

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. M. Haines (Chairman), R. Harris, J. Hodge, N. Window.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs.. E. Blackman, N. Dodman, (Vice-Chairman)
3. **In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk; Cllr. M. Jones; Member of the Public, Ms Cooper.
4. **Declarations of Interest:**
Personal: Cllr. Hodge Hutton Copse (related to leaseholder)

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Cooper to the meeting and also welcomed back Cllr. Window who had been absent from recent meetings due to illness.

5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 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: The Clerk confirmed that the Crown Court hearing was set for 29th April to 2nd May. Two complaints had been received about the condition of the track and these had been acknowledged.

6.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to ask how matters were progressing.

6.3 Co-Option: The Clerk had received an application from Ms Mavis Cooper and it was resolved unanimously that Ms Cooper be co-opted onto the Council. Ms Cooper's first meeting would be 10th April.

6.4 New Radnor Website: The Clerk reported that the site was nearing completion and that a meeting was being arranged with Mr. Malvern of Upper Bridge Enterprises, herself and Mr. Blackman, site administrator, to look at the layout before presenting the new site to the Council at the April meeting.

6.5 Mutton Dingle Repairs: The Clerk agreed to check with Cllr. Blackman to see if the pothole repairs and tidying had been done.

6.6 Dog Fouling Problem: Cllr. Haines reported that the new bin was still not in place. The Clerk agreed to chase this up and also to ask for the additional signs and leaflets. Free dog poo bags were now at the school and notices to this effect had been posted on the notice boards in the village, school and playgroup.

6.7 Village Name Signs: the 'New Radnor' sign had now been repaired but the Clawdd Lane sign was still to be replaced.

7. Correspondence/General:

- 7.1 Independent Remuneration Panel Wales Annual Report:** Noted.
- 7.2 One Voice Wales Letter on membership/50% fee offer:** It was agreed not to join at this time.
- 7.3 Local Govt (Wales) Byelaws Act 2012 Consultation:** No response. Noted.
- 7.4 Information Commissioner Confirmation of Registration:** Noted.
- 7.5 Disposal of Local Authority Playing Fields Consultation:** No response. Noted.

8. Planning:

8.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: Cty Cllr. Jones advised Members that he understood an application was currently being registered.

8.2 Planning Application Decisions: None

8.3 Planning Application P/2014/0066, full, erection of an environmental chamber building (retrospective) at Radnor Range Ltd, New Radnor: Members discussed the application and the following comments were agreed -

The Community Council wishes to object to the application on the grounds of the additional highway traffic generated and the implications for the already poor access from the Range, the effect on access to nearby rights of way and the safety of users of the rights of way, particularly horse riders whose animals would be affected by the noise of explosions etc

The Council was also most concerned that this application was being made retrospectively.

County Councillor Michael Jones advised that he had called the application in so would be the subject of a Planning Committee debate.

The Clerk was also asked to request information on the procedures for speaking at the County Council Planning Committee although Members agreed not to request the right to speak at this stage.

8.4 Planning Application P/2013/1064, full, installation of a single wind turbine (24.8m to hub and 34.5m to blade tip) and associated equipment housing at Penllanerch, Glascwm, Llandrindod Wells. Members noted the further committee date of 20th March for this application (which had been approved at the first committee).

8.5 Planning Application P/2014/0151 Full: Erection of a single wind turbine 20.58m to hub height, 27.13m to blade tip and 13.10m blade diameter (GR 311750, 258650) Bwlchau Bettws, Hundred House, Llandrindod Wells: Cllr. Haines took this application in order to make further enquiries. He agreed to circulate a suggested response in due course.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: Cllr. Haines reported on the meeting at County Hall attended by himself, Cllr. Dodman and the Clerk. Full notes on the meeting had been circulated to all Members. Since that meeting a planning application had been submitted (see Min 8.3) and Kirsty Williams had written to Carl Sergeant at the Welsh Government regarding works on common land. The Clerk had made enquiries on the payment of NNDR (business rates) and a summary of the small business relief scheme was provided for Members. The rateable value of the range was below 50% of the threshold above which the rate relief scheme would cease to fully apply.

Although the Clerk had reminded the HSE of the actions agreed at the County Hall meeting no details had yet been received. She agreed to contact the HSE again and remind them that with the walking season soon to commence the need to ensure adequate safety measures was paramount.

9.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: This item was deferred until April due to the absence of Cllr. Dodman.

9.3 Hutton Copse: Cllr. Hodge declared a personal interest in this item. Cllr. Haines informed Members that the copse, owned by the Woodland Trust had now been sold on a leasehold basis. Works were in progress and it was expected that the first third of the copse would be open to the public.

9.4 Parking, High Street: Cllr. Hodge reported on problems in High Street due to the regular parking of a white van which obstructed visibility and was also causing difficulties to a disabled resident. Cllr. Haines agreed to contact the owners of the vehicle to discuss the problems.

9.5 Open Spaces Society Letter: Members agreed that this letter be deferred to the April meeting and the Clerk was asked to speak to the footpaths officer covering the area in order to inform the discussion in April.

9.6 Email Addresses: Cllr. Window raised the possibility of Members setting up separate email addresses to use for Council business. It was agreed that this was up to each Member should they consider it necessary.

9.7 Blocked Ditches/Drains: The Clerk was asked to report blocked drains at the upper part of Park Road. She was also asked to request a street name sign for the road.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed:

T.A. Price, Clerk	£388.74
HM Revenue and Customs	£97.20
T.A. Price (expenses)	£70.40
M. Haines (travel claim)	£13.50
Viking Direct (stationery)	£81.95

10.2 Risk Assessment Review: The risk assessment for 2013/14 was approved and duly signed by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed that insurance cover was presently

provided for the carrying and storage of cash. She had asked the insurance company for the cost of this and would report back to a later meeting. It was agreed that this cover was not necessary.

10.3 NSPCC and Victim Support Requests for Donation: These requests were refused as present Community Council policy is to support local organisations only.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th April 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm