

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

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

2. Apologies: Cllrs. M. Cooper, 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 10th November, 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: Members commented that correct signage of the route to be used would be helpful and avoid users straying from the correct path. The Clerk would contact the County Council to report that signage was still not adequate.

5.2 School Competition, Dog Fouling Posters: Cllr. Williams to report to a future meeting.

5.3 Defibrillator Training: The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Ken and Jo Williams for running the recent training session.

6. Finance:

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Mrs T. Price (salary 3rd quarter)	£442.26
HM Revenue & Customs	£110.60
Mrs T. Price (expenses)	£45.48
Cllr. K. Williams (refund padlock)	£3.50

6.2 Bank Balance: The bank balance of £4749.31 at 1st December 2016 was noted:

6.3 Preliminary consideration of precept 2017-18: Members considered the draft budget as circulated. Cllr. Hodge proposed an increase in the annual donation to the East Radnorshire Day Centre of £50 making a total of £250. It was agreed that this be added. The Clerk would make final adjustments and present an updated budget for a decision at the January meeting.

6.4 Request for Donation British Red Cross: Resolved no donation be made.

6.5 Asset Register: to approve the new Asset Register: The new Register was approved as circulated. Members noted that the defibrillators were covered under the current insurance policy with no extra charge.

7. Planning:

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were reported -

TREE/2016/0029, Children's Playground New Radnor: Conditional Consent

7.2 Planning Applications: There were no applications this month.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Review of National Standards for Community Health Councils in Wales: Noted. No comment to be made.

8.2 Local Development Plan: Consultation on Focussed Changes: Cllr. Dodman offered to attend and present the Community Council views at the hearing on the changes to the Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm that a speaker would attend from the Community Council. Cllr. Dodman would submit a draft of his proposed comments to the January meeting.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Cllr. Dodman reported one complaint from a nearby resident which was noted. The Clerk was asked to remind the County Council that no decision had been made on the additional buildings on site and to ask for a copy of the Officer's report.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant Update: The electrician had not yet been able to fit the heated cabinets. A very successful training session had been held in late November with 35 attendees.

9.3 Other Village Matters:

- Council Notice Board: Cllr. Blackman reported that this was swollen with the rain and was difficult to shut. Re-varnishing of the Board to be considered in the Spring.
- Speeding Cars along High Street: This had been raised by a resident who suggested further speeding restrictions. The County Council did not create 20mph sections unless outside schools. In addition there was a moratorium on traffic regulation orders. The Clerk suggested that the police might help with community speed monitoring if volunteers could be found. No further action at present.
- Location of Speed/Traffic Cameras: Cllr. Dodman stated that these did not always seem to be in logical places. Cllr. Bennett explained that the locations were often related to accident black spots.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 it was resolved to exclude the Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the following item.

10. Annual Appraisal of Clerk and Salary/Hours Review:

Members agreed that there were no issues with the work of the Clerk. It was resolved that -

- an increase of one incremental point be actioned from 1st April to acknowledge the Clerk achieving the CiLCA qualification;
- from 1st April 2016 the Clerk's hours be increased by one and a half hours per week.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th January, 2017

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.