

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Council Meetings held on Thursday 12th May, 2016 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. E. Blackman, R. Harris (Chairman) J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), K. Williams (from item 13.4 only).

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk, County Councillor. M. Jones.

2. Apologies: . Cllrs. S. Bennett, M. Cooper, N. Dodman.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None

Personal and Prejudicial: None

4. Election of Chairman for 2016/17: Cllr. Hodge proposed Cllr. Harris and this was seconded by Cllr. Blackman and agreed. Cllr. Harris accepted the appointment.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2016/17: Cllr. Harris proposed Cllr. Hodge and this was seconded by Cllr. Blackman and agreed. Cllr. Hodge accepted the appointment.

6. Appointment of Representatives for 2016/17: These were agreed unchanged and were as follows -

New Radnor Community Centre Committee	Cllr. Harris
New Radnor Town Trust	Cllr. Bennett
New Radnor Charities	Cllr. Blackman and Cllr. Dodman
Radnor Valley School Governor	Cllr. Hodge
Liaison Councillors, Harley Valley	Cllr. Hodge and Cllr. Harris
Village Website	Cllr. Blackman
Playground Committee	Cllr. Cooper

It was agreed to no longer have a standing representative for Affordable Housing or the Cornwall Lewis Memorial. A new representative was required for Radnor Valley Resource and Amenity Centre and Cllr. Harris agreed to be appointed.

Radnor Valley Resource and Amenity Centre Cllr. Harris

7. Appointment to Areas of Special Interest for 2016/17: These were agreed unchanged and were as follows:

Health	Cllr. Bennett
Highways/Footpaths/Bridleways	Cllr. Dodman
Planning	Cllr. Harris
Community Activities	Cllr. Hodge
Senior Citizens	Cllr. Dodman
School/Young People	Cllr. Harris
Environment	Cllr. Blackman

8. Annual Review of Council Documents: It was resolved that no change be made to the following Council documents -

Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
Formal Complaints Policy
Freedom of Information Documents

Risk Assessment.

The continued serving of agenda via email was confirmed.

There was no change to the remuneration of Councillors, payments being only for travel expenses on approved journeys outside the Council area.

The new model code of conduct was agreed unanimously and adopted

9. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April, 2016 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

10.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Harris reported that the new signs needed had still not been put in place. The Clerk agreed to follow the matter up.

10.2 Road Name Signs Porth and Park Road: The Clerk reported that a sign had now been ordered for Park Road. As the Porth was not adopted no sign would be provided unless residents paid for one. Members agreed to ask residents if they were willing to pay.

10.3 4X4 Incident: The Clerk reported that PC Jackson was awaiting a decision on how to proceed.

10.4 Manhole Cover: The Clerk confirmed that this had now been notified to Openreach and an inspection should take place before the end of the week.

10.5 Bollard, Long House: This had still not been repaired.

11. Correspondence/General:

11.1 Surfacing Work on B4362, Map for Information: Noted.

11.2 Auditor General for Wales Consultation (as emailed): Noted. No comment to be made.

11.3 Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

11.4 Future of Youth Services in Powys, Meeting 20th June: Noted.

12. Planning:

12.1 Planning Application Decisions: The Clerk reported the following decisions:

P/2016/0198, 1-2 Park Road, New Radnor: Conditional Consent 20th April, 2016

P/2016/0122, Knowles Farm, New Radnor: Conditional Consent 14th April, 2016

P/2016/0308, Barn, Cwm Broadwell, New Radnor: Application Withdrawn.

12.2 Planning Applications:

P/2016/ 0411, change of use of barn from holiday use to residential at Cwmbroadwell Barn, Mutton Dingle, New Radnor (previous application withdrawn): Resolved no objections be raised.

13. Village Matters:

13.1 Radnor Ranges: The Clerk confirmed that a Planning Officer had an appointment to visit the site week beginning 16th May.

13.2 Defibrillator Update: Cllr. Williams reported that it was hoped to purchase a defibrillator from Welsh Hearts.

13.3 Future of Village Public House: The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Asson on the public meeting held on 11th May.

13.4 Request from School for Commemorative Gift for Pupils: The Clerk reported that a request had been received asking for the Council to provide a gift to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. Cllr. Harris had been provided with a sample medal by the School. It was agreed that the Council would purchase a medal for pupils using monies from the reserve held for miscellaneous donations.

13.5 Dog Bag Dispenser: Cllr. Harris had discussed possible sites with the adjacent landowner and it had been agreed that the best site was on the wooden footpath post. The Clerk had contacted the County Council which had given permission. It was agreed that the Clerk proceed to order the unit and a small supply of bags if necessary.

13.6 Other Village Matters: None this month.

14. Finance:

14.1 Annual Insurance: Members considered the renewal of the annual Council insurance policy which was arranged with Came and Company under a three year agreement. It was agreed to include index linking as part of the renewal.

14.2 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Lee Stephens (internal audit)	£26.25
Came and Company	£276.49

14.3 Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Precept	£1854.75
HMRC VAT Refund	£109.63

14.4 Internal Audit Report: The written report from the Internal Auditor was circulated. Noted that no issues had been raised.

14.5 Annual Return 2015/16: Members approved the accounting statements and annual governance sections of the Annual Return and the attached Statement of Significant Variances for submission to the External Auditors. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the appropriate section of the audit form. The Clerk and Chairman would also certify and sign the copy documents requested by the External Auditors.

14.6 Review of Bank Mandate: Resolved that the name of former Member, Nigel Window, be removed and the necessary form was completed. No other changes.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th June, 2016

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm