

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2014 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. **Present:** Cllrs M. Haines (Chairman), N. Dodman, (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, R. Harris, J. Hodge.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. N. Window.
3. **In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 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. Dodman believed that the Crown Court decision was due and the Clerk was asked to check with the County Council to see if details had been received. Cllr. Dodman also reported that the potholes were getting worse and the Clerk was asked to follow up the request for repairs.
 - 6.2 **Cornewall Lewis Memorial:** Cllr. Haines reported that he had attended the structural survey on 5th February. The surveyor contracted was to carry out some auger drilling on site, to research the history of previous works and to contact Garner Southall for information on a previous repair. A written report would be produced in due course. A stone mason had been retained to carry out the repairs.
 - 6.3 **Co-Option:** Unfortunately there had been no progress in finding an applicant for the vacancy. Cllr. Haines reminded Members that he intended to stand down as Chairman and Councillor in May creating a further vacancy.
 - 6.4 **New Radnor Website:** The Clerk confirmed that works had commenced and that Members would be able to comment on the new site before it was finalised.
 - 6.5 **Mutton Dingle Repairs:** It was confirmed that the bridge repair had been completed and the Clerk informed Members that the County Council had agreed to include the site on the quarterly schedule for maintenance/tidying. She agreed to further contact the Council to ask when the first maintenance would take place. Some potholes had been repaired but these were already returning. The Clerk agreed to ask the County Council to re-visit and carry out more repair works.
 - 6.6 **One Powys Plan:** The three priorities submitted were confirmed as Housing, Education and Training and jobs for younger people. The reason given was to safeguard a

future for young people and provide a basis for them to continue living and working in the area.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery Report: Noted.

7.2 Powys County Council Village Hall Grant Scheme: Noted.

7.3 Powys Regeneration Strategy Action Plan Workshops: No one had been able to attend.

7.4 Public Conveniences Update: Members were informed that the closures had been postponed for twelve months.

7.5 Business Start Up Services in Powys: Noted.

7.6 Powys County Council Consultation Additional Learning Needs: The Clerk outlined the main points of the proposal, including the closure of four pre-school assessment centres and eighteen specialist support units. Members considered the implications for the School and resolved not to comment.

7.7 Local Government Audit and Inspection Fee Scales Consultation: The Clerk reported that the fees would be increasing. Noted.

7.8 Kidney Wales Foundation, Walk for Life Information: Noted. The information would be circulated.

8. Planning:

8.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: A formal application had still not been made.

8.2 Land at Pentre Tump Appeal Decision: The appeal had been refused.

8.3 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported on three recent decisions;
Orchard Bungalow, Clawdd Lane: Conditional Permission Granted
Eagle House: Conditional Permission Granted
Penllanerch, Glascwm: Conditional Permission Granted.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: Cllrs. Harris and Haines had visited the site with Mr. Bromage and had discussed their concerns about the lack of red flags despite notices indicating these would be flown. They had also raised the issue of the use of irritant gas and it had been confirmed that the testing was on the cartridges that fire the gas and that small amounts of the gas were used. Cllr. Harris reported that the site had been tidy and that the

buildings all seemed to be of a temporary nature. He stressed that nevertheless appropriate permissions should be obtained when necessary.

The meeting with Kirsty Williams AM had been productive and as a result a meeting had been arranged for 21st February with the various Powys Officers at County Hall. This would enable the Community Council to voice its concerns and to ensure that appropriate monitoring was in place. Cllrs. Haines, Dodman and the Clerk would attend. Natural Resources Wales and the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales were also being invited.

Cllr. Dodman reported that a member of the community had also raised the exemption of the site from paying business rates and it was agreed that he also ask for an explanation of this at the meeting.

9.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Cllr. Haines stated that he had asked that this item be included in order to discuss the possibility of furthering the project via the help of someone in the wider community. It was agreed that in order to proceed the landowner needed to be fully on board and Cllr. Dodman agreed to discuss this with the owner and report back to the Council as soon as possible.

9.3 Damaged Name Sign: The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the damaged sign and asked that it be repaired/replaced as appropriate.

9.4 Dog Fouling: The Clerk confirmed that a supply of free dog bags had now been left at the School and that posters would be produced to make residents aware of this. The School were interested in a representative of Tidy Towns attending and talking to the children about the need to clear up after dogs and the health implications. The Clerk was trying to obtain contact details for this from the County Council.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments: Information Commissioner £35.00
(data protection registration renewal)

10.2 New Radnor Snooker Club: The letter of thanks for the Grant allocation in 2014/15 was noted.

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

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm