

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 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, Mrs E. Davies, Ms. J. Simpson, C Kirkby, P Gerrard.

Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs S. Frazer, Mrs P. Fraser-Scott.

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.

The following declarations were made:-

Cllr. Kendall	John Beddoes School
Cllr. Wilding	John Beddoes School
Cllr. Mrs Simpson	Chamber of Trade
Cllr. Tennant-Eyles	Chamber of Trade
Cllr. Owens	Planning Application, Old Granary, Norton

MIN 1843 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MS. G. JOHNSTONE

Members accepted with regret the resignation of Cllr. Ms. Johnstone. It was heard that the vacancy need not be filled, as full elections would be held within six months. The Clerk agreed to write thanking Ms. Johnstone for her hard work for the Council and community.

MIN 1844 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

The following donations were approved:-

Chamber of Trade (Christmas Lights, Llanandras Fair)	£1000.00 (precepted)
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The remaining £500 would be applied for at a later date if necessary.

The application from the Citizens Advice Bureau for a donation was deferred until a later meeting until further information could be obtained on the service in the Presteigne area. The application from Bobath was also deferred until details on local beneficiaries could be received.

A request from the 5x60 project at John Beddoes School for a donation towards a new basketball court was also deferred so that more detail could be obtained on other possible funding that might be available. The Clerk was asked to contact the Sports Development Officer at PCC and the committee members in charge of the funds raised towards an all weather pitch some time ago.

The letter of thanks received was noted.

(2) **Payments:** The following payments were approved:

Clearview Cleaning Services (HFD) Ltd – Monthly Account	£372.42
npower – Electricity Account Wilson Terrace	£47.32
npower – Electricity Account Wents Meadow	£15.46 (Meadow Account)
Second Homes Securing of benches to pavement	£20.00
Petty Cash	£40.00
Clerks Salary (inc. arrears due to pay award)	£962.26
Income Tax for above	£271.41
E. Cross (Wents Meadow Inspections)	£70.00 (Meadow Account)
SLCC (Clerks Manual Update)	£17.00
Artisan Print (sign, toilets)	£16.77

The invoice from Powys County Council for grass cutting was retained in order for the number of cuts to be checked. Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that no cutting had taken place after mid July.

(3) **Receipts:**

Vintage Sports Cars Ltd. Donation towards upkeep of Wents Meadow
£200.00

MIN 1845 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved with two amendments, the correction of Minute 1839 to October from November and the inclusion of Cllr. Wilding as intending to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service at Norton. The Minutes were then duly signed by the Mayor.

MIN 1846 MATTERS ARISING – To appear under the appropriate heading.

- (1) **Planning Application, Site adj. telephone exchange** – Members noted the information on the Clerk’s Report confirming that the Land Drainage Officer at PCC had agreed a scheme with the planning applicant..
- (2) **Presteigne Cemetery** – The Clerk reported that Powys County Council were making repairs to the path in the very near future but that it had stated that there was no funding available to erect the necessary fencing to rabbit proof the area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Powys asking if the funds received from the Price Williams Trust could be used and also to write to the solicitors for the trust asking if the release of funds in the next financial year could be made conditional on the erection of the fencing.
- (3) **Twining Association** – Cllr. Kendall stated that he had now received a reply from Rhodri Morgan and allowed Members to read this.

MIN 1847 PLANNING

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

PR24211: Listed Building Consent – Insertion of one window to ground floor, installation of 1 wall fan assisted balanced flue and 1 black finished S &VP roof. Carry out various internal works including works to and relocation of staircases. SO 36 SW – **1 Bull Hotel, St. David’s Street, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

PR663600: Full – Erection of a two storey rear extension – **4 Greenfield Road, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

PR597201: Full – Variation of condition 1 of PR597200 to extend permission for a further 5 years – **Land between Dan y Fron and Kings Turning, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

PR211321: Outline – Demolition of 2 agricultural buildings and erection of a dwelling – **Building Plot, Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application with the proviso that the development should be within the Town Boundary Plan.

PR649701: Outline – Erection of a local needs dwelling – **Land opposite Milbank Estate, Norton.** Members discussed this application in some detail with particular concern being expressed about the creation of a new road. It was agreed to reply stating no objection to the erection of a local needs dwelling but asking that an existing access be used and no new road/entrance be created.

PR460738: Full – Change of Use from B1 and B8 use to B1, B8 and veterinary surgery – **Unit 7, Enterprise Park, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

PR418306: Full – Erection of a single garage to serve Old Granary and a block of four garages for new dwelling and barns (amendment to layout approved under PR4183/04) – **The Old Granary, Norton** No objections were made to this application.

PR130418: Full – Erection of new single storey factory unit and erection of a storage shed – **Poultry Sheds, Broadaxe Lane, Presteigne.** Members had no objection to the proposals but asked that as with the previous application regard be given to the possible need to expand Broadaxe Lane in the future. One objection had been received to this application. Members considered the issues raised but were happy that the additional disruption had been minimised and that insulation and other measures put in place to reduce noise nuisance. The Clerk was asked to reply to this effect and also to forward a copy of the letter to Powys County Council.

PR130419: Full – Erection of replacement logo sign on North West elevation – **Units 2 & 3 Broadaxe Lane, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

PR237102: Full – Change of use of disused office to Branch Veterinary Surgery for small animal consultations and parking area – **Countrywide Farmers, Leominster Road, Presteigne.** No objections were made to this application.

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

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

Members were given details of the forthcoming meeting at Lingen Village Hall to which they were all invited. At least three Members hoped to attend.

4) **14 High Street, Presteigne – Change of Use**

Three letters of objection had been received to the application for change of use at 14 High Street. The application had already been considered at an earlier meeting and Members confirmed their comments at that time. The Clerk agreed to reply to the letters and also to forward copies to Powys County Council for them to address the issues raised.

MIN 1848 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

- (1) **Re-Cycling** – Cllr. Kirkby updated Members on recent correspondence and confirmed that CCTV was now operational at the site. It was agreed that the site was now much tidier and Members hoped that this would continue.
- (2) **Town Shoppers Car Park** – Cllr Kirkby reported on the recent site meeting between himself and Kevin Lloyd of PCC. He confirmed that some progress had been made with the installation of a new drain and an agreement to move the gate. He added that it was now necessary to wait to see if the new drain would work.
- (3) **Prohibition of Waiting Changes** – The proposals by Powys County Council were discussed in detail and the Clerk was asked to respond with the following comments – the 153.7m length in High Street was too long and should stop at Elder’s Café, the existing line outside the Radnorshire Arms needed no alteration in length but should be made double from the present single line. Members were in agreement with the proposals for Back Lane.
- (4) **Open Spaces 2007-2012** – Cllr. Wilding reported on this document.
- (5) **Welsh Assembly Government – Relationship building and Charters for Unitary Authorities and Community and Town Councils Consultation** – Cllrs. Kendall and Evans reported on this item and it was agreed that Cllr. Kendall reply on behalf of the Town Council.
- (6) **Early Discharge From Hospital** - Cllr. Mrs Davies updated Members on the health service situation and confirmed that a new Chief Executive, Judith Paget had now been appointed on the Local Health Board. The Clerk reminded Members had agreed to take up individual cases if they could supply full details.
- (7) **Parking at Appletree Meadow** – Members heard the reply from Tony Caine of Powys County Council and Cllr. Wilding agreed to report to the resident who had originally raised the issue.
- (8) **Police Liaison Meeting** – Cllr. Wilding supplied details of this meeting, in particular the success of the Community Support Officers in areas where these had been provided with local council funding.
- (9) **Herefordshire Council Local Development Framework** – No Comments were made on this document.
- (10) **Powys County Council Secondary Schools Modernisation Policy** – Cllr. Kendall was previously aware of this document and outlined its proposals to Members. He agreed to liaise with the Clerk to provide a response and to stress the need to meet needs locally reducing the need for additional transport.
- (11) **Powys County Council UDP Modifications Consultation** – Cllr. Wilding agreed to take the disc containing details and report to the next meeting.
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- (13) **Draft Social Housing Grant Programme** – Cllr. Wilding brought this item to the attention of Members and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles gave details of his conversation with Judy Bootle, an officer of the Mid Wales Housing Association. It was agreed that there was a need for social housing in Presteigne and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles undertook to invite Ms. Bootle to address a future meeting of the Town Council.

MIN 1849 NORTON MATTERS

Cllr. Wilding confirmed that the bonfire had been a great success and also that the auction of Norton Manor was to take place shortly.

MIN 1850 WENTS MEADOW

- (1) **Maintenance** – Cllr. Evans confirmed that several of the slats on the barn were damaged or missing. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to arrange for these to be replaced. Cllr. Graham agreed to replace the bin missing from the skateboarding area.
- (2) **Tree Planting** – Cllr. Owens read the request from the local scouting group and Members discussed possible sites on the meadow. It was agreed that an avenue of trees parallel to the roadside hedge would be most suitable. The Clerk agreed to reply to this effect and to ask that Mr. Alan Preece contact Cllr. Graham in order to meet in site and discuss the full details.
- (3) **Play Area** – Members were still concerned at the removal of the aerial ropeway and asked that the Clerk ask Powys County Council for the cost of purchasing a replacement. It was also agreed that County Cllr. Banks be asked what steps were being taken to replace the missing items.

MIN 1851 MEMORIAL HALL

It was agreed to arrange a meeting for the end of January and invite all the relevant parties.

The Village Hall grants system was discussed again and the Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council for more information on the system and the prospective PCC payments for various possible Town Council grant amounts.

MIN 1852 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Members noted the Clearview inspection form. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed the toilets were now boarded up for the winter and thanked Cllr. Evans for his help with this.

MIN 1853 CORRESPONDENCE

Powys County Council - Letter re. May 2008 elections.
Powys Community Council Review – 7th December, 2007.
Ramblers' Association Training Day – 1st December, 2007.
East Radnor Forum Minutes from 25th September, 2007.
Powys County Council - List of Grant Payments for Village Halls 2007/08.

These items were all duly noted.

MIN 1854 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

Powys County Council – Christmas Refuse Collections
Powys CAB AGM 5th December 2.30 pm at Newtown.
PAVO Annual Review
LCR Journal
Primary and Secondary Schools Information/Admission Arrangements 2008/09.
One Voice Wales Minutes of Brecon and Radnor Area Meeting
Street Collection 21/22nd December Knighton Rotary Club
The Clerk Magazine
Fire and Rescue Service Final Action Plan

These items were noted.

MIN 1855 OTHER MATTERS

The date of the December meeting was brought forward by one day to Tuesday 18th December.

Cllr. Davies reported a street light not working and agreed to forward the number to the Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.