

Minutes of a meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held on Tuesday, 17th March, 2015 at 8.15 p.m. in Kinnerton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors E. Jones, (Chairman), T. Bell, (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Goodwin, Mrs. B. Gwatkin, M. Jones, Mrs. R. Jones and Mrs. S. Williams

(116) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors T. Lewis, Mrs. J. Stokes and D. Williams.

(117) COMPLETION OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST BOOK

The Declaration of Interest Book was completed by the Chairman in relation to Plans DEC2015/001, Erect 11kv overhead line at Stockwell Farm/Walton Farm Cottages.

(118) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20TH JANUARY, 2015

Only one Community Councillor that had been at the January meeting had attended the February meeting and the January Minutes had been recirculated. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes were an accurate record of the January meeting.

(119) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17TH FEBRUARY, 2015

The Minutes of the February meeting had been distributed with the Agendas for the March meeting. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes were a true record of the February meeting.

(120) INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

The Community Council website appeared as an item on the Agenda.

(121) PLANS

The Chairman left the room before the plans were laid on the table. The Vice-Chairman, T. Bell, chaired this section of the meeting. The plans for DEC2015/0001, Section 37 of Electricity Act: Erect 11kv overhead line (Interconnector – Version 2) at Stockwell Farm/Walton Farm Cottages, Walton were studied. A previous planning application had been given permission which had used a different route. This application proposed that the line followed a lower contour across the hill. **RESOLVED:** The comments are that Community Council have no objections to this planning application. The Chairman returned to the room.

- a) A decision notice from Powys C.C. for P2014/0611, Erection of rural workers dwelling on land adjacent to Penlan granting conditional consent
- b) The planning application for P2014/1115, Conversion of barn at Upper House, Burlingjobb had been withdrawn
- c) The email of 27th February sent to C. W. Jones answering his emails of 10th February and 12th February was read out. His reply of 27th February was read to the meeting. **RESOLVED:** No action to be taken.

(122) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Radnor Valley Little Dragons had emailed to say that they are now a combined unit of Radnor Valley Playgroup and Dragon Fire Club. They are in the process of putting together an application to apply to the Sainsbury Fund and would be grateful of any more information about funding or additionally donation from the Community Council.

b) The Spinal Injuries Association had written with a request for donation. To be considered along with other requests at April meeting. A date for people to organise a Great British Fish & Chip Supper to raise money for the charity has been set for Friday, 15th May, 2015; information to be placed on the website.

c) Kidney Wales Association have set their date for a fundraising walk on Sunday, 26th April, 2015; information to be placed on the website.

d) A letter had been received from Roger Williams, MP providing the information that the Post Office Card Account service will continue until November 2021. The scheme, introduced in 2003 was due to expire in March 2015 but has now been protected for at least the next seven years.

e) A letter from One Voice Wales confirming the membership with the organisation has been renewed.

f) Powys County Council had sent a letter about the reduction in library opening hours which will come into effect on 7th April, 2015. Knighton library will be open Tuesday to Saturday with a reduction in hours to 29.5; Llandrindod Wells will be open Monday to Saturday with increased hours of 43 and Presteigne will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday with reduced hours of 16.5.

g) A letter from Royal British Legion confirming that the Community Council fund one wreath for the war memorial in Old Radnor and providing apologies for the error that occurred.

(123) WELSH ASSEMBLY PAPER OUTLINING THE INTENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WALES

A consultation document is available about the proposed intent about the future of Local Government in Wales. Community Councils are first mentioned on Page 50 of the document and those Community Councillors without email facility will receive a hard copy of the section relevant to Community Councils. General feeling was that many Community Councils are in rural areas and the present format is appropriate, serving the community and representing the grass roots in scattered rural areas. The consultation questionnaire will be brought to the next meeting.

(124) REPORT ON OLD RADNOR RESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIONS TO GORE QUARRY

T. Bell gave a report to say that he had met with four Old Radnor residents on 10th February who had raised the following:- boulders rolling down bank towards property, noise of working and explosions, the quarry boundary line, the effects of the foregoing on property prices and opportunity to attend quarry liaison meetings. Subsequently a meeting with the Manager of the Gore Quarry on 20th February to discuss issues raised. This was a preliminary meeting pending availability of

Company Estate Manager. There had been a positive response to issues raised and a formal meeting should be in the near future.

(125) SPEEDING VEHICLES IN ORCHARD VIEW, EVENJOB

Mrs. Gwatkin reported that the situation had become a little easier in recent weeks. However, there are young children living in Orchard View. **RESOLVED:** Letters are to be sent to the Housing and Highways Dept. at County Council and also to the police to ask if they can occasionally patrol the area.

(126) TEAM AROUND THE FAMILY LAUNCH, 30TH MARCH, 2015

Information was provided about this event which will take place in the Council Chambers at County Hall, between 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Unfortunately, no-one was able to attend.

(127) MID POWYS KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION CHANGES

Changes are progressing in the Community Council area with more places coming under the new regime of kerbside recycling. Some areas have yet to be included with information coming to households before the new system commences.

(128) COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE UPDATE

The Community Council website is now live. A picture gallery will be in place on the website shortly with the opportunity to add more photographs. The clerk has received one training session with another to occur before the next meeting.

(129) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

The balance in the HSBC account stood at £2,249.07 on 10th March, 2015. An invoice had been received from Upper Bridge Enterprises for an amount of £306.00. **RESOLVED:** A cheque for £306.00 is drawn on the HSBC account.

(130) ONE VOICE EMAILS

Copies of emails had been forwarded to those Community Councillors with email facility. This month there had been a large number of emails containing a huge amount of information. **RESOLVED:** The clerk is to contact One Voice Wales to ask if the organisation would consider sending a synopsis of lengthy documents and highlighting items that need a quick response.

(131) DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next Community Council meeting will be held on 21st April, 2015 and will be held in Walton Parish Hall. Business concluded at 9.40 p.m.