

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 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

Members agreed Cllr. Window's request for approval of absence from meetings for a further three months due to ill health. The absence would be reviewed at the April 2014 meeting.

3. **In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk; County Cllr. M. Jones

4. **Declarations of Interest:** None

5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 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 provided members with an update on the Crown Court decision and on the appeal which was expected to be heard at the end of April. At present a temporary closure order was in force and would last until 14th May 2014.

6.2 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: There had been no progress on this matter and the Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Stuart Mackintosh at the County Council to press for the survey to be undertaken before the Spring.

6.3 Co-Option: Cllr. Dodman reported that he was aware of someone who might be interested in putting their name forward for co-option. He agreed to pass on an information pack so that this person could consider whether to formally apply.

6.4 New Radnor Website: It was agreed unanimously that the second option presented by Upper Bridge Enterprises, that of providing a new website using the Microsoft Sharepoint platform, was to be accepted at the costs detailed.

6.5 Public Right of Way ND1323(A) (Crossways to Fourstones): The decision of the Planning Inspectorate to change the designation of the route to a Byway Open to All Traffic was noted. Cllr. Haines was in possession of the full report of the inspector and this would be circulated to all for information.

6.6 Mutton Dingle Bridge Repair: No repairs had yet been carried out to either the bridge or the potholes.

6.7 Mobile Infrastructure Project: The Clerk had investigated the possibility of new Radnor benefiting from the project but this was not possible as there were no 'not spots' in the area.

7. Correspondence/General:

7.1 War Memorials Trust 'Call to Remember' Letter: Cllr. Hodge agreed to check the local Memorial and report back to the January meeting.

7.2 Accounts and Audits Regulations Consultation (Welsh Government): The Clerk agreed to complete this on behalf of the Council.

7.3 PAVO Report: The PAVO Annual Conference report was noted.

8. Planning:

8.1 Prospective Planning Application, Hendy: The meeting between New Radnor, Penybont and Glascwm Community Councils had been attended by Cllrs. Hodge, Blackman and Dodman. It had been agreed that the setting up of a community trust to administer any funding from the turbines was inappropriate at present. Also agreed was the need to provide any opposition group(s) the opportunity to speak before the Community Councils as this opportunity had been provided to the developers of the site. The planning application was expected by the end of 2013 and a further meeting would be arranged after this had been received. Cllr. Dodman reminded Members that the application would be for a site outside the Welsh Government's designated TAN8 areas.

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, Llandrindod Wells. The Council's comments were noted as *'The Community Council is concerned at the size of the turbine and the impact one this high would have on the landscape. It is also concerned that there may be noise nuisance given the unforeseen consequences (noise wise) of smaller turbines in the area. In addition the proposed site is very close to a public right of way. This has implications for public safety and the Community Council is concerned that the right of way should be retained and should not be affected by the development.'*

Members also noted that there was some considerable concern from the Glascwm and Cregina communities at the application.

8.3 Land at Pentre Tump Appeal Hearing: Members noted the date of the hearing and Cllr. Dodman agreed to attend and present the Council's comments as per the letter to Powys County Council of 14th August, 2012.

8.4 Planning Application P/2013/1166, for householder, construction of two storey extension and associated works at **Hangingheld House, New Radnor.**

Members agreed that they had no objections to this application.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Harley Ranges: The most recent replies from the Range Manager and the HSE were noted. It was agreed that Cllr. Dodman would supply a copy of the previous safety procedures used at the Range to the Clerk for forwarding to the HSE for comment. Members were increasingly concerned at the non flying of the red flags particularly given that the signs still indicated that flags would be flown and that locally there was still an expectation that such flags would be flown to warn of imminent activity. It was also noted that more construction traffic had been seen entering the Range. No further action had been taken by either the Planning or Commons Registration Officers. The Clerk agreed to chase the County Council's Chief Executive for a reply to her November emails and to also draft a statement for the local press which would be circulated to all before publication.

9.2 Mutton Dingle Hydro Electric Project: Cllr. Haines was pleased to report that a visit to a similar project had been arranged for 16th December. Cllrs. Dodman, Blackman, Harris and Haines would attend. Cllr. Haines was also in the process of obtaining sample contracts for such projects.

9.3 . Powys County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation: This item was deferred until April 2014 due to the absence of Cllr. Window.

9.4 Defibrillator: Again deferred until April 2014.

9.5 New Radnor Surgery Fund Closure Report: Cllr. Haines reported briefly on the closure of the fund. The Fund papers would be archived within the New Radnor Community Council papers at the old Town Hall.

9.6 Patient Participation Group: Cllr. Haines informed Members that the bus service to the new Kington Surgery was to be improved.

9.7 Dog Fouling, School Lane: A letter had been received from a local resident concerned at the amount of dog mess that was not being picked up in the area near to the Primary School. Cllr. Haines agreed to enquire locally to see if anyone was aware of dogs running loose in the area or of any obvious offenders. He would also reply to the resident to confirm what action was being taken.

9.8 Planter, Mutton Dingle Bridge: The possibility of siting a barrel planter which could be looked after by the Gardening Club was discussed. Cllr. Haines agreed that he would explore this further with the Gardening Club Committee.

10. Finance:

10.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed:

T.A. Price (Salary Oct/Nov/Dec)	£388.74
HMRC (tax/NI on above)	£97.20
T.A. Price (expenses)	£24.60

10.2 Preliminary Consideration of Precept:

Members considered the draft precept prepared by the Clerk. Specific discussions took place on the donations and it was agreed to provisionally include amounts for the Friends

of New Radnor School, New Radnor Snooker Club, an additional noticeboard for the School and the repair of village benches. The final precept would be agreed at the January meeting.

10.3 Christmas Event (Playgroup/Dragonfire Club): It was decided that the Council was unable to provide funding on this occasion.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th January 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm