

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th December, 2014 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. N. Dodman (Acting Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, R. Harris, J. Hodge, K. Williams.

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

2. Apologies: .None

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only:

Cllr. Dodman re Water Break its Neck Byway (part of route forms the access to his property)

Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr. K. Williams: Cllr. Williams completed his declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November, 2014 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Acting Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reminded Members of the details of the recent agreement which had now been confirmed. He pointed out that the press release on the creation of the new Powys Byway Users Group did not mention any representation for cyclists. He also reminded Members that there was no mention of local representation when specific byways were discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask that cyclists be represented and that provision be made for local representation in the form of the local Community Council and/or local landowners.

Cllr. Dodman reported that 4x4 vehicles were still using the route although it should now be closed. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to request that gates at both ends of the route be locked.

5.2 Casual Vacancy Update: The Clerk reported that no formal election had been called and that the vacancy could now be filled by co-option. Notices had been posted on the website and village notice boards. Applications were invited by 7th January initially.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 Deposit of Council Minutes to Powys Archives: Members noted that the older Council Minutes had been formally lodged at Powys County Archives.

6.2 Powys County Council Community Delivery Letter: Noted. The majority of the services listed were not applicable in New Radnor.

6.3 Email from Knighton Town Council re 6.2: Members noted the concern of Knighton Town Council and Cllr. Dodman agreed to attend any meeting held to obtain more information from the County Council.

6.4 Police Commissioner Survey: The Clerk advised that details could be circulated so that members of the public could complete it if they wished.

6.5 Letter re. New Radnor Play Area: The Clerk advised Members that the County Council had written asking if the Community Council would take over the play area. Members advised that the play area was already under the control of the New Radnor Playground Committee. The Clerk agreed to check with the County Council and Cllr. Cooper would check with the Playground Committee.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following:

Upper Farm, Dolau:	No decision yet online.
Hendregenny Turbine, Whitton	No decision as yet
Shepherd's Cottage, New Radnor	No decision as yet
Land off A44 Llandegley (Hendy Wind Farm)	No decision as yet.
Bethugree Farm (turbine)	No decision as yet.
Red Lion Inn	No decision as yet.

7.2 Planning Applications: None received this month.

7.3 Hendy Wind Farm Application Update: Nothing to report. No Committee date had yet been set.

8 Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllrs. Dodman and Blackman reported on the extremely loud explosions heard in the village and surrounding areas on 10th December. A list of twenty-one names said to be concerned had been received by Cllr. Blackman and telephone calls had been received by some Members.

The Clerk stated that the quarterly meeting would soon be due and it was agreed that the incident would be raised at the meeting together with a request that concerned residents could be added to the circulation list for notification of range activity. The Community Council would publicise the possibility of advance notifications if the Range agreed to this. A progress report on the additional warning lamp was also to be requested. The next meeting with the Ranges would be suggested for early January.

The Clerk was asked to write to inform Environmental Health and HSE of the incident for information only.

8.2 Defibrillator: Cllr. Williams reported that sufficient funds should be available in the First Responders account to provide the 50% required by the British Heart Foundation for a grant application for a unit. Some running costs could also be met and Cllr. Williams agreed to report to the January meeting if a Community Council contribution towards running costs would be needed.

8.3 Refuse Collection Issues Newgate Lane: The Clerk reported that she had not yet received an update from Bryan Davies at the County Council.

8.4 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk reported that a photographic survey had recently been carried out and that further work to identify the sites for the test holes was underway.

8.5 New Radnor School Signage: The reply from the County Council was noted.

8.6 Kington Medical Practice Participation Group: Noted.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

T.A. Price (Salary Oct/Nov/Dec)	£388.74
HMRC (tax/NI on above)	£97.20
Viking (office supplies)	£51.52

9.2 Preliminary consideration of precept 2015-16: Members considered the draft precept and agreed to give it further consideration prior to the January meeting.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press were excluded at this point of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the following item.

9.3 Clerk's Salary/National Salary Award: A full report had been circulated and it was resolved that -

the work appraisal for the Clerk be agreed and the Clerk asked to note that Members were completely satisfied with her performance over 2014;

the annual pay increment be approved from 1st April 2014 and the appropriate arrears of pay be paid;

the Clerk's hourly rate be increased in line with the 2014-16 National Pay Award with effect from 1st January 2015 and the lump sum in this award be paid with the next salary payment.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th January, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm