

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2011
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Ms 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. Ms Simpson – Chamber of Trade, grant of £500 (previously precepted)
Cllr. Tennant-Eyles – Chamber of Trade, grant of £500 (previously precepted)*

Personal and Prejudicial – None

*Dispensations – Cllr. Kendall - School Modernisation (Chair of John Beddoes School Governors)
Cllr. Ms. Simpson - School Modernisation (Governor of John Beddoes School
and Presteigne Primary School)*

MIN 2437 FINANCE

(1) Donations:

Presteigne Chamber of Trade **£500 (precepted)**

The application for a donation from the National Eisteddfod was not granted.
It was agreed to award the Presteigne Brownies £50 and that they be asked to apply given more information on costs/expenses if they wished to be included on the list of donations for 2012/13.

Presteigne Brownies **£50.00**

Due to a mishap with the original cheque the cheque issued in October to Norton Sports Committee was re-issued. As the original had been shredded by Cllr. Price there was no need to place a stop on it.

Norton Sports Committee **£200.00 (re-issued)**

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved -

T.A. Price (salary 3 rd Quarter)	£1798.75
HMRC (tax and Ni due on above)	£605.39
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£388.08
KFS	£33.78 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Nick Close	£267.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Nick Close	£24.00
M. Dickinson (refund allotment rent)	£10.00 ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT

(3) **Receipts:**

Powys County Council (re. allotment fencing) **£480.00**

(4) **Interim Internal Audit:** The Clerk confirmed that this had been carried out with no problems.

(5) **Organisation's Accounts:** The Clerk supplied the accounts for organisations receiving donations of over £250 and it was agreed these would be circulated to allow all Members to examine the accounts prior to the precept setting meeting in January.

MIN 2438 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the ordinary business meeting of 19th October were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Mayor.

MIN 2439 MATTERS ARISING AND CLERK'S REPORT

(1) **Rockbridge Permissive Footpath** – The Clerk reported that the County Council Officer had now met the contractor to arrange the necessary works.

(2) **Demonstration/Talk by Planning Liaison Officer** – It was agreed that the February meeting be held in the Day Centre to accommodate the need for wi fi for the County Council Officer. It was also agreed that the February meeting be moved to 22nd February to avoid half term week.

(3) **Citizens Advice Bureau** – The Bureau was unable to attend a meeting to speak to Members.

MIN 2440 PLANNING

(1) **Planning Applications:**

P2011 1192 for householder, creation of 1st Floor to the existing bungalow at **Springfield, Mynd Road, Norton**. No objections were raised to this application.

(2) **Planning Liaison Meetings** – The dates of these meetings were noted. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk would try to attend.

(3) **LDP Town Strategic Options Meetings** – Noted. The Clerk agreed to get further details.

MIN 2441 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Cwm Harry Land Trust Zero Waste Project** – Cllr. Kirkby updated Members on the project.

(2) **School Modernisation** – Cllr. Kendall reported on recent developments in the secondary schools review. The John Beddoes School catchment area primary schools review Board was due to meet on 12th December.

(3) **Caravans, Norton Road, Presteigne** – The County Council are in the process of contacting the landowner to discuss the issue.

(4) **Car Parking in Presteigne** – Cllr. Ms. Simpson reported on a successful site meeting with three officers from the County Council in which a number of matters had been considered. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk respond to the County Council confirming the following –

Norton - No change, no restrictions required but the need for consideration of a different sign at the North end of the village where the road narrows to be highlighted.

Waiting Restrictions of 20 Minutes in Presteigne - It was agreed that this should be increased to one hour as soon as possible with a provisional date of 1st April for this to commence.

Parking Bays opposite Farmers Arms/Library - It was agreed that these would best be removed but members asked that two spaces be considered further up Station Road to replace them.

Loading/Unloading Bays in High Street - It was agreed that these would result in the loss of valuable parking places and so Members did not support this.

Parking near Methodist Church/Oak Pub - Members did not feel any action was required and did not support the introduction of any further yellow lining.

Members also asked that the County Council be reminded that the present signs in High Street are incorrect and one Member also raised the point that he understood that disabled bays should now be marked in blue with white symbols.

For the Town Council's request for the figures for the income and expenditure on the Presteigne car parks in 2011/12, as soon as these are available, to be noted

Members also noted that the possibility of resident's parking permits was to be looked into by the County Council in the future.

(5) Potholes, Newtons Lane, Norton – Still not repaired. The Clerk agreed to chase.

(6) Parking Issues in Harpers Lane – A resident had contacted the Town Council concerning the amount of parking in Harpers Lane which at times resulted in the road being blocked. The Clerk confirmed that as the issue was one of obstruction the matter had been forwarded to the police for action.

(7) Disposal of Energy Saving Light Bulbs – A concern had been raised by a resident that there was no local means of correctly disposing of these bulbs and the nearest civic amenity site was at Llandegley. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to enquire on the progress towards such a site near to Presteigne.

(8) Street Naming – Members had no objection to the name of Menevia Grove for the new development adjacent to the Catholic Church, Presteigne.

(9) Salt Bins – Members asked that the following locations be added – near to Northwood at the top of Slough Lane, the exit from Paradise Farm and the end of School Lane, Norton.

(10) Hole in Wall of Lugg Bridge – The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported.

MIN 2442 NORTON

(1) Speed Activated Traffic Signs – It was noted with disappointment that these were about to be removed, particularly as the sign to the southern end of the village had never been working. The Clerk was asked to write asking that the signs be returned to the village immediately after they had been repaired.

(2) Bridleway onto Furrows Hill – The Clerk was asked to report that this needed a new gate for easy horse access.

MIN 2443 WENTS MEADOW

(1) Skateboard Park Meeting – Cllr. Green gave a verbal report on his meeting with an interested group of young people and their ideas for improvements/additions to the park. Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that

Richard Rimington would be willing to meet the young people at the park to discuss their proposals. More detailed information concerning costs, possible grants etc would be needed prior to the January Council meeting for Members to consider including a sum in the precept to action any of the suggestions.

(2) Hedge Laying – It was agreed that this be arranged and that Cllr. Wilding tell the contractor to proceed with the 100m (approx) metre length at a cost of £4 per metre.

(3) Apple Pressing – Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had been very successful.

MIN 2444 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles provided an update on the funding applications and informed Members that a meeting with the Big Lottery was planned for 24th November.

Hall AGM to be held on 22nd November.

MIN 2445 ALLOTMENTS

(1) Tenancy Agreement Wording – Members approved the small change to the agreement wording to clarify the rent review period.

(2) Rent Review – Members agreed that there should be no rent increase for 2012.

(3) Meeting with PNAA – Notes from this meeting had been circulated. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles agreed to investigate the cost of a survey of all plots.

(4) Vacant Plot – The Clerk confirmed that this would be re-let once confirmation had been received from the PNAA that no existing tenant wished to change plot.

MIN 2446 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Now closed for the winter.

MIN 2447 YOUTH MATTERS

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles gave a brief report on the activities at the Youth Centre. £250 had been received as a donation from funds raised at the Chaz Davies event and the grant applied for from the police had been successful.

MIN 2448 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Fire Service/First Responders – Members noted the reply received to the Mayor's letter from the ambulance service. Cllr. Kendall was in the process of arranging a meeting with the service, together with representatives from the Fire Fighters, Kirsty Williams, the Community Health Council, Knighton First Responders and a number of other interested parties. Further details would be circulated as soon as a venue and date were confirmed.

(2) Letter re Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Noted.

(3) Email re Transition Food Event – Given that Town Council elections were due in May it was not possible to definitely confirm that Members would be available but it was agreed that if at all possible then Members of the Council would take part in the Ready Steady Cook event.

(4) One Voice Wales Area Meeting Report – No one had been able to attend.

(5) Annual Council Reporting Framework Letter from PCC Report – Noted.

(6) May 2012 Election Information – Noted.

(7) Dyfed Powys Police Change of Police Inspector for Presteigne area – Noted.

(8) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Action Plan 2012/13 – Cllr. Kendall agreed to look at this document.

(9) Powys Joint Community Consultation Meeting and Policing Priorities Survey – Cllr. Ms. Baynham took the survey to complete on behalf of the Town Council.

(10) One Voice Wales Strong Roots Project – Noted.

(11) PACT Meeting – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had attended this and gave a brief report to Members.

(12) Chaz Davies Event at Memorial Hall – Cllr Kendall gave a brief report on this and thanked Cllr. Kirkby for his help.

(13) Mr. Eddie Taylor – Cllr. Kendall reported that the recent event held by Mr. Taylor in aid of the Charles Renton Unit had been very successful and it was agreed that he write to Mr. Taylor to praise the event. In addition Members each donated towards the Charles Renton Unit with a matching sum to come from the Mayor's allowance.

MIN 2449 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

The usual Surgery had been held in November.

MIN 2450 INFORMATION ITEMS

The items for information were noted.

MIN 2451 URGENT INFORMATION

Regeneration Meeting – To be re-arranged.

Presteigne Fireworks – The event had been successful and Cllr. Ms. Simpson confirmed that the £300 guarantee against loss would not be required.

MIN 2452 DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING

It was agreed that the December meeting take place on Tuesday 13th December at the usual time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20pm.