

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY 2019**  
**AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, PRESTEIGNE**

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), T. Owens (Deputy Mayor), B. Baynham, D. Edwards, R. Bennett, N. Rogers, C. Ruby, P. Linnett, L. Veary, J. Wilding.

Apologies: Cllrs F. Preece, R. Bamford, S. Dixon.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk. Members of the public.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

*Personal: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

**MIN 3556 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

**MIN 3557 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

- (1) Dark Sky Communities: Cllr. Kirkby reported that Mr. Harling-Bowen had asked to make a further presentation to the Town Council at the April Meeting.
- (2) Council Housing in Presteigne: Cllr. Baynham confirmed the County Council continued to explore options for the provision of Council Housing in Presteigne.
- (3) Cycle Racks: Cllr. Kirkby reported that there was presently a covered rack at John Beddoes Campus which appeared little used. Cllr. Baynham to make enquiries with a view to re-location if the School did not wish to retain it.
- (4) Lights, Seconds and Co: Cllr. Kirkby had not yet spoken to the Owner but would do so in due course.
- (5) May Town Council Meeting: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that both the Annual and ordinary meetings would take place in the Judges Lodgings so that the Courtroom could be used for the Mayor making.
- (6) Letter of Support for Astro Turf Pitch: The Clerk had sent a letter of support as requested. Cllr. Kirkby would also send a letter in his capacity as Mayor.
- (7) Road Safety Unit Enquiry: The Clerk had not as yet had any response back from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**MIN 3558 FINANCE**

- (1) Donations: The following donation was approved –  
Radnor Wildlife Trust £123.89 (precepted)
- (2) Payments: The following payments were approved –  
Festive Decorations Ltd £1344.00  
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets) £32.51  
EDF Energy (Barn) £8.23 MEADOW ACCOUNT

**MIN 3559 PLANNING**

- (1) Planning applications: There were no planning applications this month.
- (2) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision were noted -  
18/1004/NMA 6 Jacks View, Norton: Approved.  
18/1111/NMA 5,6 Jacks View, Norton: Approved.  
18/0818/REM, Coach House, Norton Manor Park (vary condition): Refused.  
18/1133/TRE, Wychwood Cottage, Canon's Lane, Presteigne: Approved.

18/0864/FUL, Land South of B4356, Presteigne: Refused.

18/0930/FUL, Studio 2, East of Workhouse Gallery, Industrial Estate, Presteigne: Approved.

(3) Powys Local Development Plan, Further Supplementary Planning Guidance Consultation:  
Resolved no comment be made.

#### **MIN 3560 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

(1) Reporting of Highway Items for repair: The following item was reported –

Broken pavings, outside the chip shop and wine bar: Clerk to report and also to suggest that the County Council consider a longer term solution as the damage was usually caused by heavy delivery vehicles mounting the pavement.

(2) PACDG Update: Next Working Together meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr. Veary agreed to attend.

(3) Sewage Improvements Welsh Water Update: Cllr. Kirkby expressed concern that the email from Welsh Water was not more specific. He also noted that the email mentioned 'working with the Council to manage future development prior to the delivery of a scheme'. It was agreed that the Clerk respond asking for more specific information at the next update, particularly concerning the possibility of piping sewage from Norton for treatment at the Presteigne works and on the detail of how Welsh Water would work with the Council on future development in the interim and on the number of properties that might be permitted in this way.

(4) Healthy Active and Outdoors Project: The Clerk reported that five areas had been chosen for the pilot projects. Presteigne and Norton had been ranked sixth and so just missed out on being part of the Scheme.

(5) Active Travel Route Update: Tenders had been submitted and a contractor appointed. Works were expected to take a maximum of twelve weeks. A press release was due any day and households that would be affected during the work period would receive a leaflet in the next few days. The contractor was expected on site any day. Cllr. Baynham reported that a 20 mph zone was proposed for part of the town centre but that there was no change to the parking opposite the Farmers Arms. It was also noted that whilst the traffic warden dealt with parking offences the police could deal with issues of obstruction.

(6) Noise Complaint: Members noted the complaint received about a persistent humming noise at nights. This was an issue for Environmental Health and the Clerk was asked to contact the resident to ask if contact information could be passed on to the County Council.

#### **MIN 3561 NORTON**

(1) Norton Church: Cllr. Wilding reported that there would be a meeting with the Archdeacon on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

#### **MIN 3562 SITES AND BUILDINGS**

(1) Public Conveniences:

- Non-Domestic Rates: Members noted the reply from Welsh Government and the summary of Information provided to the One Voice Wales Brecon and Radnor Area Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk reported that the Area Committee had supported the motion and would also be writing to Welsh Government.
- Replacement Heater for Store: The electrician had not yet sourced a replacement.
- Wallgate Hand Wash Units Six Monthly Service: Members noted that this has been completed.

(2) Allotments: The Clerk reported that one further tenancy was to be surrendered in March.

(3) Meadows:

- Tree Pruning to be organised.
- Application for Grant from Gannett Foundation: Unfortunately this had been unsuccessful.
- Community Building: Work would start as soon as weather permitted. Cllr. Kirkby reported that to divert the public footpath would cost £600. Members discussed possible alternatives for consideration.
- Outdoor Gym Signage: This was due to be delivered later in the week.

(4) Defibrillator: Cllr. Kirkby had met Mr. Close on site to discuss the exact location.

(5) Library Service: Members noted that the County Council would be carrying out a public consultation on the Service and the session in Presteigne was to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February from 1pm to 3pm in the library.

#### **MIN 3563 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

(1) Schools Update: Cllr. Veary reported that she hoped to visit the Secondary School with Cllr. Bennett very soon. In addition she would also visit the Primary School and launch the 'No Dog Fouling' poster competition.

- (2) Welsh Government Update on Town & Community Council Review: Members had all received a full copy of the latest update. Cllr. Kirkby noted that in future an annual report was to become compulsory.
- (3) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.
- (4) Transition Presteigne AGM Information: Noted.
- (5) Dog Fouling: Cllr. Baynham reported that a resident had approached her about the amount of dog fouling and offered to assist with clearing this if equipment could be provided. In general Members felt that incidences were greatly reduced. Cllr. Baynham would respond asking for more detail on the locations and would also suggest the resident contact PACDG to volunteer to assist with more general litter picking.

#### **MIN 3564 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

Arrangements for February Surgery: Cllrs. Baynham and Bennett to attend. There had been no January Surgery.

#### **MIN 3565 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Matters raised were –

- Potholes and poor surface on the By Pass Car Park: Cllr. Baynham was investigating to see if something could be done.
- County Council Budget Information Video: Link would be circulated.
- Trade Delegation from Powys to attend the Sennedd on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Anyone interested in getting more information to contact Cllr. Baynham.
- Planning Complaint: Cllr. Baynham was assisting.
- Through School: Cllr. Baynham sought Member support for the County Council to investigate the through school option for Presteigne. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Cllr. Myfanwy Alexander to ask that this be investigated providing a new building was provided and the school was then independent and no longer linked with Newtown.

#### **MIN 3566 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION**

(1) Silia Wood: Cllr. Wilding suggested that the fact that the wood was a public space was not well known and he suggested that this should be publicised. He also suggested the creation of a small car park possibly using part of an adjacent field. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to arrange a site meeting and the matter to be discussed further at the February meeting.

(2) Future Old Persons Home in Presteigne: Cllr. Wilding suggested that the County Council be asked to begin investigating the possibility of a new old persons home/day centre in the town. Despite Prestmede being very much valued it was very limited in capacity and it was felt that it would be prudent to consider provision in the longer term. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Hayes and Davies at the County Council to put this suggestion forward.

(3) Community Storage: Cllr. Veary stated that many organisations in the town struggled for storage and as a result community equipment was stored in many locations. She suggested that if one store could be found it would facilitate easier storage and also assist in the sharing of equipment. A couple of possibilities were suggested. In the first instance it was agreed that Cllr. Baynham approach the School to see if the use of the former Sixth Form building was a possibility.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm