

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 14th December, 2021 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

ABSENT: Cllr. R. Burden.

Prior to the start of the meeting Members heard from Mr. Reece Simmons, Powys County Council Community Broadband Officer on the possibility of organising a community broadband scheme to provide fibre to the premises broadband. He outlined the grant funding available and the first steps in beginning such a project. Cllr. H. Jones thanked Mr. Simmons for attending.

Members agreed to go forward with a project and that the Clerk arrange for Broadway Partners to attend the January meeting so that Members could consider whether to choose the company as its agreed commercial partner in the project.

MIN 59/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

Members noted the resignations of Cllrs. Bell and Roy Jones and agreed not to fill the vacancies given the full Council elections in May.

MIN 60/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. E. Jones, related to applicant re. planning application 21/2087/REM

Cllr. R. Jones, related to applicant re. planning application 21/2087/REM.

Cllr. M. Jones, Member of County Council Planning Committee, re. Senedd Petition on Intensive Poultry Units.

NB Cllr. M. Jones recorded an interest in planning application 21/2087/REM but would in any event leave the meeting before that point.

MIN 61/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

MIN 62/21 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Quarry Liaison Meeting: The Clerk reported that she had not as yet been able to get a date for the re-arranged meeting. Cllr. M. Jones would make enquiries on who best to contact to get a date confirmed.

MIN 63/21 FINANCE

- (1) Payments: The following payments were approved –
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| New Radnor Community Council (twds zoom sub)
(as agreed in November) | £38.68 |
| Mrs T. Price (salary first quarter) | £691.20 |
| HMRC (tax on above) | £172.80 |
| Mrs T A Price (expenses) | £80.63 |
- (2) Letter from County Council re. estimated election costs in 2022: Members noted the estimated costs and the Clerk confirmed that she would include a draft allocation in the budget for consideration in January.
- (3) Update on Walking Information Boards Project: Deferred due to the absence of Cllr. Burden. The Clerk confirmed that an amount of £500 had been allocated in the current budget but that this could be re-allocated if Members agreed to do so. The item would be on the January agenda.
- (4) Notification from Welsh Government re. S.137 limit for 2022-23: Noted.
- (5) Letter of thanks from Wales Air Ambulance Charity: Noted.
- (6) Request for Donation from Hope House Children's Hospice: Resolved not to donate.
- (7) Clerk's attendance at annual SLCC Practitioner's Conference: Attendance was agreed at a cost of £75. An application to be made for a training bursary of half the cost (the maximum possible amount that could be claimed).

MIN 64/21 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Reply from Welsh Government re the holding of hybrid meetings: The Clerk reported on the reply received and the proposed employment of a Digital Support Officer to assist Councils with the new requirements.
- (2) One Voice Wales Meeting: Cllr. Yates reported on her attendance at the recent meeting and on the matters discussed which included reports by County Council Senior Officers and Leader Rosemarie Harris, wind farms, drains and ditches, small school closures and improving the future for young people in Powys. Next meeting in January.
- (3) Cabinet Written Statement: Review of the Ethical Standards Framework for Wales (as emailed): The Clerk highlighted two of the most relevant items – the possibility of code of conduct training becoming compulsory and clearly defining the role of County Standards Committees. Information noted.
- Cllr. M. Jones was placed in the waiting room for the duration of the following item.*
- (4) Letter re petition to Welsh Government on intensive poultry units: Resolved no action be taken.
- Cllr. M. Jones returned to the meeting.*
- (5) Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets: Members were divided on the benefits of the intended changes but following a vote it was agreed to support the proposals.

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

MIN 65/21 PLANNING

- (1) Planning Decisions: The following decisions were reported this month –
- 21/1796/HH Cottage Farmhouse, Evenjobb: Consent 9th November.
 - 21/1074/FUL Walton Farm, Walton: Consent 16th November.
- (2) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered –
- 21/2032/REM Grid Reference: E:326360 N: 262217 Proposal: Section 73 application to modify condition 2 of permission 21/0798/HH to allow for amended plans Site Address: Meadow View, Evenjobb, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllrs. E. Jones and R. Jones were placed in the waiting room for the duration of the following item.

21/2087/REM Grid Reference: E:324410 N: 263044 Proposal: Section 73 application to remove conditions 3 and 4 attached to permission 19/0783/RES Site Address: Land South of Corner House, Kinnerton, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2PE. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllrs. E. Jones and R. Jones returned to the meeting.

21/2157/FUL Grid Reference: E:326835 N: 263628, Proposal: Installation of new sewage treatment plant and drainage field Site Address: Penoffa Farm, Evenjobb, Presteigne, LD8 2PB. The application was considered alongside application 21/1801/FUL as the two applications related to each other. It was resolved to object to the application on the grounds of - the highway access along a single track road given the substantial proposed increase in traffic along it; the impact on a number of historic monuments (as listed on the consultation response from CADW); insufficient information and detail over intended operating times for the proposed venue, on the measures to limit the noise impact from the building and on whether other associated activities would take place such as firework displays which would disturb both people and animals. Also to comment that Members felt that with camping provision alongside the event venue then noise would quite likely continue beyond the closure of the actual event itself. Additionally to raise concerns over light pollution given the rural setting.

21/1801/FUL Grid Reference: E:326835 N: 263628 Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to an Event building including dining/bar/kitchen & washroom facilities, change of use of land to an associated overnight guest camping site and car parking area Site Address: Penoffa Farm, Evenjobb, Presteigne, LD8 2PB. The application was considered alongside application 21/2157/FUL as the two applications related to each other. It was resolved to object to the application on the grounds of - the highway access along a single track road given the substantial proposed increase in traffic along it; the impact on a number of historic monuments (as listed on the consultation response from CADW); insufficient information and detail over intended operating times for the proposed venue, on the measures to limit the noise impact from the building and on whether other associated activities would take place such as firework displays which would disturb both people and animals. Also to comment that Members felt that with camping provision alongside the event venue then noise would quite likely continue beyond the closure of the actual event itself. Additionally to raise concerns over light pollution given the rural setting.

21/2048/FUL Grid Reference: E:326128 N: 257636. Proposal: Installation of access tracks and pathways to serve existing and approved log cabins (part retrospective) Site Address: Rhiwfach, Stanner, Kington, HR5 3NW. Resolved no objections be raised.

MIN 66/21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

18th January, 2022. 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.

MIN 67/21 ANNUAL APPRAISAL OF CLERK

The Clerk advised that an appraisal was good employment practice and confirmed she had no issues to raise. Members confirmed that they were happy with the Clerk's performance and thanked her for her work over the year.

The meeting closed at 9.41 p.m.