
OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 19th January, 2021 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bell (Chairman), E. Jones, Mrs. R. Jones, M. Jones, K. Morgan, A. Yates, J. Stokes, R. Burden K. Powell.

Absent: Cllr. H. Jones (Vice-Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

Note: Several Members of the public were admitted but attempted to disrupt the meeting and so were removed.

MIN 67/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Roy Jones.

MIN 68/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

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

Personal & Prejudicial:

Cllr. Ruth Jones, landowner re former tip, Kinnerton.

Cllr. M. Jones, related to landowner, re. former tip, Kinnerton and related to family which donated land for original site, re. donation to Walton Village Hall.

Cllr. E. Jones, related to landowner, re. former tip, Kinnerton.

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

MIN 69/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15TH DECEMBER 2020

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

MIN 70/20 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Website Work: The Clerk reported that the company had not yet started the work but that she would keep chasing.

MIN 71/20 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed –

Mrs T. A. Price (refund stamps)	£33.84
E.P. Jones (annual Councillor remuneration)	
R. Burden (annual Councillor remuneration)	
H. Jones (annual Councillor remuneration)	
K. Powell (annual Councillor remuneration)	
J. Stokes (annual Councillor remuneration)	
HMRC (tax due on above)	

Total Paid £750.00
(2) Receipt: The following receipt was noted -
Powys County Council (final precept payment) £2828.00
(3) Bank Balance: The bank balance at 31st December was noted as £11,361.15

(4) Evenjobb Village Hall: The latest accounts were noted.

(5) Setting of Precept and Review of Reserve Balances: Members considered the reserve balances held. Cllr. Morgan suggested that given the annual spend it was not necessary to hold the given level of reserve for Councillor remuneration and this could be carried forward for use in the 2021-22 budget. The Clerk advised that it was the decision of Members and they could reduce this if they wished. The total amount of possible spend each year was £1650 and the draft budget was for £900, the reserve held for £730. Given these figures it was agreed not to make any change. All other reserves were approved unchanged.

Given the reserves held Members then considered the budget for 2021-22. Cllr. E. Jones raised concerns at the amount allocated for walking maps to site at village halls but it was proposed by Cllr. M. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Burden and agreed, with the exception of Cllr. E. Jones) that the budget be approved as drafted. This would result in an annual budget of £8526 for 2021-22 and would result in a charge for a band D property of £21.21, an increase of £0.33 per year on the figure for 2020-21.

There was no individual discussion on the regular donation to Walton Village Hall and Cllr. E. Jones was not therefore placed in the waiting room.

(6) Wales Audit Office Fee for 2019-20 Audit: Members considered the charges for the recent audit and noted that the Clerk had already queried the increase in charges with the External Auditors with no success. She was also aware that a number of Community Councils had also experienced large increases in fees this time. Members agreed the payment but asked that the Clerk raise the increased charges with One Voice Wales.

Wales Audit Office £333.50

MIN 72/20 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Reply from Health Board re. Dental Provision in Powys: Members noted the response. No further action.

(2) Better Broadband Project Update: The Clerk reported that no decision had yet been made on the areas to be selected. Cllr. Morgan felt that the project wasn't needed as Welsh Government funding was available but the Clerk advised that there was no cost to the Community Council and so it was worth being part of it if chosen. Agreed to wait the decision of the Project Manager. Cllrs. E. Jones, Ruth Jones and M. Jones were placed in the waiting room for the duration of the following item.

(3) Kinnerton Tip Update: Cllr. Yates reminded Members of the current position regarding drainage, possible fencing etc and the Clerk advised that a site meeting was due to be held the next day (20th January) when representatives of the Community Council, Powys County Council and the landowner would attend to discuss a solution.

Cllrs. E. Jones, Ruth Jones and M. Jones returned to the meeting.

(4) Welsh Water re. condition of water pipes, Walton/Old Radnor area: Members noted that the Clerk had contacted Welsh Water but that there was at present no update on the plans to improve the pipes in the Old Radnor/Walton area.

(5) Report on Quarry Liaison Meeting 13th January: Several Members had attended and gave a brief report on matters raised. There were concerns that matters raised were not always followed through and so tended to be forgotten over time. Matters discussed with Quarry management were –

- Management wishing to get more involved with the community.
- Speeding past the quarry office entrance and possible traffic lights. Members raised the faded road markings in that area and the Clerk was asked to suggest to both the Quarry and the County Council that these be re-done. It was felt that many if not all of the road markings in the area needed re-doing and the Clerk would submit a request for these to be done. Members added the suggestion of marking lanes for lorries.

- The quarry management had reported that staff were getting abuse from walkers due to the footpath diversion and Cllr. Bell would speak to the County Footpath Officer to discuss better signage.
 - The quarry management would investigate the flooding of the brook as raised by Cllr. Morgan. Cllr. Bell would also ring the quarry to discuss the issues raised.
 - Clerk to request a copy of the liaison meeting Minutes.
- (6) NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day: Noted and left with Members to consider any possible actions.
- (7) Glastir Woodland Creation plan and Planting Design Map for Hoddell Farm Woodlands, Kinnerton Consultation: Resolved to support the project.
- (8) Road Safety A44: Cllr. Ruth Jones reported her concerns at speeds along this road and at the accidents occurring, particularly in recent weeks. She suggested speed cameras and signs along the road between the English border and Llanfihangel. Members also noted that there could be increased lengths of double solid white lines. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the police and to the County Council to ask for some form of action to be considered.
- (9) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted. Available should anyone wish to receive it.

MIN 73/20 PLANNING

- (1) Planning Application Decisions: None this month.
(2) Planning Applications: None this month.

MIN 74/20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

16th February, 2021 via video conferencing

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.