wind turbine Bwlchau Bettws: Application Refused.

7.2 Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -
P/2014/0672, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION consultation, full, construct and operate 7 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 110m and maximum hub height of 69m together with ancillary development comprising sub-station, control building etc at land off A44 SW of Llandegley. Resolved to defer consideration of the additional information until the January meeting.

P/2015/1099, erection of first floor extension, the Old Bakery, Rectory Lane, New Radnor. Resolved to support the application.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges: Members confirmed having received a number of comments on the loud explosions on 18th November. It was also noted that the sign at the entrance road indicated that it was a private access despite the route being a public bridleway. Cllr. Dodman reported that this had been reported by a resident to the County Council but no action had been taken. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council explaining the situation and asking that steps be taken to ensure the sign was made clearer and indicated there was not access to vehicles not to horses and walkers.

The next meeting with the Ranges was due in February and the Clerk was asked to arrange this.

There was also concern that press reports on the recent 4x4 accident at the Ranges had stated the police as saying that the site was MOD land and that the accident had happened on a designated 4x4 route. The Clerk was asking to write to the police on this issue.

8.2 Defibrillator/Kiosk Adoption: The Clerk confirmed that the adoption was now formally complete and that public liability cover was in place. It was agreed not to insure the kiosk for damage.

8.3 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The work was due to be completed in the next few days. Some slight damage had occurred during the initial setting up on site but this was to be completed before the workmen left.

8.4 Other Village Matters: The following matters were reported -
Bollard outside Long House still leaning and needing repair;
parking along Water Street, Cllr. Hodge had spoken to the tenants who had agreed to try to park elsewhere;
speeding Rectory Lane, Cllr. Hodge still investigating.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

T.A. Price (Salary Oct/Nov/Dec)	£426.97
HMRC (tax/NI on above)	£106.60
Viking (office ink)	£72.28
T.A. Price (expenses)	£53.69

9.2 Preliminary consideration of precept 2016-17: Members considered the draft precept supplied by the Clerk. Members raised a query on the grass cutting areas shown on the map and the Clerk agreed to get further information before the January meeting.

9.3 Requests for Donations, British Red Cross and Wales Air Ambulance Airbase Appeal: It was agreed that a one off donation of £200 be given to the Air Ambulance Airbase Appeal. No donation to be given to the British Red Cross.

Wales Air Ambulance	£200.00
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Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 it was resolved to exclude the Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the following item.

9.4 Annual Appraisal, Clerk and Salary Review: Members were asked to review the Clerk's performance over the previous twelve months. It was agreed that the work was satisfactory and a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her work was proposed by Cllr. Dodman and agreed by all.

It was resolved that from 1st April 2016 the Clerk's salary be increased by one incremental point.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th January, , 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm