

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE SHIRE HALL,
BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

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

Apologies: Cllrs. F. Evans, Mrs P. Fraser-Scott, G. Graham, Mrs S. Frazer.

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.

There were no declarations made.

Members welcomed Ms. Jude Boutle of Mid Wales Housing Association who gave a most interesting presentation on the work of the Association and the future of affordable housing in the area. She answered Members' questions on the procedure for finding new sites and obtaining funding from the Welsh Assembly for such projects. She confirmed that the waiting list for MWHHA properties in the Presteigne area indicated a considerable housing need. She detailed the procedure for valuing prospective planning sites and the time span for possible land purchases.

In conclusion she provided Members with leaflets outlining the work of the Association, the procedure for applying for housing and a list of Association properties.

Cllr. Owens thanked Ms. Boutle for a most informative talk and for taking the trouble to attend.

MIN 1882 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

There were no donations this month.

The letters of thanks were noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved:

Mr. E. Cross (Wents Meadow Inspections)	£90	MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (Play area inspections)	£117.50	MEADOW ACCOUNT
T.A. Price (Clerks Salary)	£917.99	
Inland Revenue (Tax on Clerks Salary)	£258.92	
Onspeed (computer software annual payment)	£24.99	
Artisan Print (aborted print run for ballot on supermarket)	£211.65	

The payment to Welsh Water for water used at the Wilson Terrace toilets was held for the Clerk to make further investigations into the charges.

(3): Information:

The new s137 limit of £5.86 per elector was noted.

(4) Balance Transfer:

Members approved the balance transfer of £5000 from the High Interest Account to the Treasurer Account.

MIN 1883 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 24th January were approved with no amendments and were duly signed by the Mayor.

MIN 1884 MATTERS ARISING – There were no Matters Arising.

MIN 1885 PLANNING

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

P2008 0132 Hillberry, Knighton Road, Presteigne – Erection of two storey rear extension.

P2008 0154 Taylors Farmhouse, Norton – Listed building consent for various works.

No objections were raised to the above applications.

2) The items for information were noted.

3) Planning Application Progressive Products :-

Members were informed that the application had been withdrawn but that an amended application could be submitted at any time. It was agreed that the ballot be called off for the time being as there was no longer any application to be considered. All agreed that in the event of the application being re-submitted the same procedure would be followed and a ballot would again be organised.

MIN 1886 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

(1) Presteigne Cemetery – The Clerk agreed to continue to try to arrange a meeting with Gabbs Solicitors to discuss the Pryce Williams Trust. Cllr. Mrs Davies asked that Powys County Council be informed that the cemetery gates needed cleaning.

(2) Road Closure B4355 – This information was noted and it was reported that the work appeared to be finished.

(3) Play Area Wilson Terrace – The letter from Powys County Council was discussed and Members agreed that they could not take over responsibility for the area as the financial commitment would be too great.

(4) State of Streets in Presteigne – The correspondence from a local resident was read to the meeting. It was agreed to pass on the comments to Powys County Council asking for action. The suggestion for the positioning of flower tubs was considered. The resident was prepared to supply and organise these. Members agreed to support this but asked that the Clerk write to the resident reminding them of the need to obtain permission from Powys County Council.

(5) Presteigne Tourism Project – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the Tourism Project and Website. Members heard details of advertising revenue, website visitors and the possibility of a new design for the Town Leaflet in 2009. Cllr. Owens thanked Cllr. Tennant-Eyles for all his hard work on the project over this and previous years.

(6) Draft Interim Control Guidance: Planning Obligations Strategy – Cllr. Wilding gave a brief outline of this document for Members information.

MIN 1887 NORTON MATTERS

No matters were raised.

MIN 1888 WENTS MEADOW

Cllr. Davies asked that the deeds be examined for details of the rental agreement with Presteigne United Charities. Members felt that the low income of the Charity meant that it was no longer a viable organisation and suggested that the possibility of winding up the Charity be seriously considered.

MIN 1889 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr. Kirkby reported on the Meeting held at the Hall. He stated that the way forward appeared to be the obtaining of a more detailed feasibility study at a cost of around £8000. He added however, that the source of funding initially suggested had proved to have an unworkably short time scale and as such could not be obtained. He agreed to submit a short report to the next meeting of the Town Council and suggested that the future development of the project and the way forward be discussed then.

The letter from Nick Dearden of Powys County Council confirming PCC ownership of both the Youth Centre and the Drill Hall was noted.

MIN 1890 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Welsh Assembly Government – Stakeholder Survey – This was noted.

(2) Letter from Joan Davies – Street Naming – Members were supportive of the suggestion that the new development in Scottleton Street be named after the Walker Doctors and asked that the Clerk write to PCC and the developers suggesting this.

(3) Warden Guardian Foundation – Details of the work programme for 2007 were read to the meeting and Members asked that the Clerk passed on their thanks to Mr. Bell and the team of workers for all their hard work.

(4) PAVO – Invitation to PCC consultation Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy 2008-11. – This was noted and the details were taken by Cllr. Kendall.

(5) Letter of thanks from Cllr. Fraser-Scott – This was noted.

(6) Welsh Assembly Government – Letter re. Interim declaration re. Code of Conduct – The necessary form was signed by those Members present.

(7) Presteigne and Norton Community Support – Members were pleased to hear that the newsletter was to run for two issues this year and asked that the Clerk submit a piece on the work of the Town Council for inclusion in the next issue.

(8) Location of Count for forthcoming local elections, letter from Cllr. G. Price – This letter was read to the meeting. It asked that Members contact PCC requesting a more local Count. It was decided not to do so.

(9) Invitation to Re-Join One Voice Wales – Members asked that this be re-submitted to the first meeting of the new Council.

(10) Animal Aid Letter re. Compassionate charter – This letter was noted.

(11) Letter from Powys County Council re. Licensing of Sheep Music Festival – This letter was noted and required no action.

MIN 1891 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

These items were noted.

MIN 1892 OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.