

Minutes of a meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held on Tuesday, 21st April, 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Walton Parish Hall.

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

(136) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors D. Williams and Mrs. S. Williams.

(137) COMPLETION OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST BOOK

The Declaration of Interest Book was completed by M. Jones in respect of Plans P/2015/0226, Erection of two storey dwelling at plot adjacent to Penygarreg, Old Radnor and P/2015/0266 Crown Inn, Walton. E. Jones completed the Declaration of Interest Book in respect of P/2015/0226.

(138) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17TH MARCH, 2015

The Minutes had been circulated. **RESOLVED:** They are a true record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman as such.

(139) INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

Page 466, (122) (b) and (c) – Information has been placed on the website about these two events.

(140) MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD 2ND APRIL, 2015

The Minutes had been circulated to all Community Councillors. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes are a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(141) INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

The plans that were the subject of the meeting appear on the Agenda.

(142) PLANS

a) P/2015/0226, Outline, Erection of two storey dwelling and alterations to access at plot adjacent to Penygarreg, Old Radnor for Mr. Terry Griffiths. The advice that had been received from One Voice Wales concerning declaring an interest was read by the Chairman. M. Jones explained that to act as the Local Member and be able to speak but not vote at the Planning Committee, he will be declaring an interest and withdrawing from this meeting. He would take the same action for Plans P/2015/0266, Crown Inn Walton. M. Jones and E. Jones declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting. The Vice-Chairman, T. Bell presided over the deliberations for P/2015/0226. The plans were laid on the table and studied. **RESOLVED:** The Community Council accepts the planning application.

E. Jones returned to the meeting.

b) The plans for P/2015/0266, Full, Part demolition of public house (rear), erection of two new dwelling and conversion of public house to a dwelling, to include associated works with the formation of car parking and access at Crown Inn, Walton for Mr. & Mrs. S. Miles were laid out on

the table. **RESOLVED:** The Community Council supports this application. However, visibility must be maintained at the junction with the A44 as it is noted that a garden is to be created for House 1 that has a boundary with the A44. The Community Council request that a condition be placed so that trees, high hedges or high fences do not appear on the site boundary alongside the main road.

c) Conditional planning consent has been granted by Powys County Council for P/2015/0068, Meadow View, Evenjobb.

d) Conditional planning consent has been granted by Powys County Council for P/2015/0077, Court Cottages, Evenjobb.

(143) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Information had been received from BT Payphones concerning Adopt a Kiosk. **RESOLVED:** To take no action.

b) The Clerks & Councils Direct was circulated.

c) Information from the Welsh Government concerning updated guidance on the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulation 2014. Community Councils fall into the category of smaller relevant body and Section B outlines the procedures applicable for financial management.

d) The Brecon & Radnor Area Committee had taken place on 17th April, 2015. Unfortunately T. Bell had been unable to attend.

e) Information had been received from Powys C.C. concerning general dispensation to participate in School Modernisation and School Transport Review.

f) The publication, The Voice, from One Voice Wales was circulated.

g) A further letter had been received from Powys C.C. about Community Delivery Initiative.

h) A document from Welsh Government about Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015. As from 1st May, 2015 Community Councils will be required to publish information on a website. Changes are to be made following the commencement of Section 58 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (relating to registers of Members' Interests) which will require a number of small consequential amendments to be made to the Model Code of Conduct to clarify interpretation of its provisions. However, the Welsh Government is working to bring forward a number of unrelated amendments to the Model Code for consultation later in the year. Consequently, to avoid the need for authorities to adopt revised codes of conduct in relatively quick succession, it is intended to make all the amendments at the same time.

i) Various emails had been received from Herefordshire Council about the proposed main modifications to the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy. It is proposed that Kington will accommodate around 200 homes during the plan period 2011 to 2013. Any proposed new retail, leisure or office development over 200 m² will need to be supported by an impact assessment to determine whether there could be adverse impacts on town centre vitality and viability. There is an indicative housing growth target for Kington of 12%.

(144) ONE VOICE WALES – WHITE PAPER CONSULTATIONS – REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The initial response from One Voice Wales concerning the white paper consultation on reforming local government had been circulated to all Community Councillors for their information.

(145) WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT OUTLINING THE INTENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WALES – QUESTIONNAIRE

Every Community Council had either received a link to the white paper or had received a hard copy of the section that related to Community Councils. The consultation period for the white paper on reforming local government runs to 28th April, 2015. The questionnaire is a lengthy document 15 pages of some complexity. Private individuals can complete the document in their own right and this may be what will occur.

(146) LETTER OF RESIGNATION – COUNCILLOR T. LEWIS

A letter of resignation had been received from Councillor T. Lewis. The clerk will contact Powys County Council to inform them of the resignation and follow necessary procedures. This will initially mean advertising the notice of vacancy on the notice boards and providing the information on the website. **RESOLVED:** The clerk is to send a letter of thanks to T. Lewis recording appreciation of his services and regret of his resignation.

(147) CLERK'S RESIGNATION

The clerk's letter of resignation is before the Community Council with effect from 6th July, 2015. **RESOLVED:** The present clerk is to advertise the vacancy on Notice Boards, the website and One Voice Wales website for a clerk and responsible financial officer. The applicant must be computer literate and applications are to be sent to the Chairman, Councillor E. Jones by 30th May, 2015.

(148) ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2015 – EXTERNAL AUDIT DATE 23/6/15

A copy of the accounts of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March, 2015 was circulated to Community Councillors present and the clerk provided information on the entries. **RESOLVED:** The Community Council adopts the accounts as a true and accurate record. The clerk will now arrange to internal audit with the Annual Return being presented at next month's A.G.M.

(149) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

The balance in the HSBC Account on 10th April, 2015 stood at £2,249.07 and after taking into consideration uncleared cheques the amount is £1,924.17.

- a) The clerk's salary and expenses is due to 5th April, 2015 for an amount of £546.08 (salary £450.00, expenses £96.08). **RESOLVED:** Payment to be made.
- b) The Zurich Insurance renewal is due on 1st June, 2015 for an amount of £243.80, (the same premium as last year). **RESOLVED:** Payment to be made.

(150) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM; SHELTER, LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFOD, BOBATH CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTRE WALES, POWYS CITIZEN ADVICE

BUREAU, MONTGOMERYSHIRE AND THE MARCHES NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD, URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2015, RADNOR VALLEY LITTLE DRAGONS, KIDNEY WALES ASSOCIATION AND SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION

The letters were before the meeting from all the aforementioned organisations. **RESOLVED:** A payment is to be made to the Radnor Valley Little Dragons for an amount of £100.00.

(151) ONE VOICE WALES EMAILS – CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION FOR LONG TERM EMPTY HOUSES AND SECOND HOMES IN WALES, MOTIONS FOR 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGM, COME ON BOARD INVITATION – NATURAL RESOURCE WALES, THE REVIEW OF DESIGNATED LANDSCAPES IN WALES STAGE 2, ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE AND SUPERFAST CYMRU E-NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

Consultations for Council Tax Exemption for long term empty houses and second homes in Wales end on 13th June, 2015. All emails had been circulated to those Community Councillors with email facility.

(152) DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 19th May, 2015 in Evenjobb Village Hall commencing at 8.00 p.m. Business concluded at 9.30 p.m.