

# OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at Kinnerton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs. T. Bell (Chairman), R. Burden, Ruth Jones, Roy Jones, M. Jones, K. Powell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

**ABSENT:** Cllr. E. Jones.

The Chairman welcomed new Member Kevin Powell to the Council and to his first meeting.

**MIN 97/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. H. Jones, (Vice-Chairman), J. Griffiths, K. Morgan, J. Stokes.

**MIN 98/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Personal: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

**MIN 99/17 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr. Kevin Powell duly completed his declaration of office witnessed by the Clerk.

**MIN 100/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

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

**MIN 101/17 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

- (1) One Voice Wales/Society of Council Clerks Joint Conference: The Clerk reminded Members that this was in Llandrindod Wells this year. The draft agenda was available for Members to view and they were asked to notify the Clerk if they wished to attend. The allocated reserve for Councillor training to be used if anyone wished to do so.
- (2) Explanation of Reserves Held, Evenjobb Village Hall and Walton Parish Hall: The Clerk reported that detailed explanations had been received in response to her enquiry. Both Halls were using a large proportion of their reserves to fund building repairs and improvements. No further explanation was requested.
- (3) Defibrillator/CPR Training: The Clerk reminded Members that she would be arranging a further training session in the late Summer/early Autumn.
- (4) Walton Parish Hall Land Registry Form: The Clerk reported that she had not yet received this document for signature. Cllr. Burden confirmed that the form was being prepared.
- (5) East Radnorshire Home Support Project: All those present were given a leaflet on the new scheme and encouraged to spread the word to friends and neighbours.
- (6) One Voice Wales National Awards: The Clerk reported that the defibrillator/first aid project had been shortlisted for an Award. The Awards Conference was to take place on 29<sup>th</sup>

March and Cllr. Bell agreed to give the short presentation required. The attendance of Cllr. Bell at a cost of £50 was approved. Monies to be used from the Councillor training budget.

### **MIN 102/17 FINANCE**

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

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| Mrs T.A. Price (salary final quarter)      | £610.32 |
| HM Revenue & Customs                       | £152.40 |
| Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)                  | £55.64  |
| Upper Bridge Enterprises (website hosting) | £200.50 |

(2) Review of Risk Assessment: Agreed as circulated.

(3) Review of Asset Register: Agreed as circulated. The new defibrillators and cabinets plus the Old Radnor Notice Board had been added.

(4) Request for donation – Children’s Wales Air Ambulance Appeal. (Not precepted): Members considered this request and it was agreed to contribute £50 as a one off contribution towards the Appeal.

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| Wales Air Ambulance | £50.00 |
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(5) Budget Update and review of Year End Balances: The Clerk reported that there were three very small overspends (less than £20 total). A number of budget allocations were underspent and carry forward allocated reserves were agreed as –

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| Toposcope Maintenance | £50    |
| Councillor Training   | £385   |
| Councillor Expenses   | £180   |
| Election Costs        | £1633. |

Free reserves at the year end would be £2088, slightly less than the recommended minimum level of three months expenditure. This was considered to be adequate given the Council’s responsibilities.

### **MIN 103/17 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL**

(1) Change in Opening Hours, Mobile Post Office Consultation: Resolved no comment be made.

(2) Review of Town & Community Council Sector in Wales February Newsletter and Update on engagement events: The February Newsletter was available for Members to view. The Clerk reported that the engagement event in Newtown had twice been cancelled due to bad weather and would not now take place. The call for views would be closing in April and the Panel would be presenting its recommendations to the Minister in the Autumn.

(3) Kidney Wales Foundation Walk for Life Information: Noted.

(4) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

(5) Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys - Draft Proposals: Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk submit the following comments in relation to the changes to the present Old Radnor Ward:

- *The proposals achieve no real improvement in the present elector representation with little change in numbers represented and the changes must therefore have been made with more regard to adjusting numbers in other communities and no regard to the strong ties within the existing Ward.*
- *There are strong historical links between the communities in the existing Ward.*
- *There are strong community ties between New Radnor and the Old Radnor communities and they share one Primary School. Pupils also attend the same secondary school.*
- *The A44 road provides excellent links along the present Ward.*
- *Both the Old Radnor and New Radnor communities look to towns on the English/Welsh border for services and amenities. Penybont, Glaschwmm and Llanbadarn Fawr look into Mid Wales, to Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells and Newtown. It makes more sense that the Ward Councillor covers the area group linked by their main amenities and facilities i.e. New Radnor and Old Radnor community council areas.*

- *The Communities share combined community groups such as the Young Farmers Club and Football Team.*
- *It therefore wishes to strongly object to the proposal for Old Radnor County Ward and requests that the Ward remain unchanged.*

(6) Creating a Parliament for Wales Consultation: Members felt strongly that the additional costs to increasing the number of Assembly Members could not be justified given the reductions in Council budgets and that the money would be better spent on maintaining local services. The Clerk was asked to respond.

(7) Court Fold Field Reply from Quarry: The Clerk had been informed that the Quarry Management presently had no plans for the Field. Cllr. Bell suggested that the Council consider possible uses for submission to the Quarry Management and it was agreed that this would be included on a future Agenda.

(8) Creation of Bridleway/Extinguishment of Bridleway Confirmation Order: Upper Dunn Plantation: Noted.

(9) Wales Audit Office Survey: The Clerk was asked to complete the survey on behalf of the Council.

(10) Temporary Closure of HW1380 and LM1262 - Kitchen Farm to Laurel Hall: Noted. No comment.

(11) Radnor Valley Resource and Amenity Centre: Cllr. M. Jones reported that the Community Council was entitled to appoint a representative to sit on the Committee and asked that this be included on the next Agenda. He briefly outlined the present situation with the Centre now that the Playgroup was no longer operating.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his role on the County Council Planning Committee

### **MIN 104/17 PLANNING**

(1) Planning Applications:

P/2018/0273, Grid Ref: 326318.1/262310.18 for Householder, Demolition of existing lobby and store and erection of a single storey extension at 5 Orchard View, Evenjobb: Resolved that No objections be raised.

(2) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted –  
P/2017/1355, Penderw Pools, Old Radnor: Conditional Consent.

(3) Appeal Hearing, Land off A44 SW of Llandegley Llandrindod Wells, Hendy Wind Farm Ltd: Cllr. Burden gave a short update on proceedings at the Hearing.

### **MIN 105/17 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at Walton Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.