

Minutes of a meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held on Tuesday, 15th July, 2014 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

(13) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors M. Jones, T. Lewis, D. Williams and Mrs. S. Williams

(14) COMPLETION OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST BOOK

The Declaration of Interest Book was completed by E. Jones in relation to plans P2014/0611, erection of rural workers dwelling on land adjacent to Penlan Farm.

(15) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20TH MAY, 2014

The Minutes had been circulated with the Agendas and it was proposed by T. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Goodwin that they were a true record of the meeting.

(16) INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

a) Page 439, Item (4) – The Planning Officer had apologised for the delay in her response and said that it was her understanding that the wind turbine at Hendregenny, Whitton (P2014/0225) will serve the farm and any surplus fed into the grid.

b) Page 440, Item (11) – The clerk had received confirmation that a place was booked at Howey for the training on Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts.

(17) PLANS

The paperwork for plans P2014/0514, Full, Erection of a utility building to provide an information point and office studio at Whimble Nursery, Kinnerton for Mr. R. Lancett, Whimble Partnership were placed on the table. The plans were studied and it was proposed by Mrs. Goodwin and seconded by T. Bell that the Community Council has no objections to the planning application.

The Chairman left the meeting before the next planning application was considered. The Vice-Chairman, T. Bell conducted this section of the meeting. Plans for P2014/0611, Full, Erection of rural workers dwelling, formation of new access, installation of private treatment plant and associated works at land adjacent to Penlan Farm, Old Radnor for G.E.T. Jones were laid out on the table. After consideration it was proposed by H. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Gwatkin that the Community Council has no objections to the planning application.

E. Jones returned to the meeting.

Plans 2014/0656, Full, Change of use of old timber yard to residential use including change of use of building to dwelling, demolition of substandard sheds and construction of new ancillary accommodation building on footprint, construction of garage, alteration to access and installation of new package treatment plant at Penderw, Old Radnor for Mr. R. Gell. Some time was taken studying

the detail of the planning application and it was proposed by Mrs. Goodwin and seconded by T. Bell that the Community Council has no objections to the planning application.

(18) CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Welsh Government had a consultation document relating to access to information on Community & Town Councils – <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/access-to-informaton-towncouncils/?lang=en> . This prompted discussion about the document and it was agreed that the draft Guidance is in keeping with the provisions of the Local Government Democracy (Wales) Act 2013. The Community Council have concerns about the information that will be required under member's interest and will need more detailed information. The Community Council would like the Welsh Government to take into consideration the difference between Town Councils and rural Community Councils when legislation is formulated. It was proposed by Mrs. Goodwin and seconded by H. Jones that the clerk formulates the reply to the consultation in line with the foregoing comments. This item also prompted discussion about the need for the Community Council to have a website up and running by the end of 2015. Vision ICT Ltd. is offering the service of creating websites and also a local company called Upper Bridge Enterprises. The latter have created a website for Gladestry Community Council and New Radnor Community Council. It was agreed that the clerk should find out some more information from Vision ICT Ltd. before the next meeting and then extending an invitation to Roger Malvern of Upper Bridge Enterprises to attend the October meeting of the Community Council.

b) Powys C.C. has provided information about the ranking scheme for undertaking minor highway works. The current system for undertaking repair works uses a ranking scheme to determine the risk. The letter was circulated.

c) The Spring 2014 Newsletter from One Voice Wales was circulated.

d) Powys C.C. have sent a letter about the wheeled bin rollout and new recycling bins. It is anticipated that the service will be in operation by the end of December 2014. A drop in surgery event will be held in New Radnor in September. In the meantime if anyone wishes to see the new recycling bins they can be viewed at Presteigne or Knighton Leisure Centres. A note is to appear in the parish magazines about this item.

e) A joint letter had been received from Roger Williams, MP and Kirsty Williams AM about the Welsh Government and Trunk Road Agency review of speed limits on trunk roads. It was decided that the main concern is about road users exceeding the existing speed limits, and the only way to have an effect on this would be to have extra policing.

f) Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner is conducting a survey on how local justice is delivered. The survey is available at www.bit.ly/DPCRsurvey.

g) The One Powys Plan 2014-2017 has been issued by Powys Local Service Board (LSB) a partnership between Powys C.C., Powys Teaching Health Board, Dyfed/Powys Police and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations. It can be viewed at <http://one.powys.gov.uk>.

h) Powys C.C. has produced a consultation report on the proposal relating to the closure of the pre-school assessment centres and specialist units hosted at mainstream primary schools. This will

inform a paper before the Council's Cabinet on 15th July. The report is available at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=16906&L=0>.

i) The Ombudsman had prepared and sent the Annual Report 2013/14 and was available if anyone wanted to read it.

j) A letter had been received from Powys C.C. about Evenjobb sewage treatment works. Following the last meeting the clerk had written with an apology to the authority because the letter sent should have been about Kinnerton sewage treatment works. The second letter had not caught up with the first because an inspection had taken place at Evenjobb sewage treatment works and the County Council surveyor had formulated a plan to cut and prune the trees to a more manageable level. It had been ascertained by the clerk that there are some dead trees and fallen branches at the Evenjobb site and it was decided that the County Council continue with their work programme.

k) The Chairman read the letter and County Grounds Maintenance Service 2014 Specification received from the County Council.

l) The letter from D. Jones, The Grove, Lant Avenue, Llandrindod Wells has been forwarded to the planning department and a letter sent to D. Jones informing him of the action taken. His letter had been returned to clerk marked 'addressee unknown' and 'no such address'.

m) The Clerks & Councils Direct was circulated to those Community Councillor's present.

(19) OLD RADNOR WAR MEMORIAL

T. Bell reported that he had one response to his article in the Parish Magazine from Olwen Jones late of Croft Castle. She had found some a notebook with entries made by her father which provided a list of names and on the reverse of the paper were four other names who were thought to be names of men who had lived at Dolyhir Cottages and may have served in World War II. T. Bell would research the names and also check the names on the list against those on the war memorial. He proposed that was far as work on the war memorial was concerned then the lichen be cleaned from the names on the base and the remainder of the war memorial left as is. Additionally, to contact the experts to seek guidance on how to/what material to use for a plaque to record where the information on the names on the war memorial can be found. Seconded by H. Jones and carried unanimously.

(20) ONE VOICE WALES EMAILS

All emails had been forwarded to those Community Councillors with email addresses. The clerk gave a brief resume which included the fact that Vision ICT Ltd. will provide a website for smaller councils with a precept of less than £20,000 with all costs covered for three years for an amount of £500.00.

(21) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

The balance in the HSBC bank account on 10th June, 2014 stood at £2,900.85.

(22) INVOICES – EVENJOBV VILLAGE HALL & CLERK’S WAGES AND EXPENSES

An invoice had been received from Evenjobb Village Hall for use of the hall for meetings in the sum of £24.50. It was proposed for payment by Mrs. Goodwin and seconded by T. Bell.

The clerk’s salary had been due on 5th July, 2014 for an amount of £450.00. Expenses to date were £60.36. It was proposed by H. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Gwatkin that a cheque for £510.36 be drawn.

(23) DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th August, 2014 in Evenjobb Village. This is subject to confirmation with the Hall that the date is available. Business concluded at 9.30 p.m.