

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th September, 2016 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), M. Cooper, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

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

Absent: S. Bennett.

2. Apologies: . Cllrs. E. Blackman..

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: Cllr. Dodman re Byway LM1268, part of route forms access to his property.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 LM1268 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Cllr. Dodman had personally reported the increasingly bad surface and deep potholes on the access track to both Natural Resources Wales and Powys County Council. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Community Council expressing concern that vehicles were getting damaged using the road and that the surface would also hamper access by emergency vehicles.

5.2 War Memorial Project: Cllr. Hodge had checked and found that the information collected by the WI had been lodged with County Archives. The Clerk had informed the Project Officer.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

JRB Enterprises (dog bags)	£31.38
T.A. Price (Pay July-Sept inc pay award arrears)	£446.72
HM Revenue and Customs	£111.60
Tower Mint Ltd (commemorative medals)	£178.55

6.2 Financial Update and Budget Monitoring to end of September: Members noted the report from the Clerk and budget monitoring document as supplied. Expenditure was broadly as expected for mid year.

6.3 Bank Balance: The bank balance of £4143.45 as at 30th August was noted.

6.4 Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Presteigne and Norton Town Council (contribution twds training course)	£79.50
Powys County Council 2nd precept payment)	£1854.00

6.5 Letter of thanks from New Radnor Carnival: Noted.

6.6 Annual Return and Conclusion of External Audit: The Clerk reported that the external audit had now been completed with no reported issues and was expected to cost below the budget estimate. No further action was required.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were reported -

P/2016/0290, Rowington, Rectory Lane, New Radnor: Conditional Consent.

P/2016/0411, Cwmbroadwell, New Radnor: Conditional Consent.

P/2016/0523, Water Street Farm, New Radnor: Conditional Consent subject to S.106
P/2016/0565, Woodside, New Radnor: Conditional Consent

7.2 Planning Applications:

P2016 0846 Grid Ref: 321387.9/260777.16 for Conservation Area Consent for demolition of The Coach House (resubmission of P/2015/0787) at The Coach House Water Street New Radnor. *Resolved that the comments for the original application, P2015 0787 be repeated. These being as follows - Members queried the need for demolition feeling that sympathetic restoration was more appropriate in a conservation area. They would like to be assured that this is not possible before any demolition is permitted. In addition the Clerk was asked to point out that an earlier permission had been approved for conversion of the existing building into a one bedroom dwelling and this was considered a better option.*

P/2016/0845 Grid Ref: 321389.56/260777.75 for Erection of a one bedroom dwelling house with provision of one on-site car parking space and all associated works (resubmission of P/2015/0789) at Land at The Coach House Water Street New Radnor. *Resolved that the comments for the original application, P2015 0787 be repeated. These being as follows - The Community Council wishes to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed appearance of the dwelling is not in keeping with the general appearance of property in the village and that it is therefore inappropriate. It points out that the village is comprised of more traditional properties and is within a conservation area. Concerns regarding the demolition of the existing building are as described under 846 above. Members stressed their concerns that the materials chosen were not in keeping and unsuitable feeling restoration of the present building more appropriate.*

7.3 Welsh Government Consultation Document TAN 24, the Historic Environment: Noted. No comment.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 One Voice Wales Advice Note on Working with Young People: Cllrs. Hodge and Cooper would look at the advice with a view to possibly working with the School in the future.

8.2 Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Consultation: No priorities were selected.

8.3 Wales Audit Office: Consultation and Fee Scales and Rates 2017/18: The Clerk reported that no change was proposed to Town and Community Council fee rates. Resolved that no comment be made.

8.4 Powys County Council Secondary School Consultation Report: The Clerk reported that full details were available online. County Councillor Jones provided a short summary of the present situation.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant Application Update: The Clerk reported that the application had been successful. Members agreed that the Clerk proceed to order the necessary equipment and make arrangements for the kiosk to be repainted.

9.3 Other Village Matters:

Dead Cherry Tree, High Street: Cllr. Williams would look at the tree with a view to removing it.

B4362 Walton to Presteigne Road: Although some surface had been redone there were still a number of stretches in urgent need of attention. The Clerk would report these.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October, 2016

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.