

**Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2007 AT THE SHIRE HALL,
BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

Present: Cllrs H Owens (Mayor), J. Kendall (Deputy Mayor), J. Tennant-Eyles, F. Evans, J. Wilding, G. Graham.

Apologies: Cllrs. Ms. G. Johnstone, Mrs S. Frazer, Mrs P. Fraser-Scott, Mrs E. Davies, Ms. J. Simpson, C Kirkby, P Gerrard.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk

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.

No declarations were made.

MIN 1831 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

The following donations were approved:-

Royal British Legion (Donation towards Wreaths)	£30.00 (precepted)
Presteigne Young Farmers Club	£250.00 (precepted)
East Radnorshire Day Centre	£2000.00 (precepted)
Norton Sports Committee (Fireworks)	£50.00 (precepted)
Presteigne St. Andrews Football Club	£400.00 (precepted)

The letters of thanks received were noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved:

Clearview Cleaning Services (HFD) Ltd – Monthly Account	£356.03
	(£303.00 plus VAT)
npower – Electricity Account Wilson Terrace	£40.86

(3) Receipts:

Sheep Music Donation towards electricity account Wents Meadow	£190.00
Vintage Sports Cars Ltd. Donation towards upkeep of Wents Meadow	£100.00
(Further donation to come)	

(4) Review of Invoices:

Cllr. Owens confirmed that this had been carried out and that all was in order.

MIN 1832 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MIN 1833 MATTERS ARISING – To appear under the appropriate heading.

- (1) **Twining Association, Reception at Nantes** – Cllr. Kendall advised Members that a request was being forwarded for full contact details of the Council and requesting website/e mail details. Members agreed that this information be supplied. Cllr. Kendall also stated that no reply to his letter had yet been received from Rhodri Morgan.
- (2) **Planning Application, Site adj. telephone exchange** – It was heard that a nearby resident had raised further concerns regarding the issue of surface water from the site and that although arrangements had been shown on the earlier application there was nothing shown on the new submission. This would mean that all water would be draining to one existing drain that was already barely coping with existing water. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Powys County Council again and raise this matter and also to follow up the reasons for the new application not requiring committee approval.
- (3) **Presteigne Cemetery** – It was heard that investigations had not yet been made into the surface of the path but that the officers responsible for the cemetery had obtained rough costings for rabbit proof fencing at around £3000. A further response was awaited.
- (4) **Clatterbrook** – The new officer dealing with the Presteigne area was Carlton Parry . A reply had been received from him explaining that areas were being dealt with in rotation and that Presteigne was next on the list. It was agreed to write stating the urgency of the matter given the potential for flooding should the brook be blocked.
- (5) **Vintage Car Rally** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that this event had been a great success and that a total of £300 was to be donated towards the upkeep of Wents Meadow (£100 had already been received and is listed under Finance).

MIN 1834 PLANNING

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

PR104105: Full - Change of use of A1 to A1/A3 mixed categories – **Ground Floor, 14 High Street, Presteigne, Powys. LD8 2BA.** Members were unsure of the categories involved in this change and asked that the Clerk reply to the effect that they had reservations about the change if it involved fast food/takeaways as previous such applications in the town have led to many objections from residents on the grounds of litter, general disturbance etc. The Clerk was also asked to obtain a copy of the use classes for information in future.

PR500907: Full – Change of use of land to B2 and erection of fence – **Land off Broadaxe Lane (formerly Broadaxe Nursery).** No objections were raised to this application.

PR660601: Full – Erection of two storey extension onto side of house SO 36 SW – **42 Townend, Presteigne.** No objections were raised to this application.

PR130417: Full – Provision of new doors and amendments to car parking, **Units 2 & 3 Broadaxe Business Park.** No objections were raised to this application.

- 2) The items listed for information were duly noted.

3) **Reeves Hill, Proposed Wind Turbines – Scoping Report**

It was agreed that the developers be asked to attend a future meeting of the Town Council so that members could ask any questions they had.

MIN 1835 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

- (1) **Part Night Lighting** – Cllr. Owens reported on the site meeting and confirmed that small areas would be selected at first and that the process was reversible if not satisfactory. It was agreed to write to PCC stating that the Town Council was agreeable to the project in principle and confirming that it was still of the opinion that they would pass a suitable route to begin the process with the exception of the crossing places.
- (2) **Community Support** – The reply from the Local Health Board was read to the meeting. Members were disappointed with the response, which indicated that no additional funding was available.
- (3) **Re-Cycling** – Cllr. Evans stated that he had received a comment that the appearance of the site had improved recently. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.
- (4) **Town Shoppers Car Park** – It was heard that a further site meeting had taken place between Kevin Lloyd of PCC and Cllr. Kirkby. It was agreed to place this item on the Agenda for the November Meeting.
- (5) **Welsh Assembly Government – Relationship Building and Charters for Unitary Authorities and Community and Town Councils**. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had examined this document and advised it be passed to other Members before comments were made. Cllr. Kendall took the document.
- (6) **Welsh Assembly Government - Preparing Community Strategies, revised guidance**. This item was left with Cllr. Wilding to comment.
- (7) **Herefordshire Council Local Development Framework** – Deferred to the November Meeting due to the absence of Cllr. Kirkby.
- (8) **Clatterbrook** – See under Matters Arising.
- (9) **Footpath, Mynd Road** – Carlton Parry had replied that he would look at the path and stating that new signs would be erected.
- (10) **Fire and Rescue Authorities Performance Measurement Framework and Performance Indicators** – Members had no comment to make in respect of this document.
- (11) **Open Spaces 2007-2012** – Cllr. Wilding took this document and agreed to report to the next Meeting.
- (12) **Early Discharge From Hospital** - This matter was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr. Mrs Davies.
- (13) **Pothole near Norton** – Cllr. Evans reminded Members that this had first been reported in April and had still not been filled. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.
- (14) **Parking at Appletree Meadow** – Cllr. Wilding reported that he had received a complaint about the number of vehicles parking in Appletree Meadow and a request that residents only parking be considered. The Clerk agreed to write to PCC about this and ask for their views.

MIN 1836 NORTON MATTERS

- (1) **Remembrance Sunday** - Cllr. Tennant-Eyles gave his apologies in advance for the service in Norton. Cllr. Evans confirmed he was able to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk write to all Members reminding them of the times of the services both in Norton and Presteigne. Cllr. Graham also gave his apologies.
- (2) **Norton Bonfire** – Cllr. Wilding confirmed that this was to take place on 28th October.

MIN 1837 WENTS MEADOW

Re-Seeding - It was heard that the grass seed was growing.

Play Area - Powys County Council had replied to the enquiry about the removal of equipment from the play area. It was heard that the equipment had been removed for safety reasons and that the County Councillor for Presteigne had been informed. The Clerk confirmed that she had asked that the Town Council be consulted in future.

MIN 1838 MEMORIAL HALL

It was agreed that the best way forward was for the Town Council and Hall Committee to agree a date for a meeting between them and then invite all those others involved. The Mayor agreed to set a date and inform the Clerk so that she could issue the invitations.

MIN 1839 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

It was noted that a note had appeared in the Mid Wales Journal reminding everyone that the toilets would be closing at the end of November. Cllr Tennant-Eyles updated Members on the financial situation and was able to confirm that expenditure was broadly in line with the budget set. He stated that the insurance payments were higher than expected but that this was mainly due to the payments having been made for a full year until August 2008 in addition to the part payment for the first part of 2007.

Cllr. Evans agreed to assist Cllr. Tennant-Eyles in boarding up the toilets at the end of the month.

MIN 1840 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **East Radnor Leisure Centre** – The next Management Committee Agenda was passed to Cllr. Owens to attend.
- (2) **Citizens Advice Bureau** – Notification of closure of office in Llandrindod Wells. This item was noted.
- (3) **East Radnor Forum** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the last meeting and Members discussed the future of the Forum at some length. After due consideration it was agreed that the Clerk contact Rebecca Richards of PCC and say that the Council does not believe the Forum is achieving anything and that the process is unnecessary and unproductive. The Clerk was to suggest the Ms. Richards consult the other Community Councils involved to see if the Forum should continue.
- (4) **Dyfed/Powys Police Priorities for 2008/09** – After some discussion it was agreed that the priorities submitted by the Council to be 1) anti social behaviour, 2) burglary and petty crime, 3) drugs. In addition the Clerk was asked to add the comment that more police on the beat would be appreciated by all. Cllr. Wilding stated that he was able to attend the Police Community Forum meeting at Builth Wells.
- (5) **Household Energy Service** – Members were read the request for support from Mr. Adam Kennerley and agreed that the Clerk should reply giving full support to the project.

MIN 1841 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

Copy of Letter from Sheep Music to Mr. And Mrs K. Laker.
Witany – A Guide to Powys for Europeans from Poland.
E Mail from former French Assistant at John Beddoes School.
Letter from J. Kendall to Welsh Assembly Government re. Twinning Weekend.

These items were noted.

MIN 1842 OTHER MATTERS

None

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