

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2009 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, J. Tennant-Eyles, Ms. A. Wake.

Apologies: P. Spawton.

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. Tennant-Eyles	Presteigne and Norton Community Trust, Chamber of Trade, Presteigne Festival.
Cllr. Kirkby	Presteigne Festival.
Cllr. Ms. Humphries	Landscape Recording Association.
Cllr. Kendal	Presteigne Festival.
Cllr. Owens	Presteigne Young Farmers Club, Presteigne and Norton Community Support.
Cllr. Ms. Simpson	Chamber of Trade, St. Andrews FC Colts Under 10's.
Cllr. Wilding	Norton Sports Committee.
Cllr. Ms. Wake	Chamber of Trade

Personal and Prejudicial

None

MIN 2018 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

St. Andrews FC Colts Under 8's(10's)	£100.00
The Samaritans	£100.00
Wardens Guardian Foundation	£250.00
Youth Club	£200.00
Presteigne Young Farmers Club	£250.00
Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup	£200.00
Presteigne and Norton Community Support	£500.00
Chamber of Trade (Christmas Lights/Llanandras Fair)	£1050.00

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved:

Mayor's Allowance (final instalment)	£500.00
Lyreco (office supplies)	£2.00

Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£67.54
Powys County Council (grass cutting Wents Meadow)	£802.84 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mr. E. Cross (inspections of Meadow Sept-Dec)	£160.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Viking Direct (ink supplies)	£110.24
R.J. Matthews (Hire of cherry picker – lights)	£517.50
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust	£428.50

(3) Receipts:

Precept Final Payment - £9976.50
(£10011.50 less £35 advert Code of Conduct)

(4) New Projects for 2009/10:

A number of new projects had been submitted at the December Meeting and these 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
Marquee for Norton Sports Committee

It was agreed to consider these suggestions after the standard precept items had been reviewed in order for the effect on the total budget to be better considered.

(5) Memorial Hall – Grant for 2009/10

It was agreed to leave the grant unchanged at £1500 for the forthcoming year.

(6) Precept for 2009/10

Members considered the individual budget items separately. It was felt that any increase in precept should be kept as low as possible.

It was heard that due to increasing numbers the Presteigne Little People Playgroup was expecting to have additional staff expenses and it was agreed that the donation for 2009/10 be increased by £100 to £300 .

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles presented Members with figures for the running of the Wilson Terrace toilets. He informed then that he felt the budget for the next year could be reduced although this should not set a precedent for future years. Members were pleased to learn this and it was agreed to reduce the figure from £3500 to £2500.

Members then considered the budget for the Memorial Hall Working Fund and in order for Members to make an informed decision Cllr. Tennant-Eyles updated them on the work that had been carried out to

date and the proposed plans for the next year. He indicated the need to produce further studies which would confirm a need for a Hall in Presteigne and outlined the grants schemes which were available for various stages of this work, in particular the Community Renewal Grant Scheme to which it was hoped to submit a pre-application form in the next few days. It was agreed that it would be useful to meet the Hall Committee again at this stage to keep them informed. In order to meet some of the projected costs of proceeding to employ a consultant to organise a feasibility study it was agreed to precept £3000 towards the Hall project.

Having considered the standard items Members moved on to consider the new projects. A number of items were deferred and no budget was listed. These were the data projector, Safe Routes to School project, Presteigne Bowling Club and a Marquee for Norton Sports Committee. It was agreed that the Bowling Club be asked to provide audited accounts for 2007/08 and that a possible donation be discussed when these were received. Any amount decided upon would be drawn from reserves.

£100 was precepted towards assisting in the provision of allotments for the town, £100 towards a flagpole for the Primary School, £200 towards training fees for the Clerk and £500 as a donation towards the new Landscape Recording Association project. It was agreed that in the event of the allotments project progressing faster than expected some monies could be used from the reserves. Cllr. Robinson agreed to look at the possibility of a marquee in more detail and to report back to the Council at a later date.

The final budget total for 2009/10 was £32,050.00 and it was agreed to set a precept of £26, resulting in a net income of £31579.86, with the remaining amount to come from Council reserves.

MIN 2019 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 17th December were approved with two amendments, the name of Cllr. Ms. Wake had been included under Declarations and this should have been Cllr. Ms. Humphries. The names of Cllrs. Owens and Baynham had been omitted from the list of those present at the public meeting held by Land Energy. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 2020 MATTERS ARISING

- (1) **Kissing Gate, Wents Meadow** – Carlton Parry had confirmed he would be visiting Presteigne on a number of matters and would look at the gate during this visit.
- (2) **Shoppers Car Park** – The Clerk had attempted on several occasions to contact Kevin Lloyd but had no response. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to telephone to try to arrange a site visit.
- (3) **Flooding Mynd Road, Norton** – The Clerk agreed to remind Powys County Council that this work had still not been done.
- (4) **Funding for East Radnorshire Day Care Centre** – No response had been received. It was agreed to defer chasing up the letter until after a meeting at the Day Care Centre due to be held shortly.
- (5) **Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments** – A formal reply to the Town Council's comments was still awaited.
- (6) **New Waste Bin, Wilson Terrace/Wents Meadow** – The bin had not yet been installed.
- (7) **Cascade (Affordable Housing)** – Cllr. Wilding had not been able to follow this matter up.
- (8) **Recycling Centre** – Cllr. Kirkby explained that the site had been a complete mess over the Christmas period and that as a result he was suggesting that the Town Council organise a cleaner for the site, the cost of which would be reimbursed by Powys County Council. No other responsibility would be accepted and insurance would still be taken out by Powys. The Clerk was asked to write to Lee Marshall of Powys County Council making this suggestion.

(9) **Rockbridge Footpath** – The letter to the Agent had now been re-drafted and was with Powys County Council for final approval.

(10) **General Highway Matters** – Cllr. Owens confirmed that the growth around the sign for the Knighton turn had been trimmed. The grills in High Street did not however appear to have been attended to and the Clerk agreed to remind Powys County Council that this needed doing urgently.

(11) **Freedom of Information** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles advised Members that the full range of documents was not yet on the website as some redesigning had been necessary. He hoped this would be completed in the near future.

(12) **Card for Mr. C. Evans** – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that he had delivered this personally.

(13) **Bike Racks** – Cllr. Ms. Simpson confirmed that this matter was now with the Chamber of Trade, which was waiting for a reply from Powys County Council but that the Town Council had written confirming support for the locations agreed. No further action was required.

MIN 2021 PLANNING

(1) The following applications were considered:

P2008 1735 Full, change of use from workshop with ancillary office and showroom to showroom with ancillary refreshment area, improved access and toilets – **The Workhouse, Presteigne Industrial Estate, Presteigne**. No objections were raised.

P2008 1741 Outline, erection of a local need dwelling **at land opposite Millbank Estate, Norton**. No objections were raised, subject to there being no Highways objections.

P2008 1805 Full, erection of extension to replace existing poultry house **at Norton Poultry Site, Ackhill Lane, Norton**. No objections were raised. It was however heard that work on the site had led to a large amount of mud on the Home Farm Lane and the Clerk was asked to write to the applicant asking if the road could be kept as clear as possible.

P2009 0019 Full, Alterations and extensions to existing buildings and installation of plant and machinery to form wood pellet production facility at **Presteigne Mill, Greenfield Road, Presteigne**. Cllr. Kirkby summarised details of the application, highlighting particular concern over the transport statement. He agreed to ring the author of the report to raise his concerns. Full consideration of the application was deferred due to the large amount of business and to allow all Members to read the documentation. It was agreed that a special meeting be held on 4th February for this purpose.

P2009 0026 Full, erection of a dwelling and carport (SO36 SW) at Site off Townsend, Townsend House, 24 Hereford Street, Presteigne. No objections were raised to this application.

P2009 0014 Full, erection of single storey extension to form a granny annexe onto existing detached house and demolition of part of garage to form shed at 40 Castle Road, Presteigne. No objections were raised subject to the neighbours being informed.

MIN 2022 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Street Lighting** – The Clerk reported on the recent site meetings she had attended at County Hall to discuss the review of lighting in Presteigne and Norton. It was heard that Powys County Council were now encouraging part night lighting, particularly on areas outside the ‘core’ centre of towns. In accordance with the Town Council’s own review a number of lights had been listed as needing to remain fully on and a large number of lights would now be on as part night lights. Some lights would still remain off. The overall energy usage would remain the same. Members were also advised that the newer housing estates were not covered under the review as their lights had not been adopted but were still the responsibility of the developer.

With regard to Norton the majority of the lights would now be on as part night, with a small number off completely and some on all night, including lights at either end of the village as requested by local Members.

The Clerk stressed that the review should not be seen as final and that any Member that became aware of a problem should let her know so that she could look into the matter.

The adjustment of the lights should take place in the next two weeks.

(2) **Allotments** – It was heard that the Allotment Group had requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the Town Council. Two possible dates were suggested for the group to choose. In addition two letters on the subject had been received – one against the use of Wents Meadow for allotments and another suggesting the use of the defunct Highways Yard belonging to Powys County Council.

(3) **Provision of Local Dentist** – Cllr. Price had been in discussions with the Local Health Board and the prospective dentist. He confirmed that a letter of support from the Town Council would be appreciated and the Clerk agreed to write to the Board. She also agreed to copy that letter to Cllr. Banks and suggest that he also add his support.

(5) **Affordable Housing** – This item was deferred due to the large volume of business and it was agreed to add it to the Agenda for the special meeting on 4th February.

(6) **Street Naming and Numbering** – The Clerk reported on recent developments with regard to the name of Walker Terrace/Way. Members confirmed that they would like the next development in the town to be named 'Walker' and that they would like to be asked, in advance, about the naming of future developments.

(7) **Dog Fouling** – Cllrs. Ms. Simpson and Ms. Wake reported an increased problem with dog fouling in the Castle Road, Slough, High Street, and Knighton Road areas. The Clerk agreed to ask the dog warden if action could be taken.

MIN 2023 NORTON MATTERS

(1) **Traffic Monitoring/Highway Safety** - Members heard that it was hoped the traffic monitoring strips could soon be re-laid.

(2) There were no other matters raised.

MIN 2024 WENTS MEADOW

(1) **Quote for Annual Grass Cutting** – It was agreed to accept the quote for grass cutting for 2009/10 from Powys County Council.

(2) **Inspection of Play Areas** – The Clerk was asked to arrange for these inspections to take place through Powys County Council.

MIN 2025 MEMORIAL HALL

This item was covered under Minute 2018.

MIN 2026 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Code of Conduct Training** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk agreed to attend the session in Welshpool.

(2) **Welsh Assembly Government (fencing near Labtech)** – The response from WAG was noted and Members were concerned that the exact piece of land sold had not been precisely identified. The

Clerk was asked to write asking for more details on who had purchased the land and a map of the exact area.

(3) Adjudication Panel For Wales Annual Report – Cllr. Kendall had compiled an excellent report on this Document which had been circulated to all Members.

MIN 2027 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

These items were duly noted.

MIN 2028 OTHER MATTERS

Household Energy Service – Permission had been sought for Town Council support to be mentioned on a leaflet currently being drawn up by the service for the area. Members agreed to this.

Planning Aid Wales – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the Town Council had volunteered to act as guinea pigs for training on planning matters currently being developed by Planning Aid Wales. The successful Council will be drawn out of a hat and will receive a session completely free.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.