

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, PRESTEIGNE

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

Apologies: Cllrs. R. Bamford, L. Veary.

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:

Cllr. Bennett, Trustee of Sheep Music, re. donation towards annual fireworks display and community building project.

Personal and Prejudicial:

*Cllr. Bennett, close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0952.
close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0864.
close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0893.
close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0892.*

*Cllr. Kirkby, close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0779.
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Cllr. Owens, close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0779.

Cllr. Rogers, close personal friend of applicant, re. planning application, 18/0779.

*Cllr. Wilding, related to applicant, re. planning application, 18/0779.
related to applicant, re. planning application, 18/0864.*

Cllr. Kirkby welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

Cllrs. Wilding, Owens, Rogers and Kirkby left the room for the duration of the speech by Mr. R. Wilding and for item 3530 application reference 18/0779/FUL.

Cllr. Baynham assumed the Chair. Members then heard from Mr. Richard Wilding who provided information on the planning application for a pullet rearing shed at Old Impton, in particular the changes made following the pre-planning consultation.

MIN 3530 PLANNING

(1) Planning applications: The following applications were considered –

18/0779/FUL Grid Reference: E:329203 N: 267049 Proposal: Erection of a poultry unit and associated works Site Address: Old Impton Farm, Mynd Road, Norton. Following discussion, it was resolved that no objections be raised but that the following comments be submitted –

- Access: Residents had raised concerns about the width of the access along Mynd Road given that many park on the side of the road, particularly at evenings and weekends.

- Private Water Supply to Norton Manor Park: The applicant appears to have addressed the concerns raised by both the Town Council and residents about contamination of the water supply. Nevertheless the Town Council wishes to stress the need for this supply to be protected and the revised manure management plan adhered to.

Cllr. Baynham thanked Mr. Wilding for attending and advised Members that as County Councillor she had requested that the application be determined at the County Planning Committee.

Cllrs. Rogers and Owens returned to the room.

Cllr. Owens assumed the Chair for the next items.

18/0892/FUL Grid Reference: E:331414 N: 264389 Proposal: Replacement of an external door with a window, and the erection of a rear storage shed Site Address: Corner House, High Street, Presteigne. Resolved to support the application providing the Built Heritage Officer had no concerns.

18/0893/LBC Grid Reference: E:331398 N: 264386 Proposal: Internal & external alterations to include removal of external staircase, replacement of a door with a window, erection of a rear storage shed and internal rearrangements Site Address: 1 Albert Square, Presteigne. Resolved to support the application providing the Built Heritage Officer had no concerns.

18/0952/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331390 N: 264576 Proposal: Removal and replanting of 1 x leylandii hedge and 1 x hazel in a conservation area. Location: 4 St David's Street, Llanandras, Powys LD8 2BP. Resolved to support the application.

Cllr. Bennett returned to the room.

18/0848/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331479 N: 264451 Proposal: Raising crown, thinning crown by 20% and crown reduction by 2m on Beech tree near west boundary of garden. Shown as T1 on plan.

Location: 8 Broad Street, Presteigne. Resolved that no comment be made.

Cllr. Bennett left the room. Cllr. Kirkby returned to the room.

Cllr. Kirkby then continued as Chair.

18/0864/FUL Grid Reference: E:329482 N: 265279 Proposal: Erection of 4 holiday log cabins, formation of a new access road, installation of package treatment plant and associated works Site Address: Land South Of B4356 , Presteigne. Resolved that the Council had strong concerns about the application and to make the following comments -

- Inappropriateness of size/scale of the proposed cabins which seem too large for their setting and in comparison with nearby buildings.
- Concern at the access onto a dangerous stretch of road, where the Town Council has for some time been pressing for the introduction of a lower speed limit (50mph). If the application is granted then the introduction of such a speed limit should be considered essential.
- Linked to the access concerns, that the vehicle movement figures seem low and have been underestimated.
- Further development in this area would lead to the creation of a new settlement 'village' outside the town boundary.
- If holiday use is permitted then use as permanent residential accommodation should not at any point be granted.
- To point out that the DAS refers to residential accommodation adjacent and to clarify that this is not permanent accommodation but holiday accommodation.

Cllrs. Wilding and Bennett returned to the room.

18/0818/REM, Grid Reference: E:329438 N: 266844, Proposal: Section 19A Application to Vary Condition 6 from planning permission PR128419 in relation to landscaping Site Address: The Coach House, Norton Manor Park, Norton. Resolved no objections be made.

(2) Planning Application Decisions: The following decision was noted -

P/2018/0244, Orchard End, Norton: Approval.

18/0522/NMA, The Coach House, Norton Manor Park: Refused.

18/0692/CLE, The Old Stores at Rock House Discoed: Approval.

18/0155/FUL The Elvins Norton: Approval.

18/0625/DIS Land at Broadaxe, Presteigne: Approval.

18/0676/NMA Plot 2 Jacks View (formerly Plot 6) Norton: Approval.

MIN 3531 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 17th October, 2018 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3532 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

- (1) Dark Skies, Meeting with County Council: Cllrs. Kirkby and Baynham would be attending on 22nd November.
- (2) Recycling Awareness: A County Council Officer had attended the November Farmer's Market and leaflets had also been distributed in the town.
- (3) Idling Buses: The School had not yet provided an update.
- (4) Lugg Bridge Repair: This was unsatisfactory and Cllr. Kirkby hoped to meet the County Council Officer on site to discuss.
- (5) Daffodil Bulbs: These had now been planted.
- (6) Cemetery: Tree planting on the site would take place shortly and other work was in the planning stage. Cllr. Kirkby reported that he had discussed the re-opening of the cemetery toilet with the County Council Officer but that he felt the matter was best left until matters concerning the extension were complete.
- (7) East Radnorshire Day Centre Celebration Evening: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a very successful evening had been held to celebrate the Centre's recent success in the Powys Business Awards.
- (8) Remembrance Sunday: Cllr. Kirkby reported that that a number of successful events held been held with a sizeable crowd both at the Cenotaph and the Church. The weekend concluded with the procession with the Sleeping Dragon. The Clerk was asked to write letters of thanks to Peter Smith and Marion Rowlatt and to the Special Policeman who had attended on horseback. Cllr. Kirkby thanked those Members who had attended.
- Members noted the wonderful poppy displays in particular at Norton Church.
- (9) DMMO Application Fold Farm: Members noted that the application remained eighth on the list to be dealt with.
- (10) Former Kayes Factory Site: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that this had been sold at auction.
- (11) Firework Displays: Both Norton and Presteigne had held very successful events.
- (12) Apple Pressing: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had been very successful and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Emma and John Lilley for hosting and organising the event.
- (13) Complaint re. Trees, Dog Kennel Lane: Cllr. Wilding would arrange to meet the resident to discuss the issue.
- (14) Bollards, The Scallions: These had now been installed and would secure parking for Church events.
- (15) Rubble, near The Paddocks: This had been moved back from the footpath but otherwise was a private matter if it belonged to the landowner. No further action.
- (16) Planning Training: Members attending were reminded of the date and location.
- (17) Defibrillator, Norton Manor Park: The Clerk reported that this was now in place and that she had received a telephone call to thank the Town Council for its donation.

MIN 3533 FINANCE

- (1) Donations: The following donation was approved -
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| Presteigne and Norton Community Trust Ltd. | £750.00. |
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- The request for funding from the Breast-Feeding Network was deferred for consideration as a new project for 2019-20.
- (2) Payments: The following payments were approved –
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| NEST (direct debit) | £73.72 |
| Mrs T.A. Price | £1481.73 |
| HM Revenue and Customs | £631.44 |
| Powys County Council (library grant) | £1073.00 |
| Border Janitorial Supplies | £84.00 |
| Presteigne Building Supplies | £26.64 |
| Bucknell Nurseries | £141.60 |
| Amazon (electricity cable warning signs) | £7.30 |
| H. Bithell (personal training plans etc) | £79.50 |
| T. Lloyd-John (cleaning) | £660.70 |
| Viking Direct | £181.18 |
| N. Close | £65.60 |
| N. Close | £84.37 MEADOW ACCOUNT |
| Highground Maintenance Ltd (grass cutting) | £278.92 MEADOW ACCOUNT |
| EDF Energy (electricity account) | £22.84 MEADOW ACCOUNT |

(3) Circulation of Annual Accounts from Organisations receiving Council grant/donation of £250 and over: Members noted that the accounts were currently being circulated.

(4) The following bank transfer was approved:

£343.77 from Allotment Account to Treasurer Account (to cover Clerk's allotment hours as paid this month).

MIN 3534 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) PACDG Update: Cllr. Ruby reported that the Group was actively encouraging responses to the County Council consultation on the disposal of green waste. It had also written to the County Council direct. Cllr. Owens reported on the 'Working Together' meeting and the lack of representation from both the under 40s age group and long term residents. A further meeting would be held in December.

(2) Healthy, Active and Outdoors Project PCC, Expressions of Interest Invitation: It was agreed that the Clerk submit an expression of interest.

(3) Powys County Council Survey on Green Waste Collection and email from Transition Presteigne re composting site: The Clerk informed Members that she had received one complaint about the withdrawal of the green waste banks. Following discussion, it was agreed not to object to the removal of the green waste banks and to respond to the County Council consultation as follows – paid for collections to be all year round on a fortnightly basis with the size of bin to be 240 litres. It was confirmed that the service would be from the kerbside.

(4) Active Travel Route: Members received the latest draft and considered the suggestion that the 20mph zone be extended under the same traffic order and to cover the central areas of town (not the bypass). It was agreed that this was a good idea and Cllr. Kirkby circulated a plan showing the areas to be included and the possible locations for signs. It was agreed that the Clerk submit this to the County Council adding the suggestion that the two spaces opposite the Farmer's Arms be removed and that if possible, these be re-located in Station Road.

(5) Public Footpath Diversion Order Consultation: Old Impton: Deferred to the December meeting.

(6) Reporting of Highway Items for repair:

- Lifting tarmac on new active travel route: Clerk had reported.
- Pavement between the Bowling Green and Clatterbrune in need of clearing/cleaning: Clerk to report.
- Clearing and digging back of Station Road pavement: Clerk to remind County Council.
- Offas Green Pavement: Still not cleared. Clerk to remind County Council.
- Wall at entrance to the Warden: To be repaired.

MIN 3535 NORTON

(1) Norton Church Progress Report: Norton Members reported that matters were progressing albeit slowly and that the Church was to formally close in December. Temporary Trustees had been selected for the Community Group.

MIN 3536 SITES AND BUILDINGS

(1) Public Conveniences: Cllr. Kirkby reported that public toilets were shortly to be exempt from business rates in England. The Clerk had written to One Voice Wales and Kirsty Williams AM asking that this exemption be introduced in Wales.

(2) Allotments: The request to site a polytunnel had been withdrawn.

(3) Meadows:

- Community Building Update inc. signing of legal agreement confirming future use by Sheep Music: Cllr. Kirkby was delighted to report that the application to Welsh Government had been successful and that £23,000 had been secured. Added to the £15,000 from Powys County Council and to the monies pledged by the Town Council and from Sheep Music the project was now fully funded. The personal pledges needed would not be needed for the main building but could be used to fund additional features, the first year of insurance etc. All those who had made pledges had been contacted to ask if they wished to withdraw their pledge. In order to release the grant Welsh Government required the future use by Sheep Music to be secured via a legal agreement and this was being drawn up by the Town Council Solicitors. Members approved the signing of this document once prepared. Groundworks could commence as soon as weather permitted.
- Outdoor Gym Opening: This had taken place on 27th October. The duplicate unit had been replaced and the repair to the rower base carried out. The individual instructions for the units had been added using laminated stickers. These would shortly be replaced with formal signage. The Clerk was in the process of arranging an overall sign for the site.

- August 2019 Booking: Cllr. Kirkby was delighted to report that Nicole et Martin had asked if they could return in 2019 and would be holding four performances.
 - Maintenance of Ligne Garden, Request from Scouts: Members agreed the request from the Scouts to maintain the Ligne Garden. A small budget of £50 was agreed towards plants.
- (4) Defibrillator: Delivery was still awaited. £130 was still to be raised to complete the purchase.

MIN 3537 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

- (1) Bus Services, Presteigne Update: Members noted the most recent correspondence following a meeting between the County Council and a concerned local resident.
- (2) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.
- (3) Cash Machine Station Road: Members were all aware that the unit had been blown up and completely destroyed. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the company and that unfortunately the unit would not be replaced.
- (4) Wales Audit Office Publications: Provision of Local Govt Services to Rural Communities, Community Asset Transfer and Local Govt Services to Rural Communities: Noted.
- (5) Letter from Llandrindod Wells Town Council: Members noted the concerns of Llandrindod Wells Town Council about the removal of the aerial lift platform from Llandrindod. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter supporting the retention of the platform in Llandrindod and stressing the large distances involved should the platform be moved to Aberystwyth.
- (6) Letter from Abermule with Llandyssul Community Council: Members noted the letter concerning the intention of the County Council to site a recycling unit at the Abermule Business Park. No action to be taken.

MIN 3538 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

November Surgery: Matters raised were –

Removal of village notices from the Memorial Hall Notice Board: Not a Council matter.

Speeding along Greenfield Road: Would be addressed through phase 2 of the Active Travel Route.

Arrangements for December Surgery: Cllrs. Baynham and Bamford to attend.

MIN 3539 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Baynham reported on County issues over the past month. A new Chief Executive had been appointed.

MIN 3540 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

- (1) Norton Community Speed watch: Cllr. Ruby reported that the Group was now ready but was having to share a radar speed detector with Whitton. She asked that the purchase of a detector be put forward to be considered as part of the 2019-20 budget.

The meeting closed at 10.01 pm