

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE SHIRE HALL,  
BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. C. Kirkby.

**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 - None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

The meeting commenced in the Courtroom due to the large number of public attending.

The Mayor welcomed Sgt. Gareth Wheatman of Dyfed-Powys police. He explained the concerns of the town generally with increasing levels of vandalism, intimidation, late night noise and general rowdiness. He asked for police assistance and advice in these matters. Sgt. Wheatman gave a detailed talk on the present situation in the town and on the actions the police could take. He gave details of the other agencies involved in the process and explained the current legislation in force to assist with regulating anti social behaviour.

Sgt. Wheatman then answered Members' questions on a number of related matters, including the employment of special constables, cctv, the number of local police, the need for the public to report incidents and the new 101 number for use in non emergencies.

The Mayor then invited several members of the public to submit questions.

The meeting then moved to the normal meeting room. Sgt. Wheatman agreed to remain and answer further questions from the public.

Cllrs. Kendall and Wilding remained in the Courtroom whilst public questions took place and so Cllr. Tennant-Eyles took the Chair for the first part of the meeting.

Members agreed that the Clerk write to Dyfed-Powys Police expressing their deep concern over the lack of sufficient police in Presteigne and also the increasing problems in the town.

**MIN 2137 FINANCE**

**(1) Donations:**

The following donations were approved –

**Royal British Legion**

**£30 (precepted)**

The requests for donations from the National Eisteddfod and Victim Support were refused at this time.

The letters of thanks from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre and Presteigne Memorial Hall (contribution towards CFAP application).were noted.

**(2) Payments:**

<b>Clearview Cleaning Services (HFD) Ltd</b> (cleaning services Wilson Terrace Toilets – Sept) (£335.50 plus VAT)	<b>£385.83</b>
<b>SLCC</b> (Law of Allotments Reference Book)	<b>£17.20</b>
<b>T.A. Price</b> (Clerk's Salary third quarter)	<b>£1421.99</b>
<b>HM Revenue and Customs</b> (Tax on above)	<b>£465.40</b>
<b>A.G. Hopkins</b> (Meadow Inspections)	<b>£13.50</b> MEADOW ACCOUNT
<b>J. Selley (Second Homes)</b> (Work at Meadow)	<b>£588.00</b> MEADOW ACCOUNT
<b>J.B. Protheroe</b> (cleaning of War Memorial)	<b>£175.00</b>

Members expressed concern at the increasing cost of repairs at the Meadow due to continued vandalism. The Clerk agreed to check the situation regarding the present excess on the insurance policy.

**(3) Interim Internal Audit:**

The Clerk reported that the interim internal audit had been completed with no problems.

**(4) Hope House Donation:**

The Clerk explained that the cheque issued in April had not been cashed and that Hope House had not received it. Members agreed that the Clerk should place a stop on the original cheque and issue a new cheque for the sum of £25.

**(5) Bunting:** Deferred until the next meeting.

**MIN 2138 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> October were approved subject to the clarification of Minute 2132 (3), 'Cllr. Kirkby agreed to see what the present situation was regarding repainting the mural'. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

**MIN 2139 MATTERS ARISING**

**(1) Highways Matters** – Members confirmed that a number of matters were still outstanding and the Clerk agreed to contact Powys County Council again to ask for urgent action.

**(2) Speed Signs, Norton** – Norton Members reported that the flashing signs were now in place but raised concerns that the signs were not working properly.

**(3) Apple Juicing** – The recent event at Went's Meadow had been very successful.

## **MIN 2139 PLANNING**

(1) **P2009 1163** Full, Creation of a new vehicular access at **Field No. 6032 Opposite Rockbridge Park, nr Presteigne**. No objections were raised to this application.

**P2009 1156** For householder, erection of conservatory at **Meadow View, Slough Lane, Presteigne**. No objections were raised to this application.

(2) **Powys County Council Information on Tree Works** – Powys County Council had confirmed that there was no fee payable on such applications and outlined the circumstances under which applications had to be made.

(3) **Planning Liaison Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk agreed to attend. The Clerk agreed to forward Cllr. Spawton further details.

## **MIN 2140 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

(1) **Allotments** – This item was deferred to the closed session of the meeting.

(2) **Transition Presteigne (inc Low Carbon Communities Challenge)** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reminded members of the details of the grant application. There was nothing further to report at present.

(3) **School Modernisation Project** – The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the School Modernisation Manager as requested at the October Meeting and had received a formal acknowledgment.

(4) **Affordable Housing** - This item was deferred to the closed session of the meeting.

(5) **Street Naming and Numbering** – Members had no objection to the name of 'Willowdene' for the new development. They noted however that Powys County Council had agreed to use the name 'Walkers Way or Terrace' on the next available development and asked that the Clerk remind the Council to note this for future sites.

(6) **Cwm Harry Land Trust Zero Waste Project** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles informed Members that the setting up of the project was proceeding as planned.

(7) **Rockbridge Footpath** – Cllr. Kirkby and the Clerk had attended a meeting with McCartneys and Carlton Parry and matters were now proceeding.

(8) **Missing Footpath Link on Definitive Map** – Members agreed that the Clerk send a formal letter to Powys County Council requesting the formal addition of the missing length of path.

(9) **Shoppers Car Park** – Cllr. Kirkby had attended a site meeting to discuss the outstanding works. It was hoped that these would now be completed in the near future.

(10) **East Radnor Leisure Centre Local Management Committee Agenda (19<sup>th</sup> Nov)** – Cllr. Green would be attending as the Council's representative.

(11) **Other Highway Items** – Members raised a need for dropped kerbs in two locations within the town. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting on site to discuss the problems and Cllr. Ms. Simpson confirmed she would meet the Powys County Council Officer on site.

#### **MIN 2141      NORTON MATTERS**

No matters were raised.

Cllrs. Kendall and Wilding rejoined the meeting at this point and Cllr. Wilding took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **MIN 2142      WENTS MEADOW**

Members repeated their concerns at the level of vandalism on the Meadow at present.

#### **MIN 2143      MEMORIAL HALL**

**(1) Consultation on New Powys County Council Funding Method** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk reported on the recent meeting held at Llandewi Village Hall. Presentations had been made on the new calculation on village hall funding, health and safety requirements for Village Halls and PAVO.

**(2) Hall Project Update** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that work on the full lottery application was continuing. The decision of Powys County Council on the transfer of the areas of car park and play area was awaited. He confirmed that if the car park area was transferred it would remain a free parking area as at present.

#### **MIN 2144      PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The toilets had been closed for the winter.

#### **MIN 2145      CORRESPONDENCE**

- (1) Powys County Council Statement of Licensing Principles Draft Consultation** – Members noted that no changes had been made since 2007 so had no comment to make.
- (2) Policing Plan 2010/13** – Details of the forthcoming consultation meetings were noted and the Clerk completed the form requesting policing priorities for the forthcoming year.
- (3) Boundary Commission Presentation Report** – The Clerk had attended this meeting and Members noted the written report provided.
- (4) Powys County Council Notification of Flood Alleviation Works, Clatter Brook** – The details of the works were noted.
- (5) Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 Part 1 Guidance to Fire and Rescue Authorities, Consultation** – It was suggested that this document be passed to Cllr. Kirkby for comment.
- (6) Are we being Served, report and consultation produced by Councillors Commission Expert Panel** – Cllr. Ms. Baynham agreed to read and comment on this document.
- (7) Local Government Wales Measure 2009 Statutory Guidance Consultation** – Cllr. Kendall agreed to take this document.
- (8) Powys County Council Reception Invitation for two Town Council representatives to attend** – Cllrs. Wilding and Tennant-Eyles agreed to attend.

- (9) **BT Community Connections Grant Application** – The Clerk agreed to submit a grant application on behalf of the Council.

**MIN 2146 INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items for information were noted.

**MIN 2147 URGENT INFORMATION**

Cllr. Price reported on the recent meeting of the East Radnor Border Health Focus Group.

**MIN 2148 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded at this point of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the following items.*

**(1) ALLOTMENTS** – Members agreed the following -

To authorise the signing of the necessary legal documentation by Cllrs. Wilding and Kirkby;  
The organisational structure and plot allocation procedure as circulated;  
The tenancy agreement and rules for the allotment gardens as circulated;  
To form a formal Town Council Allotments Committee;  
This Committee to report back to full Council Meetings as appropriate;  
Initial membership of the Committee to be Cllrs. Ms. Baynham, Ms. Simpson, Kirkby, Tennant-Eyles and Wilding;  
The Allotments Committee to appoint one Member to act as liaison officer with the PNAA and allotment holders. This position to be filled on an annual basis.

A meeting between the Allotments Committee and the PNAA would be organised as soon as possible after the legal documentation had been completed.

**(2) AFFORDABLE HOUSING** –

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the recent meeting with Susie Hobby, the newly appointed Housing Enabler.

He also updated Members on the situation regarding affordable housing in the town.

**(3) OTHER BUSINESS** – Members received copies of the proposed letter and the background was explained. They agreed that Cllr. Wilding, Cllr. Green and the Clerk complete the letter and forward it to the relevant bodies.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.