

# NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th July, 2014 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

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

2. **Apologies** N. Dodman (Vice-Chairman).

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 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:** Members had previously received the email report from Cllr. Dodman. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk be asked to write to County Cllr. Harris expressing concern at the way the site visit had been handled and at the decision to invite only representatives of the off road vehicle users of the route and no other interested parties. Concern was also expressed at the decision of the County Council to accept money from this group for repairs.

It was resolved:

*to request that the County Council organise a meeting of all user groups;*  
*to urgently request that a new temporary traffic regulation order be put in place;*  
*to question the validity of the estimate of £6000 given by the off roaders for repairs which was considerably less than the estimated cost of £140,000 obtained from qualified engineers by the County Council.*

5.2 **Cornewall Lewis Memorial:** Members noted the reply from Stephen Gealy at the County Council. Quotes were being obtained for rectified photography, trial excavations and CPAT for an archaeological presence during the works. Concern was expressed by Members that the memorial was leaning and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council expressing concern that this leaning was increasing.

5.3 **Highway Matters:** Members reported that the culvert cleaning Park Road, the repair of the Clawdd Lane sign and large pothole in Clawdd Lane had all been done.

New and outstanding items were: the new sign for Park Road, the removal of the bench on the A44, overgrown footpath near Hollygate, lack of name sign for the Porth area of the village and the very poor condition of the Presteigne to Walton road. The Clerk was asked to report these items to the appropriate persons. She was also asked to find out if the grass area at the top of Rectory Lane opposite the War Memorial was on the County Council cutting schedule.

**5.4 Casual Vacancy:** No applicants had come forward to fill the vacancy. Members were aware of one resident who had expressed an interest and the Clerk was asked to contact him and ask if he was still interested.

**5.5 Renovation of Benches:** The Clerk confirmed that this had largely been completed where possible and that the County Council were arranging to remove the bench on the A44 which was beyond repair. One bench required further repairs which would be completed shortly.

**5.6 Website Content:** The Clerk confirmed that she had replied to the resident who had commented on the new Website.

## **6. Correspondence/General:**

**6.1 Review of Additional Learning Needs Consultation Report:** Noted.

**6.2 Access Mapping Appeal, Land at Whimble Hill:** Members discussed this matter in detail and it was resolved that:

*the Council objects to the appeal because the site contains a route regularly used and removal of the land would result in the loss of a public amenity in a popular walking area.*

**6.3 One Powys Plan:** Noted.

**6.4 Ombudsman's Annual Report:** Noted.

**6.5 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine:** Noted

**6.6 Local Action Group Workshops:** Noted. No one was able to attend either of the events.

**6.7 Powys County Council Maintenance Service Schedule:** Noted.

**6.8 Llewellyn's Monument:** It was decided not to sign the petition.

## **7. Planning:**

**7.1 Planning Application Decisions:** The Clerk reported the following decision: P/2013/1166 & 1181 Hangingheld House, New Radnor - conditional consent given 25/06/14.

**7.2 Draft Local Development Plan, Consultation:** Members examined the plan for New Radnor and noted the date for the public exhibition in Knighton. Cllr. Window was able to attend the exhibition and agreed to provide feedback. Members would submit comments on the plan to the Clerk for submission to the County Council prior to the consultation close date of 8th September.

**7.3 Planning Application: Planning Application P/2014/0582,** full, installation of one yagi antennae at a height of 57m on the existing 60m mast together with ancillary development at **Pen y Fforest Police Radion Mast Black Mixen, nr Bleddfa:** No objections raised to the application.

## 8. Village Matters:

**8.1 Radnor Ranges:** Members considered the new flag policy supplied by the Ranges. It was felt that, as indicated to the Range at the meeting on 16th June, an additional flag or flashing beacon was needed at the top of the site, close to the location of the new sign indicated in the photographs supplied. This was of particular importance given the nature of the terrain which meant that having started the descent it was extremely difficult to turn a horse around.

It was also agreed that the Community Council wished to continue regular quarterly meetings with the Ranges. The Clerk was asked to request an immediate meeting to discuss the proposed flag policy.

**8.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project:** Nothing to report.

**8.3 Defibrillator Grant Application:** The Clerk reported that she had become aware that Welsh Hearts were now asking for contributions towards the units. Cllr. Window confirmed he was about to complete the application.

**8.4 Site Meeting re lighting on A44:** Members reported on the site meeting with County Council Officers. It was agreed that the Community Council had no objection to the proposal to remove the existing street light columns and install lower level footway lights. It was noted that there had been no reported collisions at the junction since 1988. Members also asked that the Clerk request that light NR59 be changed to part night and NR28 be changed as it was an old design. It was agreed that at present Members did not see a need for any additional lights to be turned on. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the present lighting map of New Radnor for Members to review at the September meeting.

## 9. Finance:

**9.1 Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

Radnor Valley CP School (notice board)	£229.00
New Radnor Carnival (insurance) (cheque payable to Caleb Roberts Insurance Services Ltd)	£76.00
Mr. E. Smith (bench renovation/repair)	£135.00

**9.2 Purchase of Community Notice Board:** Costings had been confirmed and a cheque in payment was included under 9.1 above.

**9.3 Letters of Thanks:** Members noted the letters of thanks from St Mary's PCC, Wales Air Ambulance, Dragonfire Club and New Radnor Snooker Club.

**9.4 External Audit Report:** Members were informed of the external audit report which raised no issues with the accounts for 2013/14. Members approved the 2013/14 final return and authorised the signing of section 3 of that document.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 11th September, 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm