

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2014**  
**AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), J. Tennant-Eyles ( Deputy Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, Ms. N. Humphreys, Ms. H. Marchant, J. Matthews, B. Price, P. Smith, J. Wilding.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. G. Banks, H. Owens, Ms. F. Preece, P. Robinson.

**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 the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

*Personal: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles Member of the Presteigne Chamber of Trade (DISPENSATION TO SPEAK NOT VOTE ) Chamber of Trade Donation re. Christmas Lights*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None*

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members heard from PS Briggs and PC Smart on policing matters in Presteigne. Members also had the opportunity to raise their concerns on the recent incidents of anti social behaviour and vandalism in the town. The importance of reporting all incidents via the 101 number was stressed by both Officers. Recent developments included the introduction of liaison with West Mercia PCSO's to help with cross border crime and the secondment of an extra PC temporarily to help cover the absence of PCSO Wheelan who had been moved to Builth Wells. A new PCSO was expected to be in post in early 2015.

Members all agreed that it had been a very useful meeting and that a further meeting should take place in around six months.

**MIN 2880 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of 17th September, 2014 were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

**MIN 2881 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE**

**(1) St. Michael's Hospice:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that he had so far raised £450 towards the Reaching out to Radnorshire campaign.

**(2) Meeting with Welsh Government Officers:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that he, Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and the Clerk had met with two officers from Welsh Government to discuss the former Kayes factory site and to explore possible funding streams for regeneration of the town. Most of the funding available would be accessed via the County Council and the importance of good liaison with the County Council was stressed. The need for official signage and a location map for the industrial estate and Broadaxe Business park were discussed. Very little land was owned by Welsh Government on the industrial estate and so it was unable to help with a sign at that site. An officer would look into the possibility of a sign for the Broadaxe site.

**(3) Budget Discussion Meetings County Council:** Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Ms. Baynham had both attended sessions in Knighton and gave short reports on the discussions.

**(4) Recycling Centre:** The Chamber of Trade was still in negotiations with the County Council to take over the centre.

**(5) Replacement of Pump, Albert Square:** Cllr. Kirkby had been in touch with one of the residents who had agreed to speak to all those living on the Square to see if they would be willing to contribute to the re-fixing of the pump.

**(6) Hedge-Trimming Quote:** Cllr. Wilding was looking into this.

**(7) Re-painting of Mural, Wilson Terrace Toilets:** The Clerk was asked to contact the playgroup to see if they intended to go ahead with the re-painting.

**(8) Town Emblem:** Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that the Primary School would be interested in producing an emblem although not until the New Year.

**(9) Freedom of Information and Data Protection Training:** The Clerk had attended this training.

#### **MIN 2882 FINANCE PAYMENTS**

**(1) Donations:** . The following donations were agreed as precepted:

<b>Sheep Music</b> (twds firework display)	<b>£500.00</b> (precepted)
<b>Royal British Legion</b> (Remembrance Wreaths)	<b>£60.00</b> (precepted)
<b>Presteigne and Norton Community Support</b>	<b>£500.00</b> (precepted)
<b>Powys Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<b>£100.00</b> (precepted)
<b>Presteigne Chamber of Trade</b> (Christmas Fair/Lights) (£340 was retained for hire of the cherry picker)	<b>£1160.00</b> (precepted)
<b>Knighton and Presteigne Leg Club</b>	<b>£100.00</b> (precepted)

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles also requested that Members consider a further guarantee against loss for the Chamber of Trade Christmas Fair. It was agreed that £500 be approved as a guarantee against loss for the 2014 Fair. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles also asked that the cost of the stress analysis needed for the new lights be met from the renewal of Christmas Lights monies. He expected the cost to be £600 plus VAT.

The letters of thanks from Presteigne Brownies, East Radnorshire Day Centre and Presteigne Memorial Hall were noted.

**(2) Payment:** The following payments were approved:

Mrs T. Price	<b>£651.60</b>
HMRC	<b>£213.91</b>
Mrs T. Price (expenses) (income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	<b>£82.27</b>
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	<b>£401.75</b>
Viking Direct (stamps/toilet rolls/ink)	<b>£221.78</b>
One Voice Wales (FOI course for Clerk)	<b>£15.00</b>
N. Close	<b>£39.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
Artisan Press (posters apple pressing)	<b>£13.28 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>

#### **MIN 2883 PLANNING**

**(1) Planning Applications:** No applications had been received this month.

(2) **Reply from Powys County Council re population figures for Norton (as stated in LDP):** Noted.

(3) **Land at Mill Lane** The confirmation that works commenced was noted.

(4) **Positive Planning Consultations Welsh Government (responses 16/01/15) and email from Kirsty Williams, AM:** Noted.

(5) **P/2014/0202** full, erection of two poultry buildings to include a control room, feed bins, new access and hard standing (resubmission of P/2013/0671) at **Upper Heath Farm, Presteigne**: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had attended the Committee meeting to speak on behalf of the Town Council. He confirmed that the application had been approved by Powys County Council.

(6) **P2012/0573** full, new site access road from A4113 to the Llanshay Lane and the creation of passing places to enable access to the consented Reeves Hill wind farm at **agricultural land south of A4113, Knighton**. Members considered whether to send a representative to speak at the Committee meeting. Following debate it was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Humphreys that no speaker be sent. A vote was taken and the proposal was passed by five votes for and four against.

(7) **P2014 0794**, removal of conditions 14 and 15 of planning permission P2010/0343 to allow units to be occupied as full residential units at **Rockbridge Park, Discoyd**. Members noted that the application had been withdrawn.

#### **MIN 2884 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

(1) **Tennis Courts Progress Report:** No progress to report.

(2) **Presteigne Cemetery Possible Expansion:** The Clerk read the written update provided by Cllr. Banks. It was also noted that the landowner had suggested that the County Council proceed with the water drainage surveys that were required. Members agreed that this seemed a logical way to proceed although the County Council may well wish to have paperwork drawn up to ensure a right to buy should the surveys be satisfactory. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Banks to suggest this.

(3) **Community Led Plan:** The Clerk had heard nothing further on this.

(4) **PCC Capital Bid for Footway:** Members discussed that possibility of providing some funding towards this. Although concern was expressed at the increase in the precept that would be needed to cover this it was felt that it was important to contribute in order to secure the County Council funding for the pathway. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council to indicate that a maximum of £4000 would be provided by the Town Council towards the total cost of the path (estimated total cost of £16,000).

(5) **Potential Further Community Asset Transfer Possibilities from PCC:** Members considered the likely asset transfers from the County Council during the 2015/16 year.

(6) **Tree Protection Orders:** Cllr. Ms. Baynham agreed to supply a list of trees that she felt should be covered by TPO's. These would be circulated and if all were in agreement would be submitted to the County Council.

(7) **Temporary Closure of Footpath Dolley Green:** Noted.

(8) **Overgrown Trees covering Presteigne Information Signs (bypass):** Cllr. Ms Baynham agreed to check if tree covering the sign on the Knighton side of town had been trimmed. Cllr. Kirkby stated that the sign on the Kington side had still not been trimmed and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask that they write to the owner of the tree requesting that this be cut back.

(9) **Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales:** Noted. No action to be taken.

**(10) Transfer of Public Toilets to Town Council:** It was agreed that Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and Wilding, together with the Clerk would meet to discuss a budget for the additional toilet blocks and also to meet with the County Council to discuss the transfers and the grant monies that would be made available.

**(11) Allotments: Forthcoming Annual Meeting with PNAA, concerns over plot:** The Clerk was awaiting confirmation from the PNAA that 25th November would be acceptable for the annual meeting. The concerns raised over a plot were noted.

**(12) Bus travel to Leominster:** Members noted the reply from the County Council. A more detailed reply was awaited from the Passenger Transport section.

**(13) Update on outstanding Highway Items:**

Stocking Lane (H'fd side): This was to be re-surfaced.

Cherry Tree: The County Council were not planning to carry out any further pruning.

47 Lugg View: The County Council had agreed to carry out some minor works.

Additional Bollard Hereford Street: The County Council had agreed to visit the resident with concerns.

**MIN 2885      NORTON**

**(1) Meeting with Norton Civic Society:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the meeting with representatives of the Society. Subsequent notes of the meeting circulated by the Society contained some inaccuracies and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles agreed to contact the Society to discuss these and ask for them to be corrected.

NCS had raised the issue of litter bins and had been asked to liaise with Cllr. Ms. Baynham regarding locations.

**(2) Mobile Phone Reception (Vodafone Sure Signal/Mobile Infrastructure Project):** Noted. No further action at present.

**(3) Tree Protection Order for yew trees, Norton Manor:** It was noted that the trees were covered by a Protection Order.

**(4) Road Safety, Norton:** Members noted that a design meeting was being held by the County Council at the end of the month to discuss possible solutions.

**(5) Christmas Lights:** Norton Sports Committee would be erecting some of the former Presteigne lights around the Church. The Clerk was asked to offer some of the remaining lights to Norton Civic Society if they wished to erect them elsewhere in the village.

**MIN 2886      WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW**

**(1) Stop Tap for Water Supply to Barn:** Welsh Water had agreed to replace the stop tap.

**(2) Dog Fouling Eddie's Meadow/Warden:** The Clerk was asked to request a bin to be located by the picnic tables at the top of Eddie's Meadow.

**(3) Skateboard ROSPA Inspection Update:** Cllr. Kirkby was still awaiting an explanation of one section from the County Council.

**(4) Awards for All Project:** This had now been completed and the end of grant form had been returned.

**(5) Vandalism:** Members noted that there had been damage to the picnic table which had been temporarily removed.

**(6) PAVO Volunteers:** Cllrs. Kirkby and Tennant-Eyles has agreed to meet with PAVO to discuss volunteer work on the Meadows.

#### **MIN 2887      YOUTH MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

#### **MIN 2888      CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

**(1) Presteigne Memorial Hall Progress Report:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles provided Members with an update and with a financial summary of the project. He reported that the County Council had asked if the Town Council would take on the new car park area once work was complete and this was agreed.

**(2) Email from Resident re anti-social behaviour:** The Clerk was asked to reply indicating that the police had attended the Council meeting and that the concerns raised had been discussed.

**(3) Mortimer Country History Trail, letter requesting support:** Cllr. Ms. Marchant agreed to assist with the leaflet.

**(4) Reply from Vintage Sports Car Club:** Members were pleased to note that the event would be returning to its previous format in 2015.

**(5) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Report 2014/15:** Noted.

**(6) One Voice Wales Meeting 17th October:** No one was able to attend.

#### **MIN 2889      TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES**

**October Surgery:** Matters raised were -

Blocked drains in Hereford Street: Clerk to report.

Request for Footpath along School Playing Field: the resident was informed that this was being considered.

Request for the history of 'The Colony' Stonewall Hill; Passed to Cllr. Robinson in case he could help.

Complaints about the state of the recycling centre.

**November Surgery:** Cllrs. Smith and Ms. Humphreys agreed to man the November Surgery.

#### **MIN 2890      INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no items for information.

#### **MIN 2891      URGENT BUSINESS**

**9th November, 2014:** Remembrance Sunday.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.