

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 17th December, 2019 in Walton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors H. Jones, (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, M. Jones, Mrs. R. Jones, J. Griffiths, R. Burden, J. Stokes, and K. Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 65/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. T. Bell (Chairman), R. Jones, K. Powell.

MIN 66/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

Cllr. Ruth Jones re donation to Kinnerton Village Hall: Secretary Kinnerton Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. R. Burden re donation to Walton Village Hall: Member of Walton Village Hall Committee.

Personal and Prejudicial:

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

Due to the absence of the Cllr. Bell, Cllr. H. Jones chaired the meeting.

MIN 67/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17th NOVEMBER 2019

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

MIN 68/19 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

(1) Minute 62/19(10) Blocked Road Drains: Cllr. Ruth Jones raised a problem with drainage at Kinnerton 'dump' site adding that she felt this was due to tree roots in the drains beneath the dump. She also stated that the land on which the dump was sited did not belong to Upper House and provided documents and maps relating to this matter. Standing water on the adjacent public road was very deep and a number of cars had become stuck recently. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask that this be investigated.

(2) Minute 62/19(1), Quarry Monies for Rights of Way Works: Cllr. E. Jones informed Members that the money did in fact have to be spent within five years not ten as stated at the November meeting.

(3) Minute 62/19(2) Road Surface, Strinds Quarry Entrance: Surface deteriorating and cars avoiding the worst areas. The Clerk would chase the County Council on re-surfacing.

MIN 69/19 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed –

Evenjobb Village Hall (annual grant)	£300.00 (precepted)
Kinnerton Village Hall (annual grant)	£175.00 (precepted)
Wales Air Ambulance (annual donation)	£100.00 (precepted)
Radnor First Responders (annual donation)	£100.00 (precepted)
Mrs T.A. Price (salary third quarter)	£644.23
HM Revenue & Customs	£161.00
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)	£47.24

Cllr E. Jones left the meeting, having a prejudicial interest in the following item.

The following payment was agreed –

Walton Parish Hall (annual grant)	£400.00 (precepted)
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Cllr. E. Jones returned to the room.

(2) Budget Update to end of December: Members noted the budget update provided.

(3) New Projects for 2020-21 and initial draft budget suggestions for 2020-21: After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk cost a dog bag dispenser and bags for Old Radnor. The Clerk was also asked to approach the County Council about a bin and appropriate signage. No other projects were put forward.

(4) Payment of Councillor Remuneration: The Clerk reminded Members that payments to all those that have not refused the payment will be made in January. Forms were available for use if Members wished to decline the allowance.

(5) Notification of S.137 Limit for 2020-21: The new limit of £8.32 per elector was noted.

(6) Bursary application and attendance of Clerk at Practitioners Conference: Members agreed that the Clerk submit a bursary application to the SLCC and use the training budget of £60 towards attendance at the Practitioner's Conference in February 2020.

(7) Accounts from various Organisations in receipt of grants from the Community Council: Noted and available for circulation.

(8) Request for donation: Urdd National Eisteddfod: Request refused.

(9) Letter from Llandrindod Wells Town Council re. support and funding for Powys Pride 2020: Request refused.

MIN 70/19 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Footpaths Update: No update due to the absence of Cllr. Bell.

(2) St. Stephen's Clock: Advance Notice for item on January Agenda: Noted.

(3) Written Statement from Local Government Minister on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: The Clerk informed Members of the main content of the bill, in particular those areas affecting the Community Council – the requirement for an annual report and the introduction of the power of general competence.

(4) Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Letter and Consultation: Members felt that the precept increase of £1.50 to maintain services was reasonable but that this should be the maximum increase. The Clerk was asked to respond to this effect.

(5) Environment (Wales) Act and duty to submit biodiversity report: The Clerk explained the need to produce a short report by the end of December and then three yearly. The report must be submitted to Welsh Government. A draft report was circulated and agreed and would be sent to Welsh Government and placed on the Community Council website.

(6) Proposed footpath changes at Lower Harpton: Consultation: Deferred to the end of the meeting.

(7) Quarry Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes: Members noted the Minutes and the date of the next meeting. Cllr. Morgan noted that the last paragraph of item 7 stated that hedges needed trimming but that it was in fact trees. The Clerk would request a correction. She was also asked to request progress reports on the trimming of trees at Sunnybank (affecting telephone lines), Weythel and Dolyhir Row and the flooding of the brook at Dolyhir.

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

MIN 71/19 PLANNING

(1) Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted –

- 19/0783/RES, plots 2,3,4, Land South of Corner House, Kinnerton: Approval 29th November.
- 19/074/DIS, Railsgate Fields, Kinnerton: Approval 2nd December.

(2) Planning Applications: No applications this month.

MIN 72/19 FOOTPATH CHANGES, LOWER HARPTON

Resolved to strongly support the changes.

MIN 73/19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

21st January, 2020 at Evenjobb Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.