

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2007 AT THE SHIRE HALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs H Owens (Mayor), J. Kendall (Deputy Mayor), Mrs E. Davies, Ms. J. Simpson, J. Tennant-Eyles, C Kirkby, F. Evans, , P Gerrard, Mrs P. Fraser-Scott.

Apologies: Cllrs. Ms. G. Johnstone, Mrs S. Frazer, J. Wilding, G. Graham.

Declarations of Interest. Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 issues under Section 51 Local Government Act 2002.

Cllr. Mrs E. Davies Memorial Hall Committee

Guest Speaker at the meeting was Mr. Paul Rowe of Powys County Council Youth Service. He gave a detailed presentation on the youth provision in the Presteigne and Norton area and in particular the future of the service, outlining the proposal to buy a mobile bus type unit and inviting Members to see examples of this type of facility at a date to be arranged. He confirmed that the cost of this bus would be met from revenue funding not capital. He answered a number of probing questions on the service and the intentions for the future. In particular he was asked to confirm the situation regarding any capital receipt from the sale of the present Youth Centre, to give the current numbers of young people using the service in Presteigne and on the charges made to the young people to use the service. He stated that in the event of a new Memorial Hall being built the Youth Service would be interested in using its facilities although not necessarily on a weekly basis. He agreed to send a copy of the survey carried out with the children at John Beddoes School to the Clerk for information.

MIN 1806 PRESTEIGNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Members agreed that Cllr. Mrs Fraser-Scott be confirmed as the Town Council representative on the board of governors for a further four years.

MIN 1807 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

The following donations were approved:-

Presteigne St. Andrews Colts Football Club	£250.00 (precepted)
Presteigne St. Andrews Colts Under 8's Football	£100.00 (precepted)
BISYOC	£100.00 (precepted)

Members decided not to make a donation to Shelter Cymru this financial year.

The letters of thanks received were noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved:

E. Cross Inspections Wents Meadow (Meadow Account) £90.00

Clearview Cleaning Services (Monthly Account)	£356.03
Npower Electricity Account Public Conveniences	£40.38
Welsh Water Water account Public Conveniences	£47.83
Petty Cash	£50.00

MIN 1808 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Mayor.

MIN 1809 MATTERS ARISING – To appear under the appropriate heading.

- (1) **Town Shoppers Car Park** – It was heard that the coping stones should be in place soon but that flooding was still a problem. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting between Cllr. Kirkby and Kevin Lloyd of PCC to try to sort this problem out.
- (2) **Rock Bridge Footpath** – A meeting to discuss this had still to be arranged.
- (3) **By-Pass Car Park** – Members heard that the ticket machine was now removed.
- (4) **Benches, Norton** – Members were informed that the benches were now with the workman and that the notice board had now been repaired.
- (5) **Bunting, High Street** – This was now in place.
- (6) **East Radnor Forum** – No one had been able to attend the latest meeting. It was believed that the next meeting would be held in Presteigne and the Clerk agreed to contact Rebecca Richards to remind her to make the arrangements.

MIN 1810 PLANNING

- 1) The following planning applications were considered and discussed:-

PR182201 Full: Erection of rear extension, part two storey, part single storey and replace existing asbestos cement garage with a timber one – **5 Greenfield Road, Presteigne**. No objections were raised to this application.

PR538403 Listed Building Consent, remove bath, basin and wc and install new shower and to include new basin, wc and wall heater and other associated works SO 36 SW - **43 High Street, Presteigne**. No objections were made to this application.

PR660500 Clearance, installing one additional pole support and new brick built cubicle close to pole to provide three new services - **Coach House Norton Manor**. No objections were raised to this application.

PR272609 Full: Erection of new presbytery, part demolition of existing dwelling (Ty Mair), conversion of single storey section of Ty Mair to garage and erection of new garage, SO 36 SW – **Land adj. to Catholic Church, Kings Turning, Presteigne**.

PR272610 Full, demolition of 2 small bungalows and 2 garage structures. Erection of 4 houses and associated garages and creation of new vehicular access - **Land adj. to Catholic Church, Kings Turning, Presteigne**.

The two applications above (609 and 610) were considered together. A number of letters of objection had been received from local residents and these were read to the meeting. Members agreed that the points made were very valid and asked that the Clerk forward copies of these letters to the Planning Department and stress the Town Council's agreement with the points made. In addition Members asked that the situation regarding the oak tree be raised. In particular the fact that the tree was shown to be sick and the need for its removal to be confirmed. The Clerk was asked to check what protection there was for all the mature trees on the site. With regard to Ty Mawr it was suggested that the same access road be used for both applications thus negating the need for a new access road to be created.

- 2) The items listed for information were duly noted.
- 3) Letter from PCC re. Planning appeal, The Hazels, Norton – This letter was read to the meeting and Members agreed that their original comments be repeated.
- 4) Biomass Unit, Knill, Near Presteigne – Cllr. Kirkby advised Members of this application for a combined heat and power unit using chicken manure. Members agreed that the Clerk write supporting this application to Herefordshire Council.

MIN 1811 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

- (1) **Presteigne Cemetery** - Nothing further to report at present. Cllr. Mrs Davies reported that rabbits were presently a big problem and asked that the Clerk report this to PCC.
- (2) **Mid and West Wales Rescue Authority Risk Reduction Plan** – This item was deferred to the next Meeting due to the absence of Cllr. Wilding.
- (3) **Part Night Lighting** – Members considered this letter from PCC and agreed with the principle. They asked that the Clerk write confirming that they were willing to provide local information for the scheme and suggested that part of the by pass could be considered.
- (4) **Community Support** – Cllr. Evans reported to Members on the present situation with regard to the funding, in particular concerning the community transport system. He explained that funding for the member of staff operating this scheme had been found from reserves for this year but that it was unlikely that the organisation would be able to continue this scheme into the next financial year without further financial support. He stated that funding was down £7900 this year. He asked for the Town Council's support in applying for more funding and Members agreed that the Clerk write to Powys Local Health Board with copies to Roger Williams, Kirsty Williams and PAVO.
- (5) **Pound Lane** – Members were pleased to hear that the length of the no waiting lines had indeed been reduced as suggested.
- (6) **Youth Service Provision, Presteigne** – This matter had been addressed by direct questions to Paul Rowe of PCC.
- (7) **Re-Cycling** – The current situation was discussed, together with the new rubbish collection arrangements.
- (8) **Grass Cutting of Verges, Presteigne** – Members heard that PCC had replied indicating that the frequency of the grass cutting had not changed. It was felt that the quality of cutting was probably less good due to the use of large machines rather than trimmers etc. It was agreed to take no further action at present.

- (9) **Herefordshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document** – Members had no comments to make at present.
- (10) **Potholes** - Cllr. Evans reported that the pothole near the wellingtonia trees had still not been repaired
- (11) **Bus Timetables** – Members heard that a new company was taking over some of the routes through Presteigne and asked that the Clerk chase PCC for the new timetables and also to follow up the existing timetables that were promised some time ago.
- (12) **Water on Pavement, Memorial Hall** – The Clerk agreed to take this up with PCC.

MIN 1812 NORTON MATTERS

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles suggested that the usual gardener be employed to tidy the area around the bus stop in Norton and give the grass a through cut. It was agreed that this be done and that the gardener be employed for one day during August.

MIN 1813 WENTS MEADOW

- (1) **Sheep Music** – This was on course and due to take place the coming weekend.
- (2) **Ligne Garden** – The gardening had recently been done and an invoice was due shortly.

MIN 1814 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr. Kirkby suggested that he have preliminary discussions with the lottery fund to see what funding would be available. Members agreed with this course of action.

MIN 1815 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that the broken toilet roll holders had been replaced. He praised the present cleaner who was doing an excellent job.

MIN 1816 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Acknowledgement Letter from Cllr. Banks** – Invitation to Town Council Meetings.
- (2) **PAVO Bid, Rural Development Plan** – Town Council support given.

These items were noted.

MIN 1817 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

The Clerk Magazine July Issue
 Welsh Assembly Job Advertisement
 PAVO News
 LCR Magazine July
 Ombudsman's Annual Report
 Urbanscape Catalogue

These items were noted.

MIN 1818 OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Kendall reported that the Presteigne Festival had suggested that the Town Council give a reception on the Saturday evening of the Festival in honour of the 25th Festival. There would be no direct cost to the Council. The Mayor agreed to provide snacks for the event.

It was also noted that the Mayor had been invited to Nantes in the Autumn and that eleven members of the twinning association were attending. The invitation was extended to other Town Council Members if they wished to attend.

Cllr. Kirkby provided Members with copies of the documents produced by the new owner of the Radnorshire Arms for Member's information. It was agreed that it was vital for the owner to obtain the necessary permissions prior to carrying out work.

The next meeting is to be the annual town walk and it was agreed to invite the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust to attend. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to arrange this.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm