

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 19th January, 2016 held in Kinnerton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors E. Jones (Chairman), Mrs A. Goodwin, Mrs B. Gwatkin, K. Morgan, M. Jones. Mrs. R. Jones, H. Jones, R. Jones, Mrs J. Stokes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk; Mr. R Malvern, Upper Bridge Enterprises; members of the public.

ABSENT: T. Bell (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. E. Jones welcomed new Member, Royston Jones to the Council and also welcomed the members of the public present.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Members received a presentation from Mr. Roger Malvern on the proposed new website platform for the Old Radnor site. The need for a new site had arisen due to the scheduled withdrawal of the Microsoft Sharepoint software used by the current site. Cllr. E. Jones thanked Mr. Malvern for attending.

MIN 81/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R. Burden.

MIN 82/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only:

Cllr. Ruth Jones re. Grant to Kinnerton Village Hall (secretary to Hall Committee), Grant to Kinnerton PCC (Committee Member).

Cllr. M. Jones re Grant to Walton Parish Hall Committee (Committee Member), Grant to Old Radnor PCC (Committee Member).

Cllr. Royston Jones re Grant to Walton Parish Hall (Committee Member).

Cllr. A. Goodwin re Grant to Walton Parish Hall (Treasurer to Hall Committee)

NB General Dispensation from February 2013 applies to membership of clubs and charities.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. K. Morgan re planning applications P/2015/1152 and 1155 (related to applicant)

Cllr. M. Jones re. Footpath Amendments Item 7.1 (member of Old Radnor PCC)

Cllr. E. Jones re. Footpath Amendments Item 7.1 (business connections)

Cllr. A. Goodwin re. Footpath Amendments Item 7.1 (business connections)

MIN 83/15 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Royston Jones completed his acceptance of office which was duly witnessed by the Clerk.

MIN 84/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15TH DECEMBER 2015

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

MIN 85/15 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

(1) Nothing to report.

MIN 86/15 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved -

Evenjobb Village Hall (annual grant)	£247.00
Walton Parish Hall (annual grant)	£353.00
Kinnerton Village Hall (annual grant)	£150.00
Evancoyd PCC (graveyard maintenance)	£120.00
Kinnerton PCC (graveyard maintenance)	£120.00
Old Radnor PCC (graveyard maintenance)	£120.00

(2) Precept 2016/17: Members considered the draft budget supplied by the Clerk. This included an increase in the grants to the three village halls of approximately 10% in recognition of the proposed reduction in the grant payments from the County Council. The budget was approved as drafted to a total of £6166. It was therefore resolved that a precept be set for £15.91 per Band D property, raising £6168.30

(3) Letter of Thanks Wales Air Ambulance: Noted.

(4) Receipt: Powys County Council Precept Payment £1667.00

MIN 87/15 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications -

Note: Cllr. M. Jones took no part in the planning application decisions due to his position on the County Council planning committee.

Cllr. K. Morgan left the room for the duration of the discussions on applications P/2015/1152 and 1155.

P/2015/1152, full, erection of a pig rearing and finishing unit and associated works (2 of 2) at Sunnybank Farm, Old Radnor.

P/2015/1155, full erection of a pig rearing and finishing unit and associated works at Sunnybank Farm, Old Radnor.

Following a vote it was resolved to support both applications. Cllr. Stokes wished her abstention to be noted.

(2) Planning Application Decisions:

P/2015/0635 Railsgate, Kinnerton: Application Refused.

P/2015/1097 Barland Farm, Evenjobb: Conditional Consent

(3) Withdrawal of Paper Planning Applications: Cllr. E. Jones read the reply from the County Council. Members agreed that the production of a guide to the website would not resolve the issues and concerns that had been raised. The Clerk was asked to respond re-stating the issues and asking that these be addressed before paper plans were withdrawn.

MIN 88/15 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs. E. Jones, M. Jones and A. Goodwin left the room for the duration of the next item. Cllr. Ruth Jones assumed the Chair for the consideration of the item.

(1) Footpath Amendments, Old Radnor: Having examined the proposals it was resolved to support the amendments.

(2) Reminder of Quarry Liaison Meeting 28th January 6.30pm: Noted.

(3) Transparency of Senior Remuneration in the Devolved Welsh Public: Noted.

(4) First World War Partnership Day Invitation: Noted.

(5) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

(6) Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons Information: Noted.

(7) Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation: The Clerk summarised her short report. It was resolved that no comment be made.

(8) Future Website Provision: Members considered the quotes provided. It was resolved that Upper Bridge Enterprises be commissioned to provide a replacement website at a cost of £200 with the annual fee being £148.50. The Clerk to liaise with Mr. Malvern to arrange timescales, layout etc. Cllr. M. Jones suggested that a letter be written to Microsoft asking that they pay for the setting up of the new site. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Gladestry and New Radnor Community Councils to ask if they would be willing to be part of a joint letter to the company.

(9) Re-Surfacing of B4362: The Clerk reported that the re-surfacing of sections of the road had been included in the draft proposals for 2016-17.

(10) Dog Fouling Survey: The Clerk had circulated details of this via email.

MIN 89/15 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

16th February at Walton Parish Hall

Proposed by Cllr. M. Jones and seconded by Cllr Stokes and -

Resolved: Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the following items.

MIN 90/15 CLERK'S WORK APPRAISAL, REVIEW OF WORKING HOURS, APPLICATION FOR CILCA BURSARY

Members had received a copy of the work appraisal completed by Cllr. Bell. The Clerk explained the proposals and answered Member's questions before leaving the room to allow Members consider their decision.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Jones, seconded by Cllr. Stokes and resolved that the Clerk's hours be increased to 23 per month from 1st April 2016;
the Clerk be authorised to apply for a bursary for 50% of the cost of registration for her Cilca qualification (£125);
the Community Council would pay the registration fee of £250 on condition that a £100 contribution towards the cost be made by the Clerk's other Council(s).
the balance of £25 be met by Old Radnor Community Council.

Payment: Society of Council Clerks £250.00
The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.