

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 8th May 2014 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: None

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. Election of Chairman for 2014/15: Cllr. Haines announced his intention to resign as Chairman with immediate effect and from the Community Council from the end of the meeting. There were initially no nominations for Chairman but following a proposal by Cllr. Dodman, seconded by Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Window agreed to take the office for the 2014/15 year and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2014/15: Cllr Hodge proposed Cllr. Dodman continue as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Window. Cllr. Dodman accepted the office of Vice-Chairman.

6. Appointment of Representatives for 2014/15: These were agreed as follows -

New Radnor Community Centre Committee	Cllr. Harris
New Radnor Town Trust	Cllr. Window
New Radnor Charities	Cllr. Blackman and Cllr. Dodman
Radnor Valley School Governor	Cllr. Hodge
Liaison Councillors, Harley Valley	Cllr. Hodge and Cllr. Harris
Cornewall Lewis Memorial Liaison Councillor	Cllr. Window
Village Website	Cllr. Blackman
Playground Committee	Cllr. Cooper
Affordable Housing	Cllr. Dodman and Cllr. Hodge
Micro Hydro Project	Cllr. Dodman and Cllr. Harris

7. Appointment to Areas of Special Interest: These were agreed as follows -

Health	Cllr. Dodman
Highways/Footpaths/Bridleways	Cllr. Dodman
Planning	Cllr. Harris
Community Activities	Cllr. Hodge
Senior Citizens	Cllr. Window

8. Annual Review Of Council Documents:

Council Standing Orders And Financial Regulations: Agreed as circulated.

Formal Complaints Policy: Agreed as circulated.

Freedom Of Information Documents: To be produced and included on the new website.

Serving Of Agenda Via Email: This procedure was confirmed. Printed copies of all documentation to be brought by the Clerk to each meeting.

Risk Assessment (from March 2014) Confirmed as correct.

9. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

10.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reported that he had heard nothing further but that the County Council had agreed to keep him updated.

10.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Nothing new to report. Cllr. Window had noticed that a nearby wall was subsiding.

10.3 New Website: The Clerk reported that the disclaimer wording as agreed was now on the home page of the temporary site and that all was now ready for the site to be live and replace the old site. Details of local traders were to be included on the site as previously. It was agreed that the Clerk confirm to Upper Bridge Enterprises that the new site be made live as soon as practicable.

10.4 Parking High Street: No further action needed. Cllr. Dodman had obtained contact details for the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Clerk had details of the local Police Community Support Officer should these be needed in future.

10.5 Dog Fouling: The new bin was now in place and the Clerk had received the leaflets which the village shop had agreed to place on display to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. It was reported that the additional notices were not in place and the Clerk agreed to chase the County Council for these to be installed.

10.6 Highway Matters: Outstanding matters were the Clawdd Lane sign, the pothole in Clawdd Lane and the maintenance schedule for Mutton Dingle bridge. A new matter to report was a collapsing culvert at Old Walls. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council about these items.

11. Correspondence/General:

11.1 Queen's Baton Relay: The dates for the relay to pass through Powys were noted.

11.2 Welsh Government Letter re Governance in Public Bodies: Noted.

11.3 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

11.4 Home Presteigne: Cllr. Dodman reported on the recent email from Home Presteigne and the forthcoming survey in the Presteigne area.

12. Planning:

12.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: Cllr. Dodman reported that Penybont Community Council had contacted him that day to advise that the planning application was expected to be made shortly.

12.2 Planning Application Decisions: No decisions to report.

12.3 Planning Application P/2014/0066, full, erection of an environmental chamber building (retrospective) at Radnor Range Ltd, New Radnor: The Clerk reported that no Committee date had been agreed as yet.

12.4 P/2014/0345, LBC repair of damaged chimney stack, replacement of asbestos slates at front, replacement of asbestos roof sheeting to rear and installation of three conservation roof lights at 8 Broad Street, New Radnor: Agreed no comment.

13. Village Matters:

13.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Haines had received further information on the flying of the red flags. The reply from the Health and Safety Executive was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk request a meeting with Keith Baxendale of the HSE as soon as possible for clarification and to request information on national benchmark standards for ranges, relevant case law and any other ongoing investigations nationally.

13.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Nothing to report.

13.3 Defibrillator Grant Application: Cllr. Window reported that he was still trying to contact Welsh Hearts to discuss the application.

13.4 Report of Japanese Knotweed: Cllr. Haines reported that the County Council had been notified of some plants in the village and would be dealing with them at the correct time of year.

13.5 Repair of Village Benches: Cllr. Haines confirmed that this was in hand.

13.6 Posting of Notices: Members noted that often organisations did not remove notices when events had passed. It was agreed that when these were noticed Members would contact the organisations and ask for the notices to be removed.

14. Finance:

14.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed:

M. Haines (travel expenses)	£13.50
L. Stephens (internal audit)	£26.25
Friends of Radnor Valley School	£199.95

14.2 Receipts: Precept £1692.73

14.3 Internal Audit Report: The internal audit was complete.

14.4 External Audit and Annual Report: Members approved sections one and two of the external audit form, including completion of the annual governance statement and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed page 1 of the audit form.

14.5 Annual Insurance: Following some discussion Members agreed not to continue to the money cover section of the insurance and agreed the reduced amended annual premium of £318.77.

Zurich Municipal	£318.77
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14.6 Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order. Members noted the repeal of the 'two signature' rule. It was agreed that no change be made to the Council's current financial arrangements.

14.7 Purchase of Community Notice Board: The Clerk reported that the School were obtaining an amended quote for a board which could be attached to the railings.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th June, 2014.

16. Vote of Thanks: Cllr. Dodman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Haines for all his hard work as Chairman and Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm