

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th November, 2016 At 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

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

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

2. Apologies: Cllr. S. Bennett.

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 13th October, 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 reported that he had now received details of the amounts spent on the Byway. Currently, the dingle section had had about £1,500 spent in 2012 and then more recently at least £7,500 was spent on widening the track and further improving the drainage. This work was not designed to provide a surface for 4x4s. Work to the access to Water Break its Neck from the A44 had been carried out to improve the surface and fill the potholes.

5.2 Youth Representative: The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Radnor Valley Young Farmers but had received no reply.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

X2Connect Ltd (parts for kiosk)	£513.06
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N. Close (refund silicon etc)	£36.97
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N. Close (work to prepare, repair and paint kiosk)	£481.25
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The Clerk was asked to write a letter expressing thanks for the excellent work done on the kiosk by Mr. Close.

6.2 Letters of Thanks: The letters of thanks from St. Michael's Churchyard and Marie Curie Nurses were noted.

6.3 Request for Donation Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod: Resolved no donation be made.

6.4 Annual Internal Audit Review: Members had all received the relevant documentation prior to the meeting. It was agreed to confirm the following -

the appointment Mr. L. Stephens as the internal auditor for the 2016/17 accounts

the planning and reporting arrangements as detailed in the report

the scope of the internal audit process as detailed in the Council Audit Plan and Action List.

6.5 Cost of 2017 Elections: Members noted the estimated costs for the forthcoming elections.

Provision would be made when setting the 2017/18 precept/

6.6 Receipt: The following receipt was noted -

Radnor Valley First Responders	£644.61 (twds Kiosk Refurbishment)
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7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were reported -

Tree 2016/0029, Children's Playground, New Radnor: To go to Committee 24th November.

7.2 Planning Applications: There were no applications this month.

7.3 Local Development Plan Consultation on Focussed Changes: County Cllr. Jones reported on the seminar held at the County Council on the Local Search Areas. He stressed that any applications would still need to go through the planning process. Cllr. Dodman reported on the Local Search Areas for wind and solar. He submitted a list of suggested comments from CPRW and it was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation with the following concerns -

- Local need – proposed policies are not a response to local need
- Evidence – the evidence supporting 600 MW s of renewable energy (was 50MW in previous versions of LDP) and designation of Local Search Areas (LSAs) is weak / unsubstantiated
- LSA exercise - poorly carried out and presented and areas have not been consulted upon with communities
- Environmental impacts assessment (SEA) – no SEA of proposed policies undertaken
- Strategic Environmental Assessment – consideration of alternatives – this SEA Directive required process has also not been carried out
- Impacts on landscape- ignored
- Democratic deficit – inappropriate stage of LDP development to introduce radical new policy with massive impacts. Main public consultation has already taken place.
- Conflict with Environment (Wales) Act & Welfare of Future Generations Act
- Conflict with TAN 8, Wales's existing national wind energy policy – TAN 8 brought about Strategic Search Areas for concentrated generation to specifically prevent proliferation and landscape change across Wales. Whatever views regarding the legitimacy and currency of TAN8 the WG cannot have it both ways.
- Loss of Local Determination - with the implementation of the WG Developments of National Significance, they will determine all installations over 10MW so Powys is effectively handing the WG power to decide on future land use in the County. This could result in wind farms and solar farms and transmission infrastructure across vast swathes of Powys.
- Conflict with Powys LDP Objectives – such as protecting and enhancing landscape, protecting National Trails, biodiversity, flood prevention; promotion of all year round tourism (which is landscape-based) etc.
- Conflict with Planning Policy Wales 8 - LDP should reflect local need and circumstances e.g. 'It is for the local planning authority to determine how its LDP should be tailored to the needs of the area based upon robust evidence' (PPW8 Para 2.2.1)
- Lack of appropriate monitoring – no monitoring targets to assess and monitor impacts of LSAs
- Wording of Policy RE1 – poorly worded offering scant protection
- the lack of full public consultation on these 'focussed changes' despite the clear statement in the LDP Delivery Agreement which has clear statements on 'making connections', the holding of key stakeholder meetings and topic based meetings and working with interested parties.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Objectives 2017-18: Noted. No comment to be made.

8.2 Letter from PCC re Llanbister CP School and Llanfihangel Rhydithon CP School: Noted.

8.3 Powys County Council Schools Notice (Llandrindod Wells/Builth Wells): Noted.

8.4 National Infrastructure Commission for Wales Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

8.5 Powys Community Health Council Questionnaire: The Clerk was asked to submit the following as key priorities for 2017/18 -

- reducing the travel times for those receiving treatment;
- introduction of local treatment centres;
- support for the retention of Day Centres, particularly the East Radnorshire Day Centre as it was felt these provide a vital service and allow the elderly to stay independent for longer;
- to encourage more dentists to set up in the area.

8.6 Removal of BT Kiosks, PCC Reply re listing: Members noted that none of the kiosks (Burlingjobb, opp New Forest Inn A44, Yandro, Walton and Gladestry) in the area were listed. The County Council had confirmed that it would object to the removal of any listed kiosk.

8.7 Review of Household Waste and Recycling Centres: The Clerk was asked to respond stating that the removal of any centre was not acceptable and would lead to an increase in fly tipping and the associated costs for its removal.

8.8 Removal of Community Recycling Banks, New Radnor: The School had no objections to the removal of the recycling banks. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the Community Council was therefore happy that these be removed.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: It was agreed that there was no need to meet the Ranges in December.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant Update: The Clerk reported that work on the kiosk was now complete. Both defibrillator units had been received but the heated cabinets were still awaited. It was agreed that the first unit would be left with the school to be kept in the office until the cabinet was received. The first training session would be set up as soon as possible.

9.3 Other Village Matters:

gates being left open on LM1268 Byway: the Clerk was asked to ask for larger signs asking for gates to be closed. One post was broken and needed replacing. The Clerk would also report this.

dog fouling notices: Cllr. Williams suggested that a competition be run to ask the school children to design a poster asking people to clean up after their dog. The Council would provide a small prize for the winner.

cherry tree: still be done.

padlock for Notice Board: Cllr. Williams would purchase.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th December, 2016

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.