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## OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing

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

Absent: Cllrs. J. Stokes, R. Burden K. Powell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

### **MIN 59/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Roy Jones.

Members reviewed the absence of Cllr. Roy Jones and approved a further six month period of absence until the end of June, 2021.

### **MIN 60/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Personal Only:*

*Cllr. Ruth Jones, member of Kinnerton Village Hall Committee re. donation to Kinnerton Village Hall.*

*Cllr. A. Yates, member of Kinnerton Village Hall Committee re. donation to Kinnerton Village Hall.*

*Personal & Prejudicial:*

*Cllr. E. Jones, applicant re planning application 20/1963/FUL.*

*Cllr. M. Jones, related to applicant re planning application 20/1963/FUL.*

*Cllr. Ruth Jones, related to applicant re planning application 20/1963/FUL.*

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

*Cllr. M. Jones, related to landowner, re. former tip, Kinnerton.*

*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 61/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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 62/20 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES**

(1) Website Works: The Clerk reported that this had not yet commenced but that she had already added the accessibility statement and done some basic work on the site and the technical work could follow in due course.

### **MIN 63/20 FINANCE**

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Evenjobb Village Hall (annual grant)	£300.00 (precepted)
Kinnerton Village Hall (annual grant)	£175.00 (precepted)
Walton Parish Hall (annual grant)	£400.00 (precepted)
Mrs T.A. Price (salary third quarter)	£662.40

HM Revenue & Customs	£165.60
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses)	£97.29

(2) Budget Update to end of December: Members noted the budget update provided and the Clerk's explanation for an increase in office costs due to the video conferencing licence. As no village hall rental was being paid it was agreed that the three amounts budgeted for under Hall rent, totalling £190, be transferred into the general office budget. The Clerk added that the external audit timetable had now been released and the Council was in the third year for an increased level audit. There should be no need therefore to increase that area of the budget in the coming financial year.

(3) New Projects for 2020-21 and initial draft budget suggestions for 2021-22: Cllr. Burden had suggested one project, walking maps for the outside of Village Halls but was not present to provide any further information. It was agreed to include a line within the draft budget for consideration in January but with no amount at this point.

(4) Payment of Councillor Remuneration: Noted that payments to all those that have not refused the payment will be made in January.

(5) Letter of thanks from Wales Air Ambulance: Noted.

(6) Request for a donation from Cerebral Palsy (formerly Bobath): The Clerk reported that she had asked if any local families were receiving help and had received no reply. It was agreed not to donate.

(7) Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22 of £8.41: Noted.

(8) Bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November of £9452.44: Noted.

### **MIN 64/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) Kinnerton Tip: Cllr. M. Jones outlined recent communications with the County Officers in order to provide information to Members. It had now been confirmed that the land belonged to an adjacent land owner however the County Council he felt had a responsibility to deal with the old tip and do work to cover the remains with soil. Officers were arranging works to clear the drains although it seemed to him that the pipe was actually not wide enough. He had asked for clearing works to go ahead urgently.

*Cllrs. M. Jones, E. Jones and Ruth Jones were then placed in the waiting room having declared a prejudicial interest in this item.*

Cllr. Yates explained that she had emails from the Officers indicating that the pipe would be cleared and a grille installed to prevent debris entering the pipe. Cllr. H. Jones felt that the Community Council should press for a larger diameter pipe to be installed and that clearing the existing pipe was only a temporary measure. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council asking that a larger pipe be installed.

*Cllrs. M. Jones, E. Jones and Ruth Jones were re-admitted to the meeting.*

(2) Letter from Llandrindod Wells Town Council re NHS Dental Provision Crisis in Powys: Agreed that the Clerk write to the Health Board asking for dental provision in the County to be improved and in support of the comments made by Llandrindod Wells Town Council.

(3) Update on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: The Clerk explained the parts of the Bill that would directly affect the Community Council, these being –

1. The need for an annual report.
2. The need to have a training plan for both the Clerk and Councillors.
3. The introduction of the general power of competence subject to compliance with the following –
  - Qualified clerk
  - Unqualified audit for the previous two years
  - Two thirds of Council must have been formally elected (not co-opted).
4. It appeared that allowing the public to speak about business to be transacted at the meeting would be mandatory – this is something which had previously been optional.
5. Community Council elections to be on a five year cycle.

Formal guidance from One Voice Wales was expected in due course.

(4) Views sought by Natural England - review of the Countryside Code: Resolved no comment to be made.

*Cllr. M. Jones was placed in the waiting room at this point due to his position on the County Council planning committee and also having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application 20/1963/HH.*

### **MIN 64/20 PLANNING**

(1) Planning Application Decisions: None this month.

*Cllr. E. Jones and Cllr. R. Jones were placed in the waiting room for the duration of the following item. One member of the public joined the meeting,*

(2) Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

20/1963/FUL Grid Reference: E:325748 N: 259685 Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building (resubmission of 20/0783/FUL) Site Address: Walton Farm, Walton, Presteigne, LD8 2PH. Cllr. Yates asked why the application had needed to be re-submitted and Cllr. H. Jones explained that there had been a need to submit a further report in relation to the proximity to a listed property. Resolved no objections be raised.

*Cllrs. E. Jones, M. Jones and Ruth Jones were re-admitted to the meeting.*

### **MIN 65/20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

21st January, 2021 via video conferencing

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

The Clerk left the meeting at this point.

### **MIN 66/20 ANNUAL APPRAISAL OF CLERK**

Cllr. Bell reported on the annual appraisal and Members noted the comments. In addition he proposed a small increase in hours for the Clerk – adding one hour per month at an approximate cost of £150 per annum. Members agreed this proposal with effect from April 2021. A note would accordingly be added to the Clerk's contract of employment.

The meeting closed at 8.39 p.m.