

Minutes of a meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Evenjobb Village Hall

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

(24) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

(25) COMPLETION OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST BOOK

The Declaration of Interest Book was completed by Councillors Mrs. Gwatkin and Mrs. Jones in relation to No. 8 on the Agenda, donations to Evancoyd, Kinnerton and Old Radnor churchyards.

(26) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014

The Minutes had been circulated to all Community Councillors and it was proposed by T. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Gwatkin that they were a correct record of the meeting.

(27) INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

Several items from the last meeting appeared on the Agenda for the evening's meeting.

(28) PLANS

M. Jones took no part in the discussion and decision about plans for P2014/0672, Full, Construct and operate 7 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 110m and maximum hub height of 69m together with ancillary development comprising substation, control building, new and upgraded access points and tracks, hardstanding and temporary compound and associated works at land off A44 SW of Llandegley, Llandrindod Wells (consultee as neighbouring Community Council). The site was identified on the ordnance survey map and the plans were studied. It was proposed by Mrs. Stokes and seconded by T. Bell and carried (3 votes for, 3 abstentions) that the Community Council makes the following comments: The Community Council objects to the planning application for the following reasons – 1. The landscape impact would have a detrimental affect on a precious rural area. 2. They will have a significant unwanted visual impact in this rural area. 3. There would be a negative impact on local residents. 4. This area of countryside has very little modern infrastructure on the hillsides and the Community Council are fearful that if approved it would set a precedent and lead to a proliferation of applications for wind turbines. 5. The site is outside the strategic search area.

(29) CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Welsh Government has issued a Reforming Local Government White Paper which is available to read at <http://wales.gov.uk/consultation/localgovernment/white-paper-reforming-local-government/lang=en>. The document proposes to reduce the number of local authorities from 22 to between 10 and 12, with 12 being the minimum necessary to systematically address problems of scale. The method will be to merge existing local authorities rather than create new boundaries. Powys will remain as is, with a closer working link with the Local Health Board. It was proposed by

T. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Jones and carried unanimously that the response to the White Paper is: The Community Council welcomes the fact that Powys is not merging with any other local authority. We find it difficult coming to an opinion when there is no clear detail about the closer working with the Local Health Board. Regardless of closer working with the Local Health Board we would not wish to see any diminishing of cross border healthcare. Within the document there is mention of the need to reform Town & Community Councils and another paper will be released in the Autumn.

b) A letter of thanks had been received from Walton Parish Hall for the grant of £353.00 and with a request that they are considered again for a grant in 2015.

c) The meetings had been well advertised in relation to those held locally about the draft document of the Powys Local Development Plan. Within the plan it is proposed that New Radnor is classed as a large village, Gladestry as a small village. All the villages in the Old Radnor Community Council are classed as rural settlements. These are the smallest tier of settlement in size (number of households) and function and often possess few, if any, services. These are not named within the Local Development Plan but are defined by the following characteristics: historically recognised/named settlements; and located in a rural setting and contain at least 10 dwellings; and can be clusters of dwellings or more dispersed. Consideration was given to the fact that within the Local Development Plan 'the village envelope' will not exist. Decision made to not make representations about this.

d) Roger Williams, MP had sent a response to the Community Council letter to say that all communications received about his information gathering exercise regarding trunk roads will be collated and submitted to form part of the Welsh Assembly review process.

e) Powys C.C. is conducting a consultation on a sustainable library service for the County. It can be viewed at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/corporate/find-out-about-consultations-in-powys/library-service-consultation-2014>. The Cabinet are favouring Option A which will be to reduce all area and branch opening hours by 20%. Maintain branch libraries in current locations, seeking opportunities to co-locate the libraries with other council or community facilities in the area. Maintain the mobile library service, including all existing stops, but replace the two weekly service with a four weekly service. The other options were also read out and it was then proposed by T. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Stokes, with everyone in favour that the Community Council writes to support Option A.

f) An information pack had been sent from Powys C.C. providing notes for Town and Community Councillors and the request for each Council to engage with community groups regarding the extremely difficult financial position Powys C.C., like all other Welsh County Councils, is in. Feedback from any meetings that take place would help shape a round of meetings to be held in the Autumn. There will be one on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2014 in Knighton Community Centre and another at The Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Decision made to wait for more details about the Powys C.C. led meetings.

### (30) WHEELED BIN ROLLOUT AND NEW RECYCLING BINS

The information event will be held in New Radnor Community Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 between 3-7 p.m. The clerk will put posters about the event on the Notice Boards when they arrive.

Refuse collection dates will be different in the week following the Bank Holiday, they will be moved on one day and revert to the normal collection day the following weeks.

(31) COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

The clerk read out the information from an email sent by Vision ICT. The initial cost of £500 + VAT would cover a three years deal to provide a website for the Community Council, to include domain name registration, website design and development, all initial content added to the site etc. Ongoing support would be via telephone. Year 4 annual package would cost £125 +VAT. If the Community Council decide to purchase from this company 50% payment is required up front with the final payment on completion of the site. It was decided to ask Upper Bridge Enterprises, a local company providing web-site design, to attend a Community Council meeting at a later date.

(32) DONATIONS TOWARDS UPKEEP OF EVANCOYD, KINNERTON AND OLD RADNOR CHURCHYARDS

Councillors Mrs. Gwatkin and Mrs. Jones declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion of decision made about this item. In the past the Community Council have provided £120 towards the cost of upkeep of each of the three churchyards. It was proposed by T. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Stokes that a payment of £120 is made to each PCC to help with the cost of churchyard upkeep.

(33) POWYS RURAL HOUSING NEWSLETTER

Those Community Councillors with email had been forwarded a copy of the Powys Rural Housing Newsletter. A hard copy was circulated at the meeting.

(34) ONE VOICE WALES EMAILS

The One Voice Wales emails had been forwarded to Community Councillors with emails and a note placed on the Agendas to request any additional information required from the clerk for those without email facility. Model Standing Orders need to be updated and this will appear as an item on the next Agenda.

(35) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

The balance in the HSBC account on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 stood at £2,116.69.

(36) DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 in Kinnerton Village Hall commencing at **8.15 p.m.** Business concluded at 9.25 p.m.