

OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 20th December, 2016 in Walton Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T. Bell, (Chairman), H. Jones (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. R. Jones, R. Burden, A. Goodwin, E. Jones, R. Jones, K. Morgan, M. Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

MIN 74/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. B. Gwatkin, J. Stokes.

MIN 75/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal Only: None

Personal and Prejudicial: None

MIN 75/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15TH NOVEMBER 2016

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

MIN 76/16 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES

Road Sign, Walton Junction: Cllr. E. Jones reported that he had still not been contacted by the County Council about changing the height of the sign. The Clerk would remind Mr. Lloyd to contact Cllr Jones.

MIN 77/16 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were agreed -

Mrs T. Price (salary 3rd quarter)	£587.01
HMRC (tax on above)	£146.60
Mrs T. Price (expenses)	£109.24
Evenjobb Village Hall (hire for meetings)	£32.00
Evenjobb Village Hall (annual grant)	£270.00
Kinnerton Village Hall (annual grant)	£165.00
Walton Parish Hall (annual grant)	£390.00
Wales Air Ambulance (annual donation)	£100.00
Walton Parish Hall (room hire)	£75.00

It was agreed that the cheque for William Protheroe Ltd for repair of the toposcope at £264.00 be withheld to allow Cllr. Goodwin to check the work. Some work would not in any event be completed until the weather was warmer and drier.

(2) Budget/Spending Update: Members noted that spending was in line with that expected with a slight saving due to a change in insurance company.

(3) Draft Precept: Members considered the Draft Precept for 2017/18. It was noted that due to the full Council elections it would be necessary to increase the budget to allow for contested election costs. In addition amounts had been allowed for a slight remuneration of Members at £20 each and also for Member training. These were optional and had been included in accordance with Member suggestions over the year. It was agreed that the amount for remuneration be re-

allocated to general Member expenses for travel, parking fees etc when attending events on behalf of the Council.

Grants to the three halls were considered. These had been increased by 10% in 2016/17. The grants from the County Council continued to reduce and would soon be completely removed. Given this it was agreed that Hall grants would be fully reviewed for the 2018/19 budget.

(4) Request for donation, British Red Cross: Resolved no donation be made.

(5) Letter of thanks from Royal British Legion: Noted.

(6) Approval of Bursary Application for £100 towards conference cost: Agreed that the application be made. This would supplement the £50 set aside for training and the balance would be met by Presteigne and Norton Town Council.

(7) Radnor Valley Little Dragons: Members noted the email from the Little Dragons. A donation had been made earlier in the financial year and it was agreed that no additional payment be made at the moment however the Group was included in the draft budget for 2017/18.

MIN 78/16 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: None.

(2) Planning Application Decisions: There had been no decisions since the November meeting.

(3) Replies from Kirsty Williams AM and Chris Davies MP re LDP Focussed Changes: Noted. Cllr. Bell had received a personal reply from Kirsty Williams AM which he read to the meeting.

(4) Powys County Council Letter re LDP Hearing and option to send speaker: Agreed that a speaker would be sent and that this would be Cllr. Bell or Cllr. Burden depending on availability.

MIN 79/16 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Defibrillator Grant Application Update: Cllr. Bell was pleased to report that the application had been successful. The lottery now required various items of documentation to be completed and this would be done by the Clerk.

(2) National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, Consultation (deferred from November): Resolved no comment be made.

(3) Powys County Council Review of Rights of Way Improvement Plan: Cllr. Bell took the information and would prepare a reply for the Council.

(4) National Development Framework, Call for Evidence and Projects: Resolved no comment be made.

(5) Consultation on Changing the Name of the National Assembly: Resolved that the Council should support the name 'National Assembly for Wales'.

(6) Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2017: Cllr. Bell did not wish to attend and so the Council would not ask to be part of the ballot.

(7) Council Website, request for page from Walton Village Hall: It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries on the cost to set up the additional pages. Pages would also be offered to Kinnerton Village Hall and Evenjobb Village Hall.

(8) BT Payphone Removal: The draft decisions from the County Council were noted. Resolved no comment be made.

(9) Update on Day Time Activities and Day Centres: Cllr. M. Jones reported on the Cabinet meeting earlier that day and on the decision made to continue funding for 2017/18 subject to final approval during the budget setting process. During 2017/18 alternative methods of service delivery would be sought.

(10) Next Quarry Liaison Meeting: Noted that this was planned for 18th January, 6.30pm.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 it was resolved to exclude the Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the following item.

MIN 80/16 CLERK'S ANNUAL WORK APPRAISAL AND HOURS REVIEW

The appraisal form had been completed by the Clerk and Cllr. Bell. Cllr. Bell read the proposed objectives for the coming year which were agreed by all. In addition it was resolved to award an additional increment to the Clerk in recognition of the obtaining of the CiLCA qualification during the year. This would take effect from April 2017. The change in salary would be adjusted on the draft precept.

MIN 81/16 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

17th January 2017 at Evenjobb Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.