

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 21st May, 2019 in Walton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bell (Chairman), H. Jones (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, M. Jones, R. Jones, J. Stokes, J. Griffiths, K. Morgan, K. Powell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 1/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R. Burden, Mrs. R. Jones.

MIN 2/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/20

Cllr. Bell was proposed by Cllr. E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. M. Jones. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr. H. Jones was therefore asked to preside over the election process and Cllr. Bell left the room during the election. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Bell was elected unanimously. Cllr. Bell returned to the room and accepted the position. Cllr. Bell then completed his declaration of acceptance of office.

MIN 3/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

MIN 4/19 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2019/20

Cllr. Bell invited nominations for Vice-Chair. Cllr. H. Jones was proposed by Cllr. M. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Powell. There were no other nominations and Cllr. H. Jones was elected unanimously.

MIN 5/19 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2019/20

One Voice Wales (2): Cllr. Bell only.

Quarry Liaison Committee (4): Cllrs. M. Jones, E. Jones, Morgan and Burden.

Evenjobb Village Hall Committee (1): Cllr. K. Powell.

Kinnerton Village Hall Committee (1): Cllr. H. Jones.

Radnor Valley Amenity and Resource Centre (1): Cllr. Bell.

MIN 6/19 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Formal Complaints Policy

Freedom of Information Documents

Serving of Agenda via email.

Data Protection Documents.

All other Council Policies.

The above Council documents were agreed unchanged.

MIN 7/19 REVIEW OF HSBC BANK SIGNATORIES

The bank signatories were reviewed and agreed unchanged.

MIN 8/19 ADOPTION OF AMENDED CODE OF CONDUCT

The continued adoption of the Code of Conduct as detailed in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 was confirmed.

MIN 9/19 COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

The Clerk explained that now compulsory to provide an annual allowance of £150 per Member and to reimburse of care expenses (up to £403 per month) on provision of receipts. Following a discussion, it was resolved that for the municipal year from May 2018 to April 2019 the following expenses and payments would be provided –

- To provide an annual sum of £150 per year per Member, to be paid in arrears. Any Member not wishing to accept the allowance should notify the Clerk by the end of September in each year otherwise the payment would be made. Members to note that this payment is taxable and would be made through the Council payroll.
- To refund the cost of care expenses up to the stated cost of £403 per month.
- To continue to reimburse the cost of travel expenses incurred for travel on Council business outside the Community Council area.

The Clerk informed Members that opt out forms were available to complete if required.

MIN10/19 INSPECTION REPORT ON TOPOSCOPE

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Bell had inspected the toposcope and no maintenance was required at present although he felt that some work may be needed in 2020.

The Annual Meeting closed at 8.10 pm and was followed immediately by the ordinary meeting.

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 21st May, 2019 in Walton Village Hall at 8.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bell (Chairman), H. Jones (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, M. Jones, R. Jones, J. Stokes, J. Griffiths, K. Powell, K. Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 11/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R. Burden, Mrs. R. Jones.

MIN 12/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

Cllr. E. Michael Jones re donation to Walton Village Hall: Member of Walton Village Hall Committee. (General Dispensation in force to Voluntary Body Committee Members)

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. E Jones re donation to Walton Village Hall: Family donated land for site.

MIN 13/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16TH APRIL 2019

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

MIN 14/19 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Trees, Sunnybank: Cllr. Bell reported that he had checked the trees and there were a number of low branches in need of cutting back. Whilst Members understood the need to avoid disturbing nesting birds there was concern that there might be an issue with access for emergency services. Cllr. M. Jones stated that the quarry had appeared willing to do the work and agreed that he would make further contact with the quarry to check when the work would be done.

(2) Quarry Liaison Meeting: Cllr. M. Jones gave a verbal report on the recent meeting. Matters discussed included the recent issue of a contravention notice in respect of dust and a new control policy; work on phase 1 of the area covered by the new planning permission and the temporary diversion needed for a footpath; various rights of way matters and agreement to sweep Old Radnor village. Cllr. Bell raised concerns that the new works would involve traffic travelling along Stones Lane and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification on this.

The next meeting was planned for 13th November at 6pm

MIN 15/19 FINANCE

(1) Payments: No payments this month other than the insurance premium (see MIN 15/19(2)).

(2) Renewal of Annual Insurance. Members considered the terms for renewal of the annual insurance policy due on 1st June and agreed to renew the policy with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £167.44.

Zurich Municipal	£167.44
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(3) Receipts: To note the following receipts –

Powys County Council (1st Precept Payment)	£2560.00
HM Revenue and Customs (VAT Refund)	£59.02.
Tarmac Trading Ltd (donation)	£1500.00

- (4) Bank Balance: The bank balance of £8342.48 at 30th April was noted.
- (5) The report of the Internal Auditor was noted. No issues had been raised.
- (6) External Audit Annual Return 2018/19: Members considered and approved the Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Significant Variances for submission to the External Auditors. Members approved the signing of the necessary documentation.
- (7) Re-Enrolment: Pensions Regulator: Noted that the necessary redeclaration has been completed

MIN 16/19 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Old Radnor Defibrillator: As the grant money had now been received Members proceeded to consider the best location for the defibrillator. Following a discussion, it was agreed to, if possible, to site the unit by the noticeboard. Cllr. Bell would contact the landowner to seek permission. The Clerk would place the order for a unit and cabinet with CARIAD.
- (2) Evenjobb Telephone Kiosk: Cllr. Powell informed Members that volunteer from the village had recently cleared and cut back the hedge adjacent to the kiosk but that it was in need of repainting and refurbishment. BT had agreed to repaint the kiosk and to replace any Perspex panes with glass. He asked if the Community Council would consider adopting the kiosk for community use. He added that he felt the Community Council should be supporting community initiatives and Cllr. Stokes agreed that in principle this seemed reasonable. It was agreed to defer a decision to allow Cllr. Powell to provide more details on possible uses, maintenance costs etc and to allow BT to carry out the repairs. An item to be placed on the June Agenda for an update.
- (3) One Voice Wales Request for Motions to be put to AGM: None put forward.
- (4) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.
- (5) Replies from Kirsty Williams AM and Chris Davies MP re. Welsh Water Issues: The comments from Welsh Water had been circulated and Members agreed to accept the offer to attend the June Council meeting.
- (6) Email from Powys War Memorial Project re Evenjobb Memorial: Members noted that information was with the PCC which was meeting to consider applying for the grant available.
- (7) Report on Library Services Meeting, Builth Wells 8th May: The Clerk had attended this meeting and gave a short report on the implications for both the smaller branch libraries and the mobile library service.
Cllr. E. Jones left the room for the duration of the following item.
- (8) Walton Village Hall Application for Tesco Grant for Refurbishment: The Chairman informed Members that the Hall had provided the landowner permission document required by the grant scheme for signature by the Community Council as custodian trustees. He reminded Members that formal advice had been obtained indicating that the Council was obliged to follow the instructions of the Management Committee and that he was therefore advising them for information only. The document would be duly signed and returned to the Hall Committee.
Cllr. E. Jones returned to the room.

MIN 17/19 PLANNING

- (1) Planning Applications: No applications this month.
- (2) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted - 19/0439/HH 1 Horseyard Gardens, Evenjobb: Approval 9th May, 2019.

MIN 18/19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

18th June 2019 at Evenjobb Village Hall. Earlier start time of 7.30pm to accommodate the guest speakers from Welsh Water.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.