

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2015
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), J. Tennant-Eyles (Deputy Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, Ms. H. Marchant, H. Owens, Ms F. Preece, P. Robinson, P. Smith.

Apologies: Cllrs. G. Banks, Ms. N. Humphreys, J. Matthews, B. Price, J Wilding.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; One member 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. J. Tennant-Eyles, Chairman, Presteigne Youth Project: re devolved services. NB Dispensation from February 2013 applies to membership of clubs and charities.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

MIN 3055 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of 18th November, 2015 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3056 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Visit from Doug Hughes, Hughes Architects: Cllr. Kirkby read the positive comments of Mr. Hughes on the Town Council to the meeting.

(2) Lugg Bridge Repairs: Still not completed. Clerk to chase.

(3) Trench left by Contractors, near Kington Roundabout: The County Council were pushing BT to complete the permanent repairs.

(4) Naming of New Development, Knighton Road: Members noted the reply from MWA. The Clerk was asked to respond asking that any name chosen should be bilingual.

(5) Meeting with Welsh Water: The power point notes supplied by Welsh Water had been circulated.

(6) Summer Market/Queen's Birthday Celebrations: No further information had been received.

(7) Broad Street/ Scallions: The cleaning/tidying of the slabs in Broad Street and the Scallions had not been done and the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

(8) Home Postal Service, Norton: The service was now operational.

(9) Allotment Rent Increase: This had been notified to the tenants via post or email.

(10) Parking Church Street: The problem seemed to have improved.

(11) Rubbish, Garages, Townend: The Clerk was asked to follow this up and ensure the rubbish was removed.

(12) Annual Pantomime: Members asked that their congratulations be passed on to Presteigne Players for another excellent pantomime.

MIN 3057 FINANCE

(1) Donations: Requests for donations had been received from the British Red Cross and the Wales Air Ambulance Airbase Appeal. It was resolved not to donate to either charity.

(2) Payments: Resolved that the following payments be approved:

Mrs T. Price	£836.72
HMRC	£198.52
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
Beaumonts Electrics	£198.78
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£405.76
Npower (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£8.91
Viking (ink, stamps etc)	£164.86
Npower (Barn)	£27.95 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£12.50
N. Close	£50.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (access licence)	£10.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) New Projects 2016/17: Provisional new projects for 2016/17 put forward were -
Wildflower Seed Mix for roundabouts/Welsh Dragon
Additional Christmas Lights for Norton (£150 approx)
Folding Tables for use at community events (£440 approx)
Community Plan Group
Presteigne Cubs and Scouts

(4) Bank Balances: The following bank balances as at 5th December were noted.

Treasurer	£38,258.52	Meadow	£6604.45
Allotments	£1272.33	Money Manager	£15,382.13
Warden Reserve	£2959.22		

(5) Organisation Accounts. The accounts from grant receiving organisations (those receiving over £250) were currently being circulated.

MIN 3058 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered.

P/2015/1122, New residential dwelling, garage & ancillary works at Plot Adjacent The Laurels, Green End, Presteigne: *Resolved that while there were no objections to a dwelling in principle it was felt that the non vernacular appearance of this dwelling was inappropriate within a conservation area.*

(2) Notification of Appeal to Planning Inspectorate, Reeves Hill, Reeves Lane, Near Knighton. (re. condition 14): Noted.

MIN 3059 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Community Led Plan Progress Report: Cllr. Smith reported on the recent Steering Group Meeting. Information on the draft plan had been circulated. The next meeting was scheduled for 6th January. The Steering Group had asked if they could attend the start of the February Meeting to present the findings of the Plan and possible ways forward.

(2) Footpath, Fold Farm Lane: No reply had been received to the letter. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to call on Mrs Meadows to discuss further.

(3) Active Travel Routes: Nothing new to report.

(4) Response from Cllr. Brunt re fee increase on TTRO's: Noted.

(5) Reporting of Highway Items for repair: The following items were raised -
sign in front of Bennett's Electrical that needed moving
the possible closure of the PCC Work's Depot. The Town Council would wish to retain a local depot and would like to know if a new depot is planned nearby.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about both items.

MIN 3060 NORTON

(1) 999 Service for Kiosk: There was no progress to report. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of installing a Vodafone signal in the Kiosk.

(2) Mobile Infrastructure Project Update: Chris Davies MP was looking into the matter. The Clerk would chase at the end of January.

(3) Newton Lane/Killhorse Lane: Cllr. Robinson reported that Newton Lane and the top of Killhorse Lane were in need of cleaning as the surface was covered with mud and leaves and very slippery.

(4) Stocking Lane: The Clerk was asked to report a considerable amount of standing water on the Powys length of road.

(5) Norton Name Sign: The Clerk reported that she had dropped the sign off with Cllr. Price.

MIN 3061 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Progress on Grant Application: The application to Tesco had been submitted.

(2) Receipt of Signs for Smoke Free Playgrounds: It was agreed the signs be placed on the MUGA fence, one near to the toilets and one near to the car park by the goal.

(3) Maintenance Plan for Council Trees Update/Further Quote: It was agreed to wait for the local contractor to produce the plan.

(4) Request for Use by Presteigne Carnival, July 2016: Agreed.

(5) Skateboard Pyramid: The remedial work was now due to take place on 22nd December.

(6) Stop Tap: Mr. Close had located the stop tap near the skateboard area and a new cover etc was to be installed at a cost of approximately £60.

MIN 3062 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Letter and Survey from Police and Crime Commissioner: The Clerk would send the link to Members so the survey could be completed individually. Members also noted the recent newsletter from PCSO Anna Bowen and the Clerk was asked to write thanking her for the useful information and hoping that it would continue.

MIN 3063 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

December Surgery: - Cllr. Robinson reported one matter. This was the lack of street lighting near to public buildings/facilities, in particular near St. Andrew's Church Hall. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to get the light number so the Clerk could check if it should in fact be working.

As there was no January Market there would be no Surgery until February.

MIN 3064 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES 1

(1) Letter from Cllr. Barry Thomas: Members noted the letter from the leader of the Council and the figures provided for street cleaning and grounds maintenance. It was agreed that the Clerk respond indicating that the Town Council was not at the present time interested in taking over either service so would choose option 1, the delivery of the service at a minimum specification to remain with PCC with the purchase of any additional/enhanced delivery to be met from Town Council funds.

(2) Tennis Court/Football Pitch Transfer: There was nothing to report on the pending transfer.

(3) Presteigne Cemetery: A copy of the planning permission had been passed to the County Council.

MIN 3065 URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION

(1) Retirement of Mrs B. Evans, Presteigne Primary School: Members signed the leaving card for Mrs Evans.

(2) Opening of Memory Room, Memorial Hall: Cllr. Kirkby had attended the recent opening. Members expressed their thanks to Cllr. Tennant-Eyles for his hard work in obtaining the necessary grants.

(3) Street Lighting. Greenfield Road: Cllr. Ms. Preece reported that the area was very dark at night and that two additional lights were needed on. She agreed to supply the Clerk with details of the light numbers so that a request could be made to Powys.

(4) Norton Sewerage Problems: Cllr. Kirkby reported that these seemed to be resolved.

(5) Presteigne Christmas Lights: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the lights were temporarily off but that it was hoped that the problems would be resolved and the lights back on very soon.

(6) Appointment of New Head Teacher, Newtown High School: It was agreed to invite the new Head Teacher to meet the Town Council when he took up his post.

Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the following items.

MIN 3066 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES 2

(1) Discussions with County Council: Cllr. Kirkby provided a brief report on the meeting with Cllr. Darren Mayor, Jeremy Patterson and Susan Simpson. A report was being compiled by the County for presentation to the Cabinet early in the New Year for an agreement in principle to the proposals.

MIN 3067 ALLOCATION OF TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT FOR 2016/17

Members considered the prices provided. It was resolved that the cleaning contract for Wilson Terrace and Hereford Street toilets be awarded to Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.