

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th October, 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, R. Harris, J. Hodge.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk; County Councillor Michael Jones; Mr. P. Docherty, Chairman, Penybont Community Council.

2. Apologies: . Cllr. K. Williams.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

It was agreed that the declaration of acceptance of office for Cllr. Williams be deferred to the November meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Members heard from Mr. Docherty, Chairman of Penybont Community Council. He sought the Council's views on the holding of a public meeting to discuss the proposed deregulation of part of the Llandegley Rhos common and on attendance at the Hendy Wind Farm Community Liaison Forum. Councillors confirmed their support for a further public meeting and also agreed that two New Radnor Councillors would attend the Forum. The provisional date for the public meeting was 23rd October.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2014 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: There was nothing new to report from the County Council. Without prejudice discussions were still taking place between the County Council and the off road groups. Members had all received a copy of an email from a local resident putting forward suggestions for a way forward. Members noted these and asked the Clerk to reply thanking the resident and also providing the contact details for the County Council so that the resident could contact it with their comments.

5.2 Highway Items: The following updates were provided -
Road Name Signs Porth and Park Road: Building Regulations had confirmed that signs had been placed on the list but that funding was short and it could be some time before signs could be purchased. It was felt that the lack of name signs was a safety risk as it could create difficulties for the emergency services. It was possible that the developer of the Porth properties would place a sign and the Clerk was asked to contact the developer to ask if this would be possible;

Tarmacing of School Lane: The County Council had confirmed that this road was an adopted highway and that it was previously metalled. It had been on the County's list of

proposed capital works for some years. As other works were being carried out in the vicinity it had been cost effective to do this work at the same time.

Overgrown Bridleway: As requested at the September meeting the Clerk had asked the County Council to contact the land owner and ask that the hedge be trimmed back. The land owner had received a formal letter from the County Council and had spoken to both Cllr. Harris and Cllr. Dodman about this. It was agreed that a more informal approach was appropriate.

Street Lights, A44 Junction: The Clerk reported that the County Council Officers involved would be meeting to discuss the issue further prior to any action being taken.

Newgate Lane: County Councillor Jones confirmed that this road was not adopted.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 Mobile Phone Reception: Vodafone Sure Signal: Noted. It was not considered practical to pursue an application due to the short time scale, the need to identify five community properties for consideration and the requirement to evidence the support of the community prior to submitting the application.

6.2 Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales: This consultation was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to the Welsh Government asking that consideration be given to the inclusion of the New Radnor area under the review.

6.3 Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales Draft Report: Noted. No comment.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following:

Hendregenny Turbine, Whitton	No decision as yet
Shepherd's Cottage, New Radnor	No decision as yet
Upper Farm, Dolau:	At Committee 9th October.
Land off A44 Llandegley (Hendy Wind Farm)	No decision as yet.
12 Church Street, New Radnor	Conditional Consent 24th September.

7.2 Planning Applications:
P/2014/0892, erection of turbine with blade tip height of 45.07m and hub height of 30.52m together with associated infrastructure and creation of new access track at Bethugree farm, Llandewi. (consulted as neighbouring Community Council).

It was resolved unanimously that the Community Council object to the application on the following grounds:

due to its location the turbine will be very visible on the skyline and will be seen from a considerable distance and;

the increasing number of applications for wind turbines is leading to a detrimental cumulative effect in the area and it was felt that this aspect must be fully considered when determining this individual application and indeed each and every individual application made for such turbines in the area

P/2014/0874, full, change of use of vacant room in town hall to shop (A1),
Old Town Hall, Broad Street, New Radnor.

It was resolved unanimously that the Community Council support the application because it will enable the provision of an important local amenity.

7.3 Hendy Wind Farm Application Update:

Community Liaison Forum: It was agreed that Cllrs. Window and Dodman would attend the Liaison Forum organised by the developer.

Commons De-registration: The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspectorate Wales objecting to the application to de-register a section of the common and to the proposed works.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Hodges and Harris reported on the quarterly meeting with the Ranges. Mr. Bromage had agreed to further consider the installation of a flashing light as previously suggested by the Community Council.

Members noted the photographs submitted by Cllr. Dodman which illustrated the poor visibility during bad weather conditions.

8.2 Defibrillator: Deferred due to the absence of Cllr. Williams.

8.3 Radnor Valley Little Dragons: Members had all received a copy of the email explaining the change of name and amended charity registration.

8.4 Refuse Collection Newgate Lane, Resident Query: As County Councillor Jones had already confirmed that the Lane was not adopted this explained why refuse collections were not made along the land. The Clerk was asked to reply to the resident explaining the situation.

8.5 Castle Mound Trust: Cllr. Window agreed to become the Council representative on the Trust.

8.6 Signs, A44 Junction: Cllr. Window reported that this query had been raised by Cllr. Williams. It was agreed that there were sufficient signs and that no further sign be requested.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed:

T. Price (Expenses)	£31.20
Viking Direct (paper/ink)	£50.93

9.2 Receipts: The following receipt was noted.
Wales Audit Office (distribution of reserves) **£30**

9.3 Radnor Valley School: The email and Card of thanks were noted. The Clerk reported that the new notice board had arrived and would be put in place shortly.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th November, 2014.

11. Diary Dates:	Kington Great War Commemoration Group Launch	17th October
	Radnor Valley School Harvest Festival	24th October

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm