

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008 AT THE SHIRE HALL,  
BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Kirkby (Mayor), J. Wilding (Deputy Mayor), Ms. B. Baynham, N. Green, Ms. N. Humphreys, J. Kendall, H Owens, B. Price, P. Robinson, Ms. J. Simpson, P. Spawton, J. Tennant-Eyles, Ms. A. Wake.

**Apologies:** None

**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 Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal

Cllr. Ms. Humphries                      Landscape Recording Association

Cllr. Kendall                                John Beddoes School

Before the meeting commenced Cllr. Kirkby welcomed the Chairman of Beguildy Community Council, Cllr. Tippet. He also announced that the Mayor's Dinner would be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**MIN 2006      FINANCE**

**(1) Donations:**      There were no donations for approval this month.

The letters of thanks from Presteigne Colts Football Club and Powys Citizens Advice Bureau were noted.

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

<b>Presteigne United Charities</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>BDO Stoy Hayward LLP</b> (External Audit Fee)	<b>£158.63</b>
<b>Lyreco</b> (Office Supplies)	<b>£55.76</b>
<b>Npower</b> (Electricity Public Conveniences)	<b>£91.81</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Npower</b> (Electricity, Barn, Wents Meadow)	<b>£27.57</b> MEADOW ACCOUNT

### (3) External Audit and Approval of Annual Return:

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed with no comments and Members formally approved the Annual Return. The Notice of completion of Audit had been displayed in the usual places.

### (4) Financial Update - The bank balances at 2<sup>nd</sup> December were duly noted as below:

<b>Treasurer Account</b>	<b>£6138.86</b>
<b>Meadow Account</b>	<b>£3604.10</b>
<b>Money Manager Account</b>	<b>£16462.02</b>

### (5) New Projects for 2009/10:

A number of new projects were put forward and are listed below :-

Assistance with provision of Allotments  
Landscape Recording Association Production  
Data Projector  
Training Allowance for the Clerk  
Presteigne Primary School (flagpole)  
Cycle Route Feasibility Study (Safe Routes to School Project)  
Presteigne Bowling Club

Where appropriate the Members submitting each project were asked to provide costings in time for the January Meeting.

## **MIN 2007 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> November were approved with one amendment, the name of Cllr. Ms. Simpson should be included under Apologies not under those present. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

## **MIN 2008 MATTERS ARISING**

- (1) **Kissing Gate, Wents Meadow** – The Clerk was asked to contact Carlton Parry to see when he was intending to be in the area.
- (2) **Buy 4 Wales Agreement** – Members noted that the Council now had access to the buying power of this agreement.
- (3) **Presteigne Bowling Club** – The Clerk confirmed details of the new projects the Club had in mind and agreed to remind the Club that the additional details requested would need to be supplied in early January if the Club was to be considered for inclusion in the precept for 2009/10.
- (4) **Purchase of Stall** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that the stall had been purchased from Apex and had been very successful at the Llanandras Fair. It was now available for use by other local organisations.
- (5) **Fence near Labtech** – Cllr. Kirkby informed Members that the Welsh Assembly Government had now telephoned the Clerk and that it was hoped that an answer would soon be obtained.
- (6) **Shoppers Car Park** – It was heard that there had still been no reply from Kevin Lloyd of Powys County Council. Cllr. Kirkby asked the Clerk to contact the officer again and request a further site meeting to discuss the matter.
- (7) **Flooding Mynd Road, Norton** – Cllr. Wilding stated that this work had still not been completed. The Clerk confirmed that she had reminded the officer concerned about this work and agreed to do so again.

- (8) **Funding for East Radnorshire Day Care Centre** – The Clerk confirmed that she had copied the original letter to Mr. Phil Robson but had received no response.
- (9) **Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments** – A formal reply to the Town Council's comments was still awaited.
- (10) **Recycling Centre** – The Clerk confirmed that a letter outlining the Council's views had been sent to Lee Marshall of Powys County Council.
- (11) **New Waste Bin, Wilson Terrace/Wents Meadow** – It was confirmed that when installed this bin would be dual purpose, for dog waste and normal litter.
- (12) **Cascade (Affordable Housing)** – Cllr. Wilding had not yet been able to follow this up but agreed to do so in the near future.
- (13) **East Radnor Leisure Centre Meeting** – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that he had attended this meeting.
- (14) **Community Welcome Scheme Funding** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had looked at the information provided and also consulted the Judges Lodgings. He did not feel the scheme was of use to the Town Council at present.

#### **MIN 2009 PLANNING**

- (1) The following applications were considered:

**P2008 1589** Full, erection of extension at **11 Caefelyn, Norton** – No objections were raised.

- (2) **Changes to Mill, Countrywide Farmers** – Cllrs. Kirkby and Wilding had attended the public meeting. Both Roger Williams MP and Kirsty Williams AM had been present, together with a large number of members of the public. Cllr. Wilding reported that a number of very relevant questions had been raised by the public and that in the most part the firm had responded well to these. The Clerk was asked to keep copies of the two letters of concern that had been received and forward these to Powys County Council when a formal planning application was received.
- (3) **Reeves Hill Wind Energy Development** – The reply from Herefordshire Council had been circulated to all Members and was noted. In addition further items of information had been received being the report by Powys County Council to its Planning Committee, a letter from CADW re. Stange Castle and an email asking for support for the development from Energy for All.
- (4) **Planning Liaison Meeting** – Cllrs. Wilding and Kirkby had attended the meeting in Builth Wells. They reported on the main items, in particular the great concern among Town and Community Councils about the modernisation of the planning system. It was confirmed that as a result of the concerns Powys County Council Planning Section was intending to submit a bid to the PCC Board for funding for Community Councils to enable them to meet the needs of the new system. Other matters discussed included the use of Capita Symonds to process the backlog of planning applications, the road access problems for wind energy developments, the availability of a planning officer to give pre-planning advice (free to householders/chargeable for larger developments) and the delay in adopting the Unitary Development Plan which in turn was delaying the commencement of work on the Local Development Plan.

#### **MIN 2010 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT**

- (1) **Street Lighting** – Members noted the most recent letter from Powys County Council which outlined the current options to be considered when the review was completed. The Clerk was asked to contact Powys County Council to arrange a meeting with Bryan Davies, the officer conducting the reviews throughout Powys. It was agreed that all those Presteigne members available would meet to review the remainder of the town and the Norton Members would review Norton. One letter had been

received from a resident in Greenfields Road and Cllr. Kirkby took the letter so that the request could be considered during the review.

**(2) Allotments** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the meeting of the Allotment Group he had recently attended. He felt that this had been a very worthwhile and positive meeting and added that the Group would now be producing further information to enable the project to move forward.

**(3) Safe Routes to School** – Cllr. Wilding reported on the recent site meeting to discuss possible routes in the Presteigne area. Two strong possibilities had been identified, a route between Presteigne and Norton and also a route along the length of the by pass with extra work on crossing places. The next step would be to request Powys County Council carry out a feasibility study on the routes suggested. It was agreed that the Clerk do this. Both schools supported the provision of the routes and would be writing separately to Powys County Council in support.

**(4) Provision of Local Dentist** – The Local Health Board had replied to the Council's enquiry about available funding, indicating that money was being targeted at expanding two practices in Knighton. No reply had been received from Cty. Cllr. Banks to the Clerk's letter asking about possible funding available. Cllr. Price had spoken to the Local Health Board and felt that there was now a possibility of a part time contract being awarded to allow a dentist to carry out NHS work in the town. He agreed to monitor the situation and it was agreed that the Town Council would write in support the introduction of a dentist in the town if necessary.

**(5) Affordable Housing** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles explained the present system which worked against area centres such as Presteigne and favoured such developments in small villages like Norton. He added that given its lack of amenities such housing would be better placed in Presteigne and that he had had discussions with Powys County Council on this issue. As a result Powys County Council had agreed that should the Town Council be able to identify a site which was suitable, with a landowner willing to proceed then planning policy would support such development. Members were asked to consider possible sites prior to the next meeting.

**(7) Rockbridge Footpath** – Cllr. Kirkby outlined the present situation regarding insurance for a permissive path and the need for the path to be added to the definitive map before Powys County Council would consider insuring it. The Clerk had checked with the Town Council's insurance company and it was not possible for it to insure the new portion of path. Carlton Parry of Powys County Council was presently reviewing a further letter prepared by the Clerk as a reply to the conditions requested by the Agent and it was hoped that this could be despatched in the near future.

**(8) General Highway Matters** – A number of general highway matters were raised for submission. These were flooding at Kings Court due to water run off from the school field, a blocked culvert at the top of Warden Close which was causing ice on the road, hedge growth obstructing the sign for the Knighton turn and the removal of grills by a group of youths at the side of the road in High Street recently which needed urgently re-fixing.

#### **MIN 2011      NORTON MATTERS**

The ongoing issue of highway safety was discussed again and it was agreed that the Clerk write again to Powys County Council to request that the monitoring strips be re-laid with particular emphasis on a set of strips right in the centre of the village. In addition the Clerk was asked to request signs for each end of the village, a sign indicating that the road narrows/oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road at the Knighton end and at the Presteigne end, near to the entrance for Norton Manor, a flashing sign indicating motorists speed.

#### **MIN 2012      WENTS MEADOW**

The Clerk confirmed that the Meadow was registered with the Land Registry and nothing further needed to be done.

## **MIN 2013      MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the work that had been done so far and on the meetings arranged for early January with two possible consultants to discuss further feasibility work and funding applications. The next priorities for the Clerk to be to clarify the legal position and background to the ownership of the Hall. It was agreed that further money would need to be set aside in the precept for the working fund on the Hall.

## **MIN 2014      CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1)      **Knighton and District Rotary Club** (Street Collection) – Noted.
- (2)      **National Assembly for Wales** (Request for Comments on Financial Support for Members) – No comment made.
- (3)      **John Beddoes School Governing Body** – Cllr. Kendall agreed to keep the Town Council informed on any further developments.
- (4)      **Lawn Tennis Association Competition** – The Clerk agreed to forward this document to Ms. Sue Mead for information.

## **MIN 2015      FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

The model scheme was approved for adoption with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 and the charges for supply of information confirmed as remaining the same at 50p per A4 page. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles felt that more information should be available via the website and the Clerk agreed to look at this and liaise with him to place as much information as possible on the site. The guidance note for members of the public would then be amended to reflect the changes.

## **MIN 2016      INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE**

These items were duly noted.

## **MIN 2017      OTHER MATTERS**

Three cards were signed by Members one for Mr, Charlie Evans who would be ninety on Boxing Day, for the Maire de Ligne, Maurice Perrion and for the Comite de Jumellage.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.