

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th June, 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.

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

2. Apologies: R. Harris, J. Hodge.

3. Declarations of Interest: None

Cllr. Window completed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary meetings held on 8th May were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the County Council cabinet had recently made a site visit to inspect the byway and that had since considered the situation concerning the production of a permanent traffic regulation order and the without prejudice discussions currently ongoing. Members agreed that the Clerk write to each of the Cabinet Members to confirm the support of the Community Council for a permanent TRO to restrict the use of vehicles in order to protect the surface of the route for continued use by horse riders, cyclists and walkers (given that funds are not presently available to repair the surface sufficiently to allow vehicle use without further deterioration of the surface) and to ask them to note that in general Members also feel that the use of such a remote and tranquil route by such vehicles is not desirable and to be avoided where possible.

5.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Nothing new to report.

5.3 Dog Fouling: The Clerk reported that the County Council felt there were now sufficient notices in School Lane. Members confirmed agreement.

5.4 Highway Matters: The Clerk reported that the County Council were looking into erecting a sign for Park Road. The sign for Clawdd Lane had now been repaired and should be back in place soon. County Councillor Jones reported that a complaint had been received about street lighting on the A44 near New Radnor and that Highways Officer, Tony Caine had offered to meet. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting for 9th July and that Members would look at the lighting beforehand. The pothole in Clawdd Lane had still not been repaired.

5.5 New Website: It was resolved that:

for the present all contact for Community Councillors would go through the Clerk and the website would be updated to show this;

the website would be publicised via local posters, a note in the Parish Magazine and inclusion in the local press;

additional information on New Radnor would be included when possible (although this relied upon local residents providing information and keeping this up to date);

that local private enterprises could be included on the site at no charge but that these must keep the Council informed of any changes/cessation of business etc.

The Clerk was asked to reply to the resident who had raised concerns about the lack of general local information on the site.

It was agreed that Council photographs for the site would be taken at the July meeting.

5.6 Casual Vacancy: The Clerk reported that no formal election had been called and that the Council could now proceed to co-opt. Notices would be posted in the next few days and applications would be invited by 9th July to allow consideration at the July meeting.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 Survey of Remuneration (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales):

Resolved no comment be made.

6.2 Welsh Government Consultation: Access to Information on Community and Town Councils:

The Clerk confirmed that the new website had enabled her to include all the information required for the present.

6.3 One Council, PCC Rough Guide (information): Noted.

6.4 Public Health White Paper Consultation (inc public toilet provision): The

Clerk was asked to respond confirming that the Community Council supported the provision of public toilets becoming a statutory provision for County Councils.

6.5 Powys County Council Ranking Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works:

Noted.

6.6 Computer Use and Storage of Council Materials: The Clerk reminded

Members that she at present had no access to previous electronic Council documents and that no portable hard drive had yet been received from the former Clerk. Cllr. Dodman agreed to ask the former Clerk for the hard drive.

6.7 Dyfed-Powys Police Commissioner Survey: Cllr. Window agreed to complete this on behalf of the Community Council.

6.8 Email re Rural Fuel Poverty: Noted. No action. Members confirmed that the village already had a residents fuel co-operative.

7. Planning:

7.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: Nothing to report.

7.2 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions:

P2013/0184 Cartef, New Radnor: Conditional Consent granted 24th May, 2014
P/2013/0702 Upper Farm, Dolau: Conditional Consent granted 12th June, 2014
P/2014/0151 Bwlchau Bettws: Application Withdrawn.

Still pending were applications P/2014 225 and 345.

7.3 Planning Applications.

P/2014/0397, full, two storey rear extension and change of use of agricultural land to extend domestic curtilage at Shepherd's Cottage, New Radnor: *Resolved that no comment be made.*

P/2014/0331, variation of condition 2 of permission P/2010/0118 to vary the design of the bungalow at building plots at Brookside Farm, Park Road, New Radnor: *Resolved that no comment be made.*

7.4 Planning Application P/2014/0066 Radnor Ranges: Conditional consent had been granted today.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges: The Clerk confirmed that the meeting with the HSE was to take place on 16th June. It was agreed that the Range Manager be invited to meet with the Council and HSE afterwards.

8.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Nothing to report.

8.3 Defibrillator Grant Application: The Clerk agreed to forward Cllr. Window a blank application form.

8.4 Kington Surgery Patient Participation Group Newsletter: Noted.

8.5 Repair of Village Benches: Mr. Smith had agreed to commence work as soon as possible. The bench on the A44 was damaged beyond repair and as this belonged to the County Council the Clerk was asked to request its removal.

8.6 Contact Details for PCSO: Cllr. Window suggested that contact details be included on the website and the Clerk agreed to check to see what details could be made publicly available.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed:

T.A. Price (expenses)	£121.73
T.A. Price (salary 1st quarter)	£388.94
HM Revenue and Customs (tax on above)	£ 97.00
St Mary's PCC	£200.00
St. Michael's PCC	£100.00
New Radnor Baptist Chapel	£100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00

Dragonfire Club	£500.00
New Radnor Snooker Club	£200.00
Viking (stationery)	£ 86.29
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website)	£313.20

9.2 Purchase of Community Notice Board: The Clerk had reminded the School Secretary about this but no reply had yet been received.

9.3 Bank Balance and Financial Update: Members noted the bank balance of £4508.52 as at 29th May and the financial update provided by the Clerk. All expenditure was presently according to budget.

9.4 Completion of New Bank Mandate: Those Members present completed the bank mandate. The Clerk would get Cllrs. Harris and Hodge to complete the form also.

9.5 Receipts: The VAT Refund of £228.79 was noted.

9.6 Grant Request Radnor Carnival: Members considered the request from the organisers of the Radnor Carnival for funding. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council would meet the cost of insurance for the event up to a maximum cost of £80. The Clerk was asked to request an invoice so that the insurer could be paid direct. As no amount had been precepted this would be taken from Council reserves.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th July, 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm