

## NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th March, 2016 At 5.00 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

The formal meeting was preceded by an informal meeting with Mr. Michael Smith of Natural Resources Wales.

**1. Present:** Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), M. Cooper, E. Blackman, N. Dodman, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), J. Hodge.

**In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr. K. Williams.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

*Personal Only:*

*Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to his property.*

*Cllr. S. Bennett re LM1268 byway, member of trail riders fellowship. NB dispensation for members of clubs and charities issued in February 2013 applies.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None*

**4. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February, 2016 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Bennett.

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

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman reported that works were taking place along the section that had not been surveyed and cleared for munitions. He proposed that the County Council be reminded of the need for the length to be fully surveyed before work continued. Cllr. Bennett opposed this view and a vote was taken. Five votes supported the proposal with one against. Resolved that the Clerk contact the County Council to remind it of the need to survey that particular section of land.

5.2 Bursary Application for Clerk's Training: The Clerk reported that the course had been delayed until July and that a further bursary application would need to be made in due course.

5.3 4x4 Incident Update: The response from the police had been circulated to all Members on email. Further updates would be provided as matters progressed.

5.4 Road Name Signs, Porth, Park Road: The Clerk reported that she had recently reminded the County Council of the need for these name signs.

5.5 Damaged Manhole Cover: This had been reported to British Telecom who had stated that it was not their responsibility. Details had been passed to the County Council but there had as yet been no response.

**6. Village Matters:**

6.1 Radnor Ranges:

Access Restrictions Consultation: Following the meeting with Michael Smith of Natural Resources Wales the final response of the Community Council to the access restriction consultation was discussed. Following discussion it was resolved that the following comments be made in response to the consultation -

- *objecting to the reply from HSE saying that any danger to the public is for the operator to assess, as this is effectively giving that operator free rein to exclude as much of his land as he wishes. the Council asks that HSE visit the site and assess any danger for itself.*

- *stating that any danger should be assessed by HSE and by Environmental Health and a considered response made. If a risk is claimed then this should be clearly demonstrable and evidence provided.*
- *emphasising the need to establish without doubt the annual usage - the estimate of 335 days is almost impossible to achieve - this would involve almost 7 day a week working, completely at odds with the days of activity reported to as part of a warning system (whilst it is accepted that this is for noise heard outside the range it is reasonable to assume explosions of whatever size would almost always be heard outside the Range). The Council has just 46 days listed since October 2015 far below the use seemingly indicated by the Range.*
- *disputing the need for the area shaded for exclusion to be excluded at all - this area is outside the area covered by the explosives licence within which surely danger should be contained. It is most illogical to exclude this area when a bridleway on the opposite side of the site, immediately adjoining the explosives licence area is apparently considered safe.*

6.2 Defibrillator Grant Application Progress: In the absence of Cllr. Williams there was nothing to report.

6.3 Pavement/Cycle Route, Llandegley to New Radnor: The Clerk reported that the existing path was due to be cleared by the County Council in the next week or so.

6.4 Additional Grass Cut by PCC (areas to be covered etc): Deferred to the April meeting.

6.5 Other Village Matters.

- Future of Radnor Arms Public House: Cllr. Dodman reported concerns over the future of the facility. The Clerk was asked to write to Kirsty Williams Am to ask how an asset of community value could be protected. The Clerk reminded Members of a recent consultation on the creation of legislation to protect such assets in Wales but was not aware of this yet becoming law. She also suggested that Members contact Dillwyn Parish Council as that Council had recently been involved with protecting a local public house.
- Change to Street Lighting A44: Members reported that these had still not been changed and the Clerk agreed to ask the County Council what was happening.
- Natural Resources Wales: Cllr. Dodman asked that NRW be contacted to request notices asking the public to take all litter/dog bags etc be taken home to be placed at the Water Break Its Neck car park. He stated that he had previously offered to empty any bin installed but this had been removed.

Cllr. Dodman left the meeting at this point.

## **7. Correspondence/General:**

7.1 Website Progress: The Clerk reported that the website was now up and running and the two short training sessions held.

7.2 Membership Offer, One Voice Wales: Noted. It was resolved not to join.

7.3 Flyer from Tower Mint Ltd re commemorative medal for Queen's 90th birthday: Noted. No action.

7.4 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Information noted.

7.5 Powys County Council Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People: Resolved to make no comment.

## **8. Planning:**

8.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decision - P/2016/0037, The Lea, New Radnor - Conditional Consent.

8.2 Planning Applications: The following application was considered - P/2016/0122, Grid Ref: 321988.04/261875.96, full, Proposed upgrade to an existing telecommunications installation and associated works at Knowle Farm, New Radnor Presteigne, Powys. *Resolved no objections be raised.*

P/2016/0198, Grid Ref: 321362.85/261073.61 for demolition of existing porch and proposed replacement stone face front porch at Park Road 1-2, New Radnor Presteigne, Powys. *Resolved no objections be raised.*

8.3 Withdrawal of Paper Planning Applications: The Clerk confirmed that copies of paper planning applications were no longer being supplied. Letters had been sent to Kirsty Williams AM and Chris Davies MP asking for support to oppose the change.

**9. Finance:**

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

T.A. Price (Salary Jan/Feb/March)	£426.77
HMRC (tax/NI on above)	£106.80
T.A. Price (expenses / stamps)	£27.60

9.2 Financial Update and Bank Balance: Noted. Members had no questions.

9.3 Urdd Eisteddfod Brecon and Radnor 2018, request for donation: Resolved not to donate to the event.

9.4 Risk Assessment Review: Agreed with no changes.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 14th April, 2016.

The meeting closed 6.10 pm.