

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th April, 2016 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. S. Bennett (Chairman), M. Cooper, E. Blackman, R. Harris (Vice-Chairman), K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllrs. N. Dodman, J. Hodge.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only:

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 10th March, 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:

Reply from PCC re. possible munitions: The reply from the County Council, confirming that the MOD did not wish to be consulted unless munitions were found, was noted.

Litter Signage for Water Break its Neck Car Park: Members noted that Natural Resources Wales had agreed to erect signage. Cllr. Harris reported that notices were now in place.

Way-marking Signage: Cllr. Bennett asked that the County Council be asked to erect proper signage to mark the new section of the route. The Clerk would request that this be done.

5.2 Update re street matters:

The County Council had been reminded of the need to re-site the bollard at Long House.

The broken manhole cover had been reported to both BT and the County Council. Members confirmed that the manhole appeared to be marked BT.

5.3 Change to lighting A44, this had been delayed due to the departure of a member of staff at the County Council but was now moving forward and it was expected that the lighting would be done in late Spring/Summer.

5.4 Additional Buildings, Radnor Ranges: The Planning Officer had visited once but been unable to locate the buildings. A further visit would be carried out.

5.6 Pavement, Llanfihangel Nant Melan: This had now been cleared.

5.7 Street Signs, Porth, Park Road: A County Council Officer would be visiting on 15th April.

6. Correspondence/General:

6.1 County Council Consultation: Closure of Llanbister and Llanfihangel Rhydithon Schools:

Members were concerned at the proposed closure of a further two rural schools. It was resolved that the Community Council supports those local Community Councils in objecting to the closures for the following reasons -

the long distances that will need to be travelled by very young children to reach their new primary schools;

- the sharing of school transport with secondary age pupils, some of which will in fact be young adults, is unsuitable and inappropriate. It also raises issues for unaccompanied children as young as four travelling alone;
- some of the children affected may have already moved schools as a result of previous closures and a further change will cause more and repeated disruption to the education of these pupils in particular;

- on general child welfare grounds, with small children leaving home very early in the morning and returning very late and the additional stress for a very young child having to travel alone.

6.2 Kidney Wales Foundation Walk for Wales Information: Noted.

6.3 Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service: Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and Annual Improvement 2016-2017 as circulated via email: Noted.

6.4 Notice of Radnor Valley Recreation and Amenity Centre AGM: Noted.

6.5 County Council Consultation Secondary Schools: Noted. No comment to be made.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: No decisions this month.

7.2 Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -

P/2016/0308, grid ref 321027.16/261822.28 for Section 73 application: Removal of condition 9 of planning permission PR494601 to allow long term letting at Cwmbroadwell Barn, Mutton Dingle, New Radnor: One letter of objection had been received and was read to the meeting. Resolved no objections be raised. In addition the Clerk was asked to report that the Caravan near Cwm Broadwell was lived in permanently and that the need for planning permission for this should be investigated.

P/2016/0290, erection of two storey extension at Rowington, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Resolved no objections be raised.

7.3 Planning Policy Wales (Chapter 6) Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

8. Village Matters:

8.1 Radnor Ranges:

- Access Restrictions: Members had all received copies of the decision to agree the access restriction applied for by the Ranges. The Clerk confirmed that there was no right of appeal.
- Email re widening of bridleway etc: Cllr. Bennett reported that he had met with the resident and discussed the concerns. Natural Resources Wales had indicated that it would not be involved unless works to a main river were involved. No further action.

8.2 Defibrillator Grant Application Progress: Cllr. Williams reported that a grant application had now been made to CARIAD for £500 towards the cost of a defibrillator unit. The re-painting of the kiosk would take place once the weather had improved.

8.3 Assets of Community Value, reply from Kirsty Williams AM; Noted. A community group was now in existence and Cllr. Bennett would inform them that Kirsty Williams was willing to meet. The public house had now closed.

8.4 Decision on Additional Grass Cut by PCC: The Clerk advised of the PCC proposed cutting dates, early May, early July and mid September. The cost of an additional cut for within the 30mph limit only would be £256, including the village entrance areas would be £337. Members noted one area highlighted which was not cut by PCC and should therefore be removed from the charge. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the coming months and to consider paying for a further cut if it was considered necessary.

8.5 Other Village Matters: None this month.

9. Finance:

9.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

New Radnor Community Centre	£93.00
Viking Direct	£72.55
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website)	£364.80

9.2 VAT Reclaim 2015/16: The Clerk confirmed that this had been completed.

9.3 End of Financial Year Update: Noted. It was agreed £880 be added to the allocated reserve for election costs given the whole Council elections due in 2017.

9.4 Approval of Annual Accounts: The final accounts were approved as circulated.

9.5 Approval of Bursary Application for Clerk and attendance at Regional Conference: Resolved that the bursary application be submitted and that the Clerk should attend the Conference on 22nd June.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th May, 2016.

The meeting closed 9.00 pm.