
OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 16th February, 2021 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bell (Chairman), Cllr. H. Jones (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, Mrs. R. Jones, M. Jones, K. Morgan, A. Yates, R. Burden, K. Powell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 75/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Roy Jones, J. Stokes.

MIN 76/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only: None.

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.

MIN 77/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH JANUARY 2021

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

MIN 78/20 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) External Audit Fee: The Clerk reported that she had, as requested, contacted One Voice Wales to ask for their view on the large increase in fee this year. Following contact with the Wales Audit Office they had informed her that the only way to pursue the matter further was to make a formal complaint. Cllrs. M. Jones and K. Powell felt strongly that the matter should be followed through and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk submit a formal complaint.

(2) Speeding on A44: The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the Council's concerns and that GoSafe and the police had confirmed that an Officer would be visiting to look at adding enforcement sites.

MIN 79/20 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payment was agreed –
Upper Bridge Enterprises (website hosting) £200.50

MIN 80/20 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Possible Allotments for Kinnerton: Cllr. Yates suggested that an allotment site was something that could be welcomed in the village and Cllr. Ruth Jones added that she was aware of at least two houses that were without any size garden. However there would need to be land available and Members were not aware of any possible sites. The Clerk added that in order to know how

much or little land was needed it would be necessary to further assess the amount of interest. Cllr. Yates would continue to investigate.

(2) Reply from Better Broadband Project re. inclusion in new project: The Clerk reported that the Council had not been chosen to be part of the project.

(3) Quarry Liaison Meeting Update: Cllr. Bell reported that he had spoken to Mr. Lewis Jenkins at the quarry and to Jill Exton the Footpaths Officer. The information provided was as follows –

- Quarry to re-do the white lining at its site entrance.
- Footpath problems – the quarry would be placing additional notices. It was not the responsibility of Powys CC in this instance.
- Traffic Monitoring Strips had been installed although both Cllr. Bell and the Quarry felt that these were in the wrong place. The Clerk was asked to report this to Powys CC.

Cllr. M. Jones had spoken to the quarry that day and had been informed that the Minutes had been drafted but were awaiting approval from Head Office. Cllr. Morgan was concerned at the possible installation of traffic lights and also asked if there was any update on flooding. Cllr Bell would ring to check.

(4) Kinnerton Tip Update: Site meeting cancelled due to the flooding in Powys but would be re-arranged.

(5) Resident Suggestion for extension of 30mph Limit at Kinnerton to Railsgate: Both Cllr. Ruth Jones and Cllr. Yates spoke in support of this suggestion and the Clerk had received a number of letters on the matter. Cllr. M. Jones had spoken to the County Council Officer and had requested that traffic monitoring strips be placed on the road as the first step in assessing the need for the speed limit to be extended. He added that Officers would need to fully assess the situation and that the plan would need to meet various criteria in order to go forward. Due to a previous moratorium on traffic orders there was a list and if successful the proposal would be placed on the list in order of need/urgency. An alternative would be to ask the developer if they would provide funds for the project but the first step would be the traffic monitoring. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council in support of the proposal and the installation of monitoring strips.

(6) Memorial Seat: Cllr Yates explained that some residents felt that it would be a good idea to have a new memorial seat for the NHS workers that had lost their lives during the pandemic and suggested a possible site by the bus shelter. Members felt that there was nothing to prevent residents arranging this privately and Cllr. Yates would report this back to the people involved.

MIN 81/20 PLANNING

(1) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted -
20/0726/LBC Harpton Granary, Old Radnor: Consent 4th January.

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

(2) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -
20/2092/FUL Grid Reference: E:326582 N: 260517 Proposal: Erection of detached timber-framed flat-roofed building with covered deck area for educational use on special school site Site Address: Summergil House, Watery Lane, Walton. Resolved no objection be raised.

21/0105/FUL Grid Ref: E: 326582 N: 260517 Proposal: Change of use of storage building to accommodation in association with existing education facility. Location: Summergil House, Watery Lane, Walton. Resolved no objection be raised.

(3) Powys Local Development Plan – Newtown Place Plan Consultation: Cllr. Yates stated that she had been involved with a similar plan elsewhere and wished to point out that such plans were not always as effective as hoped. No action needed.

MIN 82/20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

16th March, 2021 via video conferencing

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.