

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on
Thursday, 11 April 2013
At 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, New Radnor

Public Discussion Time: 3 residents attended to put their concerns to the Council with reference to the pending decision on the retrospective application in respect of: Esco: the Village Shop. Councillors having listened to the points raised, on behalf of the Community Council, the Chairman observed that these points were not within the jurisdiction of the Community Council and there was, therefore, no action that the Council could take.

1. PRESENT: Cllrs T Brown (Chairman), M Haines (V.Chairman), E Blackman
2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Hodge, N Dodman, C.Cllr E M Jones
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr E Blackman
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2013: Minutes were approved as circulated and duly signed.
5. MATTERS ARISING:
 - 5.1 LM 1268 Byway Water-Break-Its-Neck to Dolau: Clerk had telephoned Mark Stafford-Tolley for an update. He is preparing a Report for Radnorshire Committee / New Court Date for the Appeal Hearing is between 7 and 10 May / Possibility of mediation is ongoing
 - 5.2 Village Shop: Clerk tabled an email from Holly Hobbs of Planning Dept confirming that they are currently seeking legal advice from the County Solicitor and all being well a decision is imminent.
 - 5.3 Cornwall Lewis Memorial: Cllr Haines reported that a Site Meeting has now been arranged for Friday 12 April to be attended by Jill Fairweather CADW, Tim Beach, County Architect and Stuart Mackintosh. Resolved that Cllr Haines should attend to represent the Community Council.
Removal of Floodlighting equipment: Clerk will send a "chaser" to Powys CC
 - 5.4 PAVO Meeting: Cllr Haines had attended the "Befrienders Workshop" on behalf of the Council. He reported that this service would only be available to patients of the Llandrindod Wells Surgery and was designed to provide trained "befrienders" who would offer a help and support role for people needing the service. This support would be provided for up to 12 months.
 - 5.5 Micro Hydro Project: Mutton Dingle: The Chairman reported that Cllr Window had agreed to undertake the liaison role along with Cllr Harris. They would now investigate the feasibility of the project further and report back to Council. A request for a copy of the Report commissioned by the Community Council, by a resident was referred to the Clerk to have copies made and resolved that Council would meet the cost of producing copies.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 6.1 New Radnor Snooker Club: email from Carolyn Price, Secretary requesting consideration of grant towards renovation of Snooker Table(s). As was the custom of the Council when considering requests, Clerk was asked to obtain latest Accounts and/or Income & Expenditure Statement before final decision is made.
 - 6.2 One Voice Wales: details of membership discount. NFA
 - 6.3 Information Commissioner: form for completion in respect of Data Security. With respect to item 6.6 below, resolved to delay completion until new arrangements for Clerk are in place.

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6.4 Powys County Council: Candidate Sites and Community Needs Consultation:

Clerk read out the comments already noted from previous submission and resolved that these should stand and form be returned confirming same.

6.5 Powys CC: Standards Committee: details of Dispensation **Extract of which states:** a blanket dispensation be granted to all Town and Community Councillors who are elected, appointed or nominated otherwise by their Town/Community Councils as Trustees of Registered Charities or members at whatever level of voluntary organisations to participate, speak or vote in connection with Council business relating to regulatory matters concerning the registered charity or voluntary organisation of which the Councillor is a member. **Full text held on file.**

6.6 Resignation: The Chairman tabled a letter of resignation from the Clerk to take effect after the Annual Meeting in May, which is acknowledged. Resolved that suitable advert detailing the vacancy should be placed in local press with applications to be submitted to the Clerk in the first instance. Further resolved that Cllr Haines, Cllr Blackman and the Clerk would hold interviews in due course.

6.7 AON Insurance: quotation request form. Noted NFA

6.8 Wales Rural Observatory Services Questionnaire: resolved that Cllr Haines would complete and return.

6.9 Snow Clearing: following an email from David Pugh, Councillors resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to William Lloyd on behalf of the community for his considerable public spirit in clearing snow to aid everyone's ability to move around the village in the latest spell of very severe weather. It was also acknowledged that Cllr Harris had carried out snow clearing at the School and this is much appreciated.

6.10 Councillors received, with regret, the letter of resignation from the Council of Cllr Tim Brown, who had indicated informally at a previous meeting that he would be resigning pending a move away from the area. Cllr Brown was asked to attend the Annual Meeting to hand over to the new Chairman and, in the meantime, the Clerk would publish the required Notice to the community of the forthcoming vacancy.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Application for approval: P2013/0184 Retention of Mobile Home for purposes ancillary to main dwelling house at Cartref, New Radnor. Cllr Haines requested time to study the plans and for the opportunity to suggest response. All Councillors would be copied with suggested response for their agreement. Resolved.

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

8.1 New Radnor Surgery Fund Committee: Cllr Haines reported that it was a matter of some disappointment that the provision of the equipment had gone ahead at the new Kington Surgery without keeping the Committee informed and no formal thanks had been received. As there was some £3,000.00 left in the Fund, Cllr Haines suggested that this should be retained for use in the Community and it was agreed and resolved that he should put this suggestion to the members of the Fund Committee on Old Radnor Community Council.

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9. FINANCE

9.1. Payments for approval:

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| Honorarium (for Internal Audit) R Davies | £25.00 |
| Hall Hire: New Radnor Community Centre | £93.75 |
| Travel Exp. Cllr M Haines: PAVO Meeting | £12.60 |

Resolved unanimously that the above payments be approved.

9.2 Annual Report: Clerk presented the Annual Report, Mr R Davies having completed the Internal Audit and signed it off. The Chairman then went through Section 2, Annual Governance Report, with Council, completing the sections and signing and dating as required. The Clerk confirmed that the Council has been randomly chosen to complete an Intermediate Audit Questionnaire which required different documentation to be submitted and this had been completed and the required documentation provided. The relevant Notice would be displayed and the records made available between the dates of 13 May 2013 and date when Annual Report is mailed to reach the Auditor by the date of stipulated date of 11 June 2013.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 9 May 2013 which is the ANNUAL MEETING of the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm