

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th October 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, J. Hodge,.

2. **Apologies:** Cllr. N. Window

3. **In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk; Two members of the public.

4. **Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. N. Dodman Personal Interest: LM 1268 Byway Water-Break-Its-Neck to Dolau
(lives adjacent to first portion of the route)

5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

6.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reported that the High Court Decision was expected in the next two weeks and explained the implications of the case nationally for such routes.

He also reported that the first part of the byway was now impassable and the Clerk was asked to report this to Powys County Council and ask for action to be taken.

6.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The Clerk informed Members of the recent response from Mr Gealy at the County Council. Members were disappointed that no action was imminent and the Clerk was asked to keep them updated on any progress.

6.3 Co-Option: Cllr. Harris reported that the two possible candidates suggested at the September meeting had both declined the opportunity of joining the Council. The Clerk was asked to contact the local Young Farmers Club to see if any of their older members would be interested. Members would also keep looking for anyone who might be interested.

6.4 New Radnor Website: Cllr. Haines reminded Members that Roger Malvern from Upper Bridge Enterprises would be attending the November meeting to discuss the possibilities for improvements to the website using the grant obtained. The Clerk reported that she had had the opportunity to meet Mr. Malvern and that she had some information on the options to circulate to Members prior to the next meeting.

6.5 LED Street Lights: Members heard that the project was ongoing. The County Council were currently reviewing the lighting arrangements in the Old Radnor County Council Ward and Members agreed to look at the lights in New Radnor and to submit suggestions to the Clerk. Any suggestions would be circulated to all for approval prior to

submission to the County Council. Comments to be with the Clerk by the end of 17th October.

6.6 Toilet Grant Scheme: The Clerk confirmed that details had been forwarded to the caravan park but that they had replied indicating that they were not interested in looking into the scheme.

6.7 Public Right of Way ND1323(A): Cllr. Haines had attended this enquiry and had also contacted Sian Barnes at the County Council afterwards for more information. No decision was expected until November.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 Letter from Presteigne Fire Station (as prev. circulated): Noted. No action needed.

7.2 Mid & West Wales Fire Service Consultation (as prev. circulated): Noted. No further action.

7.3 Email from Llandrindod Town Council re Closure of Public Toilets: Members noted the email and the Clerk read the questions posed. The Clerk reported that she had been asked to inform Members that the email did not come from the Mayor of Presteigne and Norton as was indicated at the foot of the email. Members agreed that the Clerk reply indicating that New Radnor Community Council was concerned that the closure of such facilities in the County would have a detrimental effect on the area, particularly on tourism and stating that it had already replied to Rhayader Town Council indicating the Council's support in opposing the closures. No response was to be made to the other four questions.

7.4 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Report 2014/15: Noted.

7.5 PAVO Community Engagement report: Noted.

7.6 Community Nectar Scheme: The school and playgroup had been informed of the scheme and the Clerk had obtained an application form for Cllr. Dodman to pass on to any group that might be interested.

8. Planning:

8.1 Reeves Hill Wind Farm Information from SHCG (as prev. circulated): Noted.

8.2 Prospective Planning Application Wind Turbine(s), Hendy: No formal application had been submitted as yet.

8.3 Planning Application P2013 0691, Orchard Bungalow, Clawdd Lane, New Radnor: It was noted that the Clerk had responded indicating that the Council had no comment to make.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: The Clerk outlined the most recent responses. Members were concerned that the HSE Officer did not plan to visit until the end of October, particularly given the concern for public safety and asked the Clerk to reply stressing their concerns and asking for a visit to be made much sooner. The Clerk was also asked to chase up all the various agencies for information/replies.

Cllr. Haines reported that he had contact with the new Site Manager at the Range and that he hoped to meet him in person in the near future.

9.2 Hearing Aid Induction Loops in Village Halls: Cllr. Haines was pleased to report that these had now all been installed and that it was hoped that as the halls were registered charities there would be no VAT payable.

9.3 . Powys County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation: This item was deferred due to the absence of Cllr. Window.

9.4 Defibrillator: This item was deferred due to the absence of Cllr. Window.

9.5 Overgrown path, Caravan Site: Members reported that the path was now improved, due in part to the natural die back of plant growth. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to say that the path no longer needed attention.

9.6 Affordable Housing: Cllr. Haines reported on the recent update from Henk Kuipers. Members were pleased to learn that some progress was being made but asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Kuipers to remind him of the local need identified by Susie Abson and reminding him that should any housing be provided the Community Council would wish those local people to be given priority.

9.7 Bridge, Mutton Dingle: Cllr. Blackman reported that this had been damaged and was now cracked. The Clerk was asked to report this to Powys County Council.

9.8 Playgroup: Cllr. Haines reported that he had been approached by the local playgroup about the possibility of receiving a grant from the Council. A formal request had been submitted and this information would be circulated to all Members. The Clerk was asked to include the Playgroup on the list for possible inclusion in the 2014/15 precept.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments: . Viking (ink/paper) £44.89

10.2 Shelter Cymru, request for donation: It was agreed not to donate at the present time.

10.3 Letter of Thanks (Council Grant): The letter of thanks from St. Michael's Church was noted. Cllr. Haines reported that he had received verbal thanks from the Baptist Church.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th November 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm