

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

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

2. Apologies: .Cllr. K. Williams.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr. K. Williams: It was agreed that the declaration of acceptance of office for Cllr. Williams be deferred to the December meeting.

4. Resignation of Cllr. Window: Members accepted the resignation of Cllr. Window from the Council. The Clerk would post the notice of vacancy.

5. Election of Chairman: Cllr. Dodman agreed to act as temporary Chairman for the November and December meetings. The permanent appointment of Council Chairman would be discussed again in January.

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October, 2014 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

7.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reported that a further meeting had been held between the County Council and the landowners. He had attended this meeting on behalf of the Community Council. The County Council had stated that all legal proceedings had now been stopped and that an agreement was in the process of being signed. The County Council was also considering the formation of a byway users group and the landowners had stressed the need for local representation to be included when discussing specific byways. Councillors agreed that this was necessary and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council supporting this view.

7.2 Highway Items: Cllr. Hodge asked that the Clerk enquire about the possibility of a directional sign for the school just off the entrance to the village off the A44. Members agreed that a request be passed to the County Council.

7.3 Review of Designated Landscapes for Wales: Members noted that the review was only looking at existing areas.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Mid and West Fire Service Consultation: Members agreed that the Clerk complete the survey indicating support of the objectives listed.

8.2 Email re Water Break its Neck Byway and Code of Conduct: Members had all received a copy of the email. The Clerk was instructed to reply indicating that the County Council was in the process of completing an agreement and that court proceedings had now stopped. Cllr. Dodman explained his position regarding the code of conduct. He agreed to speak to the resident.

9. Planning:

9.1 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:	No decision yet online.
Land off A44 Llandegley (Hendy Wind Farm)	No decision as yet.
Bethugree Farm (turbine)	No decision as yet.
Old Town Hall, New Radnor	Conditional Consent 4th November.

9.2 Planning Applications:

P2014 1120 The Red Lion Llanfihangel Nant Melan: Full, conversion of 3 no. letting rooms into 1 no. dwelling and associated works: *Resolved that no comment be made in respect of this application.*

9.3 Hendy Wind Farm Application Update: Cllrs. Window and Dodman had attended the community liaison forum meeting and Cllr. Dodman gave a short report on that meeting. He expressed concern that the developer appeared to be inviting community groups to apply for grant monies prior to the granting of planning permission, albeit that this was from a fund provided by the company not the community benefit monies that would be put in place if the application was granted. The Clerk was asked to inform the County Council that this was happening.

Regarding the Commons applications to Welsh Government members heard that these were being opposed by the Open Spaces Society and Natural Resources Wales.

Members agreed unanimously that no representative would be sent to the November meeting of the Community Liaison Forum.

10. Village Matters:

10.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report.

10.2 Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that Cllr. Williams had identified a possible avenue for part funding but that on checking she found that local Councils were not eligible to apply.

10.3 Refuse Collection Issues (emails from resident): The Clerk reported that Mr. Bryan Davies from the County Council intended to meet with the resident to discuss the issues. Unfortunately as Mr. Davies was currently on holiday she had been unable to get an update. The matter was deferred to the December meeting.

10.4 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that there had been recent activity at the Memorial and that she had contacted the County Council for more information.

10.5 Other Village Matters:

Potholes: Cllr. Cooper reported potholes outside Westfield Barn and Mulberry Cottage.

Street Lighting near to School: Cllr. Harris requested that light NR38 be put on as part night, NR37 be changed to LED and MR35 be turned off. Members agreed that the Clerk send this request to the County Council.

11. Finance:

11.1 Donation Requests:

Request for Donation Powys C.A.B: Full accounts to be requested for consideration in 2015/16 precept.

Request for Donation East Radnorshire Day Centre: To be considered further when setting the 2015/16 precept.

Request for Donation Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod: It was agreed not to donate at this time.

Request for Donation Urdd Eisteddfod: It was agreed not to donate at this time.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th December, 2014.

The Clerk was asked to pass on the thanks of all Councillors to Nigel Window for his work on the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm