

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 17th March, 2020
in Walton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors E. Jones, Roy Jones, R. Burden, J. Stokes, J. Griffiths, K. Powell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 91/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. T. Bell (Chairman), H. Jones, (Vice-Chairman), M. Jones, Mrs. R. Jones, K. Morgan.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was proposed by Cllr. Burden and seconded by Cllr. Griffiths that Cllr. Powell act as Chairman for the meeting.

MIN 92/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Evan Jones, re. quarry consultation on footpath changes: business connection to quarry.

MIN 93/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18th FEBRUARY 2020

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

MIN 94/19 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Nothing to update this month.

MIN 95/19 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T.A. Price (salary final quarter)	£644.23
HM Revenue & Customs	£161.00
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)	£70.32
Walton Village Hall	£60.00

(2) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Presteigne and Norton Town Council (twds Clerk's training)	£49.50
New Radnor Community Council (twds Clerk's training)	£25.00

(3) Review of Risk Assessment: Approved unchanged.

(4) Review of Asset Register: Approved subject to the addition of the new defibrillator and cabinet and the removal of the laptop which was no longer working/updateable. The Clerk would arrange for the laptop to be wiped of data and recycled.

(5) Budget Update and review of Year End Balances: Members noted the information provided and agreed that the free reserve of approximately £900 over three months expenditure was felt to be prudent in order to allow provide for emergencies. Spending over the year had been in line with the budget set. The Clerk asked that it be noted that the surplus office balance would be spent on new ink toner that had been ordered but not yet received and would therefore be paid in the next financial year.

(6) Final report of the Independent Remuneration Panel: The Clerk advised that currently the Council provided the £150 per Member annual allowance, the refunding of care costs (both compulsory) together with travel expenses. It was agreed that no change be made for the forthcoming year.

(7) Letter of thanks from Walton Village Hall: Members noted the letter of thanks from Walton Village Hall.

(8) Application for a donation from Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod: Application refused.

MIN 96/19 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

Cllr. E. Jones left the room for the duration of the following item.

(1) Proposed Public Path Order re. paths at Gore Quarry:

Members considered the proposals and agreed that the following comments be made – Length B-G considered to be a quagmire and difficult to walk in Winter. The Community Council would like to suggest that this length be stoned.

The surface of the whole path be carefully considered and an appropriate surface provided.

Regular maintenance should be carried out in keeping with previous assurances for path changes and this should be reviewed after the initial period of use to ensure it is adequate.

Path above the old school – stones and branches dumped over the fence on land belonging to the Landmark Trust.

Section H-S is very steep and it was thought more logical for the path to run along the other side of the woodland planting as this would follow a natural line.

Removal of F-E, the Community Council points out that some people are not in favour of this length being removed.

In addition to the above Members considered that direct access could be obtained from Old Radnor village by re-opening the track past Harp Cottage and asked that this comment be noted only as it was outside the control of the quarry.

(2) Footpaths Update:

- Proposed Extension to closure, path RB1417 at Dolyhir Quarry: Resolved no comment to be made.

Cllr. E. Jones returned to the room.

- Changes to paths at Fieldstile Farm, Kinnerton: Noted.

(3) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Supplementary Report–the principles relating to the reimbursement of costs of care – Consultation: Resolved no comment be made.

(4) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

(5) Reply from Wales Air Ambulance re. Annual Review Printing: The Clerk read the reply to the meeting. The Charity had indicated that printing was done at a reduced cost and that ways were being sought to limit the overall carbon footprint of the charity. The offer to visit the Community Council to discuss the work of the Air Ambulance was noted but give the current situation concerning corona virus it was felt that this was not appropriate.

(6) Clerk's Meeting with County Council: The Clerk reported on the main issues discussed and these were –

- Publication of third party correspondence on Planning Applications: The County Council had agree to include a statement in the acknowledgement letters sent to objectors advising them to also make their comment known to their local Town or Community Council.
- Provision of Litter Bins: Questions at the meeting had revealed that new bins were occasionally provided if a strong enough case was put forward. It was agreed that the Clerk write again making the case for a bin in Old Radnor.
- Covid-19 Virus: The Authority was making emergency plans to deal with the impact of the virus in Powys. Staff would be encouraged to work from home and meetings would be cancelled.

(7) Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter: Noted.

MIN 97/19 PLANNING

(1) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted –

19/1735/FUL, Pentre Farm, Old Radnor: Approval 26th February.
(2) Planning Applications: No applications this month.

MIN 98/19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

21st April, 2020 at Evenjobb Village Hall: This would almost certainly be postponed but the Clerk would make a final decision nearer the time in conjunction with the Chairman.

MIN 99/19 CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK – EMERGENCY MEASURES: Members considered the need for emergency measures should Council meetings need to be cancelled and it was agreed that the Clerk be delegated emergency powers to deal with any urgent matters including finance and planning applications after consultation with the Chairman. Any action taken to be reported to the next possible meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.