

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2014 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

2. **Apologies:** Cllrs. N. Dodman, (Vice-Chairman), N. Window.

3. **In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

4. **Declarations of Interest:**

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| Cllr. Haines | Personal | Treasurer of St. Mary's PCC | Precept Setting |
| Cllr Hodge | Personal | Radnor Valley School Governor | Precept Setting |
| Cllr. Harris | Personal | Radnor Valley School Governor | Precept Setting |
| Cllr. Blackman | Personal | New Radnor Snooker Club (related to member of club) | Precept Setting |

5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

6.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Haines reported that the repairs to the route had been of poor quality and that potholes were already reappearing. There was also a considerable amount of increased traffic at the present time due to the increased spectacle at the waterfall. The Clerk was asked for the repairs to be redone urgently and in a more durable way.

6.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Cllr. Haines and the Clerk had both emailed to try to chase up the proposed survey and repair works but no reply had been received.

6.3 Co-Option: Nothing further had been heard from the person considering applying. Cllr. Haines agreed to ring and see if they were still interested.

6.4 New Radnor Website: The website designer had been contacted and informed of the Council choice of site design. Work would begin on receipt of the first part payment.

6.5 Mutton Dingle Bridge Repair: Members reported that the work had not been done and the Clerk agreed to chase this again.

6.6 War Memorial Condition Report: Cllr. Hodge had checked the Memorial for obvious defects and reported that none had been apparent.

6.7 Accounts and Audit Regulations Consultation: The Clerk informed Members that comments had been submitted as indicated at the December meeting.

6.8 Dog Fouling, School Lane: Cllr. Haines reported that a meeting was to be held on site with Bryan Davies, Local Area Manager. The Clerk and Cllr. Haines would attend.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014/15 Consultation: Noted.

7.2 One Voice Wales Documents re partnership working: Noted.

7.3 One Powys Plan Consultation: Cllr. Haines suggested that the three priorities should be Housing, Education and Training and jobs for younger people. These he felt would safeguard a future for young people and provide a basis for them to continue living and working in the area. Members agreed to review the documents and to forward their views to the Clerk for collation and submission to the County Council.

7.4 Budget Workshop Invitation Powys County Council: No one was able to attend.

8. Planning:

8.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: No planning application had yet been made.

8.2 Planning Application P/2013/1171, full, change of use of Eagle House (formerly Eagle Hotel) from six bedroomed house to six self contained bedsits/studio/flats at **Eagle House, Broad Street, New Radnor:** The comments agreed were - *New Radnor Community Council supports the above application but would like to emphasise that it would wish to see the units let to local people in housing need. This need has already been identified in the recent survey conducted by the Rural Housing Enabler.*

8.3 Land at Pentre Tump Appeal Hearing: The appeal decision was expected in mid February.

8.4 Planning Application P/2013//0702 Upper Farm, Dolau, consultation on additional information: Members agreed that they had no further comment to make.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: The Clerk reported that she had reminded Paul Bufton, Senior EHO at the County Council that he had agreed to make enquiries on the possible release of irritant gases. She also stated that a further member of the planning enforcement team would be visiting the range the following day (10th). Members discussed that best way forward and agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Community Councillors and Roger Williams MP and Kirsty Williams AM. Cllr. Harris agreed to check to see if the signs relating to red flags were still in place.

9.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Cllr. Haines reported briefly on the visit to Tregoyd hydro electric project which had been very informative. Following discussion it

was reluctantly agreed that it was not possible to proceed any further with the project at the present time due to the amount of time that would be needed to manage the project, the need to have a landowner fully committed and the large amount of funding that would need to be raised.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments:

The following payment was agreed: Upper Bridge Enterprises £150.00 (website)

10.2 Receipts: Precept Final Payment £1467.00

10.3 Precept Setting 2014/15 The budget was set at £5080 for 2014/15 with the precept for the year being £23.35 per band D property.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th February 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm