

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 21st January, 2020 in Evenjobb Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

ABSENT: Cllr. Roy Jones.

MIN 74/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

MIN 75/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

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

re possible precept donation to Kinnerton Church PCC: Treasurer Kinnerton PCC & Church Warden.

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

Cllr. K. Powell re possible precept donation to Evenjobb Village Hall: Member of Evenjobb Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. E.M. Jones re possible precept to Old Radnor PCC: Church Warden at St. Stephen's Church.

Personal and Prejudicial:

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

MIN 76/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17th DECEMBER 2019

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

MIN 77/19 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

(1) Quarry Liaison Matters: It was noted that the drain had been unblocked but the Clerk was asked to remind the Quarry that the actual issue had been the need to clear out the brook itself. The Clerk would also chase the tree cutting that had been requested.

MIN 78/19 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed –
E.P. Jones (annual Councillor remuneration)
R. Burden (annual Councillor remuneration)

Roy Jones (annual Councillor remuneration)	
H. Jones (annual Councillor remuneration)	
K. Powell (annual Councillor remuneration)	
J. Griffiths (annual Councillor remuneration)	
J. Stokes (annual Councillor remuneration)	
HMRC (tax due on above)	
Total Paid	£1050.00

(2) Precept 2020-21 and adequacy of free reserves: Members considered the draft budget provided and in particular the need for a dog bag dispenser. After some discussion it was agreed to budget for the purchase one dispenser and bags for Old Radnor and to review the effectiveness after a year. In addition, following a suggestion by Cllr. M. Jones it was agreed to precept £400 for possible VE Day anniversary commemoration in May. This represented £100 per village in the Old Radnor Council area. A final total budget of £8485 was agreed and this represented a Band D figure of £20.88, an increase of £1.88 per year. Members examined the current reserves held and these were felt to be adequate and appropriate. Allocated reserves held at present were –

Toposcope Maintenance	£100.00
Councillor Training	£300.00
Councillor Expenses /Remuneration	£730.00
Election Costs	£2133.00
Defibrillators	£100.00
	£3363.00

(3) Receipt: The following receipts were noted:

Powys County Council (final precept payment)	£2560.00
SLCC Training Bursary	£74.50

(4) Bank Balance: The bank balance at 1st January was noted as £9832.43.

(5) Letters of Thanks: The letters of thanks from Evenjobb Village Hall, (together with the latest annual accounts) and Radnor First Responders were noted.

MIN 79/19 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Litter Bins/No Dog Fouling Signs Request Old Radnor Village: The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to supply signs and she would be collecting them from the Works Depot in the next week. Cllr. E. Jones stated that he had also asked for signs from the Footpaths Officer. The Clerk was still discussing possible bins with the County Council

(2) Flooding Kinnerton to Evenjobb Minor Road: The Clerk reported that the Highways Department had attended almost immediately following the report of the deep water on the road and cleared this away. A mini digger would need to return to the site to investigate the drains believed to be blocked. Cllr. Ruth Jones reported that the water had returned and the road was again badly flooded. Cllr. M. Jones stated that he had discussed the problem with both the head of highways, Adrian Jervis and the contaminated land officer, David Jones and that he had asked them to look into the problem.

(3) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

(4) St. Stephen's Clock: Cllr. Bell reported that the quarry seemed to be willing to fund some work to the Clock and Cllr. Burden confirmed that he was waiting for more information on installing an electric winding mechanism. Cllr. M. Jones thanked Cllr. Bell for the information and said that the matter would be followed up by Old Radnor PCC.

(5) Footpaths Update: Nothing to report.

(6) Correspondence from the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform: The Clerk was asked to re-iterate the Council's previous comments that the size of the Assembly did not need to be increased.

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

MIN 80/19 PLANNING

- (1) Planning Application Decisions: The following decisions were noted –
19/1331/FUL, Free Range Egg Unit, Bache Farm, New Radnor: Consent 17th December.
P/2017/1457, Old Market Site, Kinnerton dwelling and workshop conversion): Consent 15th January.
- (2) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -
19/2060/REM Grid Ref: E: 322280 N: 257994 Proposal: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 from planning permission P/2017/1355 regarding revised designs. Location: Penderw, Old Radnor, Presteigne Powys LD8 2RP. Resolved no objections be raised.
19/2066/FUL Grid Ref: E: 326525 N: 262413 Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building Location: Upper House Farm, Evenjobb. Resolved no objections be raised.
- (3) Welsh Government Consultation on Planning and Related Application Fees: The Clerk was asked to respond outlining the refusal of the County Council to publish third party correspondence on the website and suggesting that any fee increase take into account the need for such publication to be carried out.
- (4) National Development Framework Committee Report: The Clerk reminded Members that an email had been circulated containing a link to the report.

MIN 81/19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

18th February, 2020 at Kinnerton Village Hall.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 to resolve to exclude the Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the following item.

The Clerk left the room for the duration of the following item.

MIN 82/19 ANNUAL APPRAISAL OF CLERK AND UDATE ON ANNUAL NATIONAL PAY INCREASE

Cllr. Bell reported on the annual appraisal.

The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.