

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 in Evenjobb Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T. Bell, (Chairman), A. Goodwin, E. Jones, K. Morgan, M. Jones, J. Stokes.

Absent: H. Jones (Vice-Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 82/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. B. Gwatkin, R. Jones, R. Burden, Mrs. R. Jones,

MIN 83/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

Cllr. Goodwin, Treasurer, Walton Parish Hall re grant to Walton Parish Hall

Cllr. E.M. Jones, Committee Member, Walton Parish hall re grant to Walton Parish Hall.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

MIN 84/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20TH DECEMBER 2016

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting (as previously circulated) represented a true record of events. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

In response to a query from Cllr. E. Jones the Clerk advised that a recorded vote must be requested at the time of that vote and could not be made retrospectively.

MIN 85/16 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Road Sign, Walton Junction: Cllr. E. Jones reported that he had now been visited by Mr. George Lloyd, PCC Officer and discussed the height of the sign at the Walton junction. It had been agreed that this would be adjusted by the County Council.

(2) Village Halls/Council Website: The Clerk reported that to add pages for the three Halls UBE had quoted £240. If just one Hall signed up then the cost would be £120. Walton Parish Hall had confirmed it wished to go ahead at £120 if no other Hall wished to take up the offer and UBE would be working on the new page in the next few weeks.

(3) War Memorial: Cllr. Bell confirmed that the plaque was now in place. Members asked that their thanks to Cllr. Bell be recorded.

MIN 86/16 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Wales Audit Office (external audit fee)	£141.75.
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The release of the cheque for William Protheroe (work to toposcope) was agreed.

William Protheroe Ltd	£264.00
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(2) Accounts from Organisations receiving Grants from the Community Council. These were available for inspection.

(3) Precept for 2017/18: Members considered the draft budget noting that the amount put forward in December for Councillor remuneration was now included for general Councillor expenses (mileage etc) to be applied for and not as automatic annual remuneration. Although some concern was expressed at the increase in precept the Clerk advised that given the low level of

general reserves the Council was presently not in a position to budget as though both Wards would be uncontested at the elections in May and so reduce the figure for election costs. Resolved that the budget for 2017-18 be set at £8891 and that the precept for 2017-18 be set at £22.35 per Band D property.

(4) Receipt: The following receipts were noted:

Powys County Council (final precept payment)	£2056.00
SLCC Training Bursary	£100.00

(5) Bank Balance: The bank balance as at 3rd January as £4153.21 was noted.

(6) Request for Donation Macmillan Cancer Support: Resolved not to donate. Cllr. M. Jones reminded the meeting that the Council's general policy was not to provide donations to national organisations but that as a local organisation it would concentrate on local causes. The Clerk would in future reply indicating this to any national organisation that applied.

(7) Attendance at Practitioner's Conference by Clerk: The Clerk advised that with a £100 bursary (see receipts) plus a donation from her Town Council the remaining balance would be £50 as allocated for training in the current budget. Resolved that the Clerk's attendance at the forthcoming practitioners Conference be confirmed.

MIN 87/16 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

Note: Cllr. M. Jones took no part in the planning application decisions due to his position on the County Council planning committee.

P/2016/1185, Grid Ref: 325281.07/263643.07 for Conversion of building to provide tractor implement shed (ground floor) together with a single storey holiday unit on the first floor (retrospective); erection of an additional proposed 2 storey extension for holiday use and installation of sewage treatment plant (resubmission) at Railsgate, Kinnerton: Resolved that no comments be made.

(2) Planning Application Decisions: There had been no decisions made since the December meeting.

(3) LDP Public Meeting: The Clerk advised that Chris Davies MP had confirmed a date of 3rd February but the venue/time was yet to be confirmed.

MIN 88/16 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Defibrillator Grant Application Update: The Clerk reported that the units and cabinets had been ordered.

(2) Powys County Council Review of Rights of Way Improvement Plan: Cllr. Bell reported that he had completed the survey indicating that the County Council should concentrate on existing routes and that disputes should initially be settled via negotiation.

(3) Bathing Water Review 2017 Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

(4) Powys County Council: Extension to BUPA Residential Care Home Contract: Noted.

(5) Items for Quarry Liaison Meeting: Items put forward for raising were -

- the need to have lighting on for 24 hours and possible solutions
- the current permitted working hours on the sites (lights had been noticed at odd times at the Gore)
- the inadequate washing of the lorry wheels prior to leaving the site
- dirty roads caused by quarry traffic.

These matters would be raised at the liaison meeting on 18th January.

Cllr. Bell confirmed he had sent a letter of condolence to Mr. & Mrs Malcolm Lawer following his recent bereavement.

(6) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

(7) Letter from East Radnorshire Day Centre: Circulated to all and duly noted.

(8) Boundary Commission Review of County Divisions in Powys: The presentation dates were duly noted.

MIN 89/16 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

21st February 2017 at Kinnerton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.