

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 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; Mr. D. Blackman (New Radnor Website Administrator), Mr. R. Malvern (Upper Bridge Enterprises), Cllr. M. Jones

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Members heard a presentation from Mr. Roger Malvern of Upper Bridge Enterprises on the options for the improvement of the present website using the grant obtained from the Welsh Government. Mr. Malvern answered Member's questions and agreed to submit full written details of the options and costs.

4. Declarations of Interest: None

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 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 on the recent High Court judgement in which the Judge had ordered the removal of the permanent TRO. Powys County Council had now put a temporary TRO in place which would last until May. The judgement of the Crown Court was expected in December and Cllr. Dodman agreed to update the Council again at the December meeting.

Cllr. Dodman was also able to confirm that the repairs to the track surface had been carried out promptly although the quality of the work was not good.

6.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: The last contact from the County Council had stated that Mr. Gealy was looking for funding for the structural survey and that the repair works would need to be carried out in better weather. The Clerk reported that she had tried to contact Mr. Gealy that day for a further update but had had no response.

6.3 Co-Option: The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Chairman of New Radnor Young Farmers who had agreed to ask at the next YFC Committee meeting. The Clerk had invited any young farmer interested to attend the November Council meeting or to contact her for further information but no one had done so.

6.4 New Radnor Website: Following a brief discussion Members agreed that the preferred option was option 2, for a new website but agreed to defer the decision in order

to obtain the views of Mr. Blackman as web administrator and to get formal confirmation of the costs from Mr. Malvern.

6.5 Street Lighting: The Clerk confirmed that the comments submitted to the County Council were - *New Radnor Community Council would not wish to see additional lights put on but there are two lights that it would wish to see changed to part night, NR07 and NR55.*

6.6 Public Right of Way ND1323(A) (Crossways to Fourstones): Cllr. Haines had not yet received notice of the decision.

6.7 Affordable Housing: The Clerk confirmed that she had, as requested, reminded the Rural Housing Enabler, Henk Kuipers, that the Community Council would wish to see any affordable housing provided to be for the local need that had been revealed by the work of Susie Abson the previous Rural Housing Enabler. Mr. Kuipers had replied that this would require either a Section 106 agreement as part of the planning permission or the agreement of the landlord/landowner.

6.8 Mutton Dingle Bridge Repair: The Clerk had reported the damage to the County Council and the work was scheduled for repair in the next few weeks. The Clerk had also reported the potholes in the area. She was asked to thank the County Council for scheduling the works and to ask the Officer to repair all the potholes along the complete length of road.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 One Voice Wales Letter re. mobile telephone coverage/BT Vulnerable Customer Scheme: Points noted were the BT vulnerable customer scheme which allowed elderly or infirm customers to register for priority action in the event of telephone faults and the Government's mobile infrastructure project to improve mobile phone signal in Wales. The Clerk was asked to report the patchy mobile phone signal in the New Radnor area so that it could be for considered for the plan.

7.2 Powys County Council Review of Polling Districts/Places: Members had no comment to make on this review.

7.3 Regional Technical Statement Consultation (Aggregates): Members noted that there was no planned increase in the allocation in Powys and had no comments to make.

7.4 War Memorials Trust 'Call to Remember' Letter: The Clerk agreed to circulate the letter and leaflet via email and agenda a further item for December.

7.5 Mayor of Llandrindod Wells Email: The email had been circulated amongst Members and was noted.

8. Planning:

8.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: Cllrs. Haines and Dodman had attended the briefing at Penybont Community Centre on 13th November and gave Members a summary of the information provided. The application was presently intended

to be for seven turbines with a height of 70m to the hub and 110m to the blade tip. A number of issues had been raised including the impact on common land, the effect on a Roman road, the fact the site was one of the original red kite sites and the route of the power cables. Penybont, Glascwm and New Radnor Community Councils had been represented at the meeting. Members heard that wireframe diagrams were to be made available to the community on request. A website was now available with more details on the application at www.hendywindfarm.co.uk.

It had been agreed at the briefing that the Community Councils affected should meet together to discuss the application and Penybont Community Council was co-ordinating this.

8.2 Planning Application P/2013/1064, full, installation of a single wind turbine (24.8m to hub and 34.5m to blade tip) and associated equipment housing at Penllanerch, Glascwm, Ll, andrindod Wells: Members were asked to forward any comments to the Clerk for collation and submission to the County Council.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: Cllr. Haines summarised the most recent responses from the various bodies. Members expressed concern that the HSE was saying that red flags need not be flown when firing was taking place, particularly as the signs saying flags would be flown were still in place. Cllr. Haines had met with the new site manager who had agreed to let him have details of the procedures in place. It was agreed that Cllr. Haines should remind the site manager of this. Should no reply be received the Clerk was asked to respond to the HSE querying it's response given that the signs concerning flags were still up, to ask for details of the regulations mentioned, to ask who was therefore responsible for maintaining public safety and to ask who would be responsible in the event of an accident. In the event of no reply from the Site Manager the Clerk was also asked to write to the Chief Executive of Powys County Council asking why more action was not being taken to protect the common and insist on the necessary planning applications being made.

9.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Cllr. Haines reported on the present situation and it was agreed that he should contact Green Valleys to ask for further advice.

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: Due to the absence of Cllr. Window there was no report on this item. The Clerk was able to confirm that the County Council had no objection to the siting of the unit on the wall of the Town Hall.

10. Finance:

10.1 Donation Requests: Members agreed not to donate towards the Powys Citizens Advice Bureau or the 2014 Urdd Eisteddfod.

10.2 New Radnor Snooker Club Balance Sheet: Noted.

10.3 Friends of New Radnor School: The request for funding was noted and would be included for consideration in the 2014/15 precept.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th December 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm