

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE SHIRE HALL,
BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

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

Apologies: Cllrs. N. Green, Ms. A. Wake.

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. H. Owens Finance Item - Payment to Presteigne and Norton Community Trust.

Personal and Prejudicial - None

Prior to the commencement of business the Mayor welcomed four members of the Dyfed Powys police, Chief Superintendent Steve Hughson, Acting Inspector Darren Brown, PC Andy Smart and PCSO Rob Smith. The Officers attended to provide Members with information on the present situation regarding the problems in the town and also on the methods being employed to resolve matters. Members welcomed the actions being taken, in particular the appointment of Rob Smith as PCSO for the Presteigne and Knighton areas. They were also informed of future options available. Chief Superintendent Hughson reminded Members of the need to provide information on any problems and also to let Officers know of any persons with particular concerns.

The Mayor thanked the Officers for taking the time to attend.

MIN 2174 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

The following donations were approved –

St. Andrews FC Colts Under 8's (now older Age Group)	£100.00
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It was agreed not to donate to the Kidney Wales Foundation.

The letters of thanks from East Radnor and the Borders Health Focus Group, Presteigne Young Farmers Club, the Samaritans, Presteigne Chamber of Trade and the Warden Guardian Foundation were noted. Members had also received a copy of the latest Foundation newsletter by email.

(2) Payments:

A.G. Hopkins (Meadow Inspections Dec/Jan)	£13.50
MEADOW ACCOUNT	

R.J. Matthews (Hire of cherry picker)	£517.50
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(£450 plus VAT)

Presteigne and Norton Community Trust Ltd	£402.00
T.A. Price – Clerks Salary Final Quarter (includes 68.5 additional hours worked on Memorial Hall to 31 st December 2009 and backdated holiday enhancement on previous Hall hours worked in 2009/10)	£2007.13
HM Revenue and Customs (Tax and NI on above, NI employers= £161.11)	£835.93
Purrfect Cat Hire (allotments)	£681.50 (£580 plus VAT)
Clun Solutions (computer service agreement)	£109.00
St. Andrew's PCC (Hall Account) (Hire for allotments meeting)	£39.00
Coopers Pipes (drainage pipes and conduit)	£254.38 (216.50 plus VAT)
T.A. Price (travel expenses, Hall Work)	£112.00
Alan Jones (hedging allotment car park)	£68.00
Welsh Water (supply to Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£49.95

MIN 2175 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 20th January were approved without any amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 2176 MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT

- (1) **Clerk's Report** - The Clerk's report was noted.
- (2) There were no matters arising this month.

MIN 2177 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications

P2010 0012 Full, Change of use of agricultural land to create surfaced riding area at **Coldbrook Hollow, Discoyd**.

P2010 0058 Full, erection of an Evance R9000 wind turbine on agricultural land at **Rowley Farm, Presteigne**.

P2010 0091 / P20100096 (Listed Building Consent) – For householder, erection of single storey rear extension at **40a High Street, Presteigne**.

No objections were raised to the above applications.

MIN 2178 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

- (1) **Affordable Housing** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles updated Members on the recent email received from Mid Wales Housing Association and on affordable housing matters relating to Presteigne generally.
- (2) **Site Meeting with PCC Highways Officer** – The site meeting had been held the previous week and Cllrs. Wilding and Tennant-Eyles together with the Clerk had attended. A number of matters had been discussed –
 - Replacement of the railings alongside part of the allotment site;
 - The drainage grills in High Street which Mr. Lloyd hoped to replace;
 - A review of the dropped kerbs needed;
 - The overgrown trees at the junction, Castle Road which would be trimmed although the height could not be reduced;
 - The location of the new sign for Hereford Street, Mr. Lloyd confirmed this was in the same place as the previous sign and that he believed it to be correct, and
 - The flooding at Kings Court for which a solution was still being sought.
- (3) **Cwm Harry Land Trust Zero Waste Project** – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that two persons had now been appointed to carry out the work. He added that a Ministerial visit had been arranged for 17th June.
- (4) **Policing Matters** – Covered earlier.
- (5) **Transition Presteigne** – Nothing to report.
- (6) **School Modernisation Project** – Cllr. Kendall reported on the recent public meetings held because of concerns over a leaked County Council document which cited a number of possible High School closures.

The scheduled review of the John Beddoes catchment area was still due to commence in March although no exact date had yet been given for the first meeting. Cllr. Kirkby suggested that John Beddoes would be an excellent candidate for one of the pilot zero carbon schools. He explained that there would be no cost to the School. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the school governing body to ask that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

- (7) **Safe Routes to School** – There was nothing further to report this month.

MIN 2179 NORTON MATTERS

Cllr. Robinson reported a problem with the edge of Killhorse Lane and the Clerk agreed to pass on his contact details to the relevant officer so that a meeting could be arranged on site.

MIN 2180 WENTS MEADOW

- (1) **Vintage Motor Show** request to use Went's Meadow on 13th June – Approval was given for this event.
- (2) **Community Orchard** – Cllr. Kirkby informed Members that the trees would not now be planted until the Autumn. A further pruning session for the existing trees would take place on 21st February.
- (3) **Lower Went's Meadow, Possible Designation as a Nature Reserve** – Cllr. Kirkby had investigated this matter and reported that the process would probably take around six months to complete. The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust had also shown interest in registering the Withy Beds area at the same time if matters moved forward.

(4) General Matters – Cllr. Wilding reported that he had now removed the kissing gates. He also informed Members that the electricity board were to attend to trim the hedge along the lower part of the Meadow back to fence height, together with some of the trees along part of the hedge.

Sheep Music had agreed to remove the rotten bench.

(5) Removal Of Length of Fence – Cllr. Wilding suggested that a length of fencing along one edge of the far field was no longer required. He asked that Members consider this for a future meeting.

MIN 2181 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the full lottery application would be completed for submission at the end of March. A meeting for the community groups in the town earlier that week had been very well attended and provoked a lot of interest in the project. As a result it was intended to form a User Group Committee to provide feedback as the project progressed.

MIN 2182 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reminded Members that a meeting would be held in one week's time to allocate individual plots. A final plot layout was still in the process of being completed. Cllr. Wilding had now purchased the water pump and the fence was being installed.

Cllr. Ms. Baynham had agreed to take over from Cllr. Tennant-Eyles as Allotment Liaison Officer in May.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles asked that the enormous amount of work being put into the project by Cllr. Wilding be noted.

MIN 2183 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Payphone, Norton – Cllr. Wilding reported that a new line had been installed.

(2) Powys Community Safety Partnership Confidence Questionnaire – Cllr. Wilding took this questionnaire to complete on behalf of the Town Council.

MIN 2184 INFORMATION ITEMS

The items for information were noted.

MIN 2185 URGENT INFORMATION

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