

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2013 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

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

2. Apologies: None

3. Absent: Cllr. N. Window

4. Public Discussion Session: No members of the public were present and so no matters were raised.

5. Declarations of Interest: None

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

7.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: The matter was ongoing and there was nothing further to report at present.

7.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Cllr. Haines reported that a meeting had recently been held on site to consider the replacement of the pieces. The Clerk was asked to remind the County Council that officer Stephen Gealy had agreed to see to the pruning/thinning of the cherry tree. She was also asked to request the removal of the suckers around the base.

7.3 Micro Hydro Project Mutton Dingle: Cllr. Harris had nothing further to report and it was agreed that the item be removed from the Agenda until November.

7.4 Co-Option: The Clerk confirmed that articles had appeared in the press and also on the New Radnor and MyRadnor websites but that no one had come forward. Members were asked to consider if they knew anyone who might be interested. In the meantime the Clerk advised that the item should be kept on the Agenda and attempts to fill the vacancy should continue.

7.5 Grant Requests from Local Groups: The Clerk confirmed that the Snooker Club and the School had both been formally notified of the Council's decisions at the June meeting.

In addition the Council's intention to consider the offer to renovate the village benches for inclusion in the precept for 2014/15 had been notified to the resident concerned.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1. Powys County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation, report by Cllr. Window: As Cllr. Window was not present there was no discussion on this item.

8.2 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Consultation Document, Report by Cllr. Dodman: Cllr. Dodman agreed to circulate a summary of this document via email.

8.3 Commission on Devolution in Wales Events: Noted. No one had been able to attend.

8.4 Consultation on Public Service Governance and Delivery: Cllr. Haines agreed to take this and complete it on behalf of the Community Council.

8.5 ICO Confirmation of change in Registration Details: Noted.

8.6 Ombudsman Annual Report 2012/13: Noted. The booklet will be circulated around Members.

8.7 Letter from Rural Housing Enabler re contact details and Affordable Housing Update: Members noted the confirmation that Henk Kuipers will remain the contact for the New Radnor area. Cllr. Haines briefly appraised Members on the Presteigne Housing Project and the Clerk confirmed that the Project had agreed to keep her informed of progress. There was a short discussion on the situation regarding affordable housing for New Radnor and the Clerk agreed to speak with the Mid Wales Housing Association to see if they were able to offer any suggestions on a way forward.

8.8 John Beddoes School: The Clerk reported that an acknowledgement of the Community Council's letter had been received and the decision of the Welsh Government was expected at the end of the year.

8.9 Website Grant Funding: The Clerk apologised for the short notice but had that day received information that the Welsh Government, through the County Council, was offering £500 to each. Town/Community Council to create a new website or update an existing one. She advised that this was in connection with the requirements of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill and that the County Council required a reply by the end of July. Cllr. Haines agreed to discuss this with Mr. D. Blackman, the website administrator and to let the Clerk know whether to apply for the grant.

9. Planning: No applications received this month.

10. Village Matters:

10.1 Harley Ranges: Replies had been received to several of the letters sent out after the June meeting and these had been circulated to Members. Cllr. Dodman had that day spoken to CPRW on the telephone to provide further information and that organisation had asked to be kept updated.

The Clerk was asked to

- reply to the Commons Officer at the County Council asking why they did not appear to be taking any action in respect of the letter sent;
- to chase the Health and Safety Executive for a reply to the Council's letter;
- to enquire whether the Planning Enforcement Officer had completed his investigations;
- to chase up Natural Resources Wales for a reply to the letter sent in June.

In addition Cllr. Dodman reported that there had recently been a number of occasions when red flags had not been displayed in accordance with requirements. He agreed to supply the Clerk with details to forward to the HSE.

11. Finance:

11.1 New Bank Mandate: This was completed by all the Members present.

11.2 Letters of thanks from the Dragonfire Club and the Welsh Air Ambulance:
Noted.

11.3 Internet banking (viewing of accounts only): This was now operational.

11.4 External Audit: Members were informed of the external audit report which raised no issues with the accounts for 2012/13. Members approved the 2012/13 final return and authorised the signing of section 3 of that document.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th September 2013.

Cllr. Blackman tendered her apologies for the September Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm