

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th January, 2017 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.

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

2. **Apologies:** Cllrs. S. Bennett, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

4. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2016 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

5.1 ByWay Water Break Its Neck to Dolau: Members noted the extended closure until 10th July 2017 of a section of the route.

6. **Finance:**

6.1 Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Wales Audit Office (external audit) £141.00

6.2 Receipt: The following receipt was noted:

Powys County Council (final precept instalment) £1854.00

6.3 Bank Balance at 3rd January 2017: The following bank balance was noted at £6001.47

6.4 Setting of precept 2017-18: A draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Additional or increased amounts were explained by the Clerk and considered individually with no changes. These included £250 towards a village Christmas tree and lights/decorations, £95 for an additional dog bag dispenser, £100 towards pre school/play provision in the village and £350 towards the training of Councillors. £100 was allocated to miscellaneous donations during the year. An amount of £760 was provided to add to the election reserve as main Council elections would take place in May. Two changes were made to the ongoing items - the amount for the Royal British Legion was increased from £20 to £25 (in future a wreath would be obtained to place on the War Memorial) and the amount of donation to the East Radnorshire Day Centre was increased by £50 to £250. The final budget for the 2017-18 year totalled £7033 and it was resolved to set a precept of £30.86 per Band D property. Projected reserves for 31st March were considered and felt to be adequate and in line with the Governance and Accountability Guide for Local Councils

6.5 Radnor Valley Little Dragons, Urgent Request for Donation: It was resolved not to provide any grant at present although this might be re-considered in the new financial year.

6.6 Macmillan Cancer Support, Request for Donation: Resolved not to donate.

7. **Planning:**

7.1 Planning Application Decisions: There were no decisions to report this month.

7.2 Planning Applications:

P/2016/1045, Grid Ref: 319498.34/261939.79 for Erection of a building to store vehicles at Radnor Range Harley Dingle, New Radnor. Resolved no comment be made.

P/2016/1245, Grid Ref: 316830.79/258643.7 for Erection of a rural workers dwelling, new access, installation of septic tank and associated works at Fan Lland, Llanfihangel Nant Melan, New Radnor. Resolved to support the application.

8. Correspondence/General:

8.1 Powys County Council Rights of Way Consultation: Resolved no comment to be made.

8.2 Welsh Government National Development Framework Call for Evidence and dates for engagement events: Noted. No comment to be made.

8.3 National Assembly for Wales Consultation on Changing Name: Resolved that the Clerk respond stating that the name should remain the same and that to change it would be an unnecessary expense.

8.4 East Radnorshire Day Centre: Update on the future of Day Centres: The letter from the Manager was read to the meeting.

8.5 Powys County Council Comments on removal of Phone Kiosks: Noted.

8.6 Powys County Council Notice re extension to Care Home Contract: Noted.

8.7 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Discussion Events: Noted.

9. Village Matters:

9.1 Radnor Ranges: Nothing to report.

9.2 Defibrillator Grant; The electrician had not yet been able to fit the Cabinets but both units were available from Cllr. Williams or the Primary School.

9.3 Other Village Matters: Brambles/scrub at the Mound needed clearing and the Trust was speaking to CADW about the work.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th February, 2017

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.