

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2015
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), G. Banks, Ms B. Baynham, Ms. N. Humphreys, Ms. H. Marchant, H. Owens, J. Matthews, B. Price, J Wilding.

Apologies: Cllrs. J. Tennant-Eyles (Deputy Mayor), Ms. F. Preece, P. Robinson, P. Smith.

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr. Kirkby welcomed Miss Stephanie Seidman and Mr. Glenn Jones who had requested permission to address the meeting.

Miss Seidman spoke on her investigations into cycling route problems around the town and from Presteigne to Norton and answered Member's questions.

Mr. Jones spoke on the planning application for Rockbridge Park. He also answered Member's questions.

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. B. Price, member of Norton Sports Committee re kiosk in Norton (NB dispensation February 2013 applies), TC appointed School Governor Presteigne Primary School re Presteigne Primary School Item.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

MIN 3029 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of 16th September 2015 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3030 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Presteigne Firework Display: Unfortunately it was thought that no organisation was prepared to hold an event this year.

(2) Building Control Visit, Station Road/Hereford Street Pavement Safety: Cllr. Banks stated that the work was complete.

(3) Repairs to Lugg Bridge: These had still not been completed and the Clerk agreed to follow this up with the County Council.

(4) Poetry in Presteigne: Members reported that this seemed to have been very successful and hoped it would become an annual event.

(5) September Surgery: Cllr. Wilding reported two additional items - a light at the Radnorshire Arms that was left on all night and he agreed to speak to the proprietors about this. The Clerk was also

asked to contact the County Council again about the continuing problem of blocked drains in Hereford Street near to the Barley Mow.

MIN 3031 FINANCE

(1) **Donations:** Resolved that the following precepted donations be approved.

Royal British Legion (wreaths)	£60 (precepted)
Norton Sports Committee	£200 (precepted)
Presteigne Chamber of Trade	£1000 (precepted)
(£500 withheld for TC hire of cherry picker)	

Members considered the request by the Chamber of Trade for a £500 guarantee against loss and it was *resolved not to provide such a guarantee this year.*

The Clerk was authorised to pay an additional £250 to Norton Sports Committee for additional fireworks if the Presteigne display did not go ahead.

The letters of thanks from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, Bobath, The Samaritans, Presteigne and Norton Community Support, Powys CAB, Wales Air Ambulance and the Warden Guardian Foundation were noted.

(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)	
Mrs T. Price (travel expenses, postage reclaim)	£140.19
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£405.76 & £409.98
N. Close	£62.50 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) **Receipts:** The following receipt was noted.

Powys County Council (Hereford Street Toilet Repairs)	£205.46
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(4) **Appointment of New External Auditor:** Members noted the appointment of Grant Thornton as External Auditors for 2015/16 onwards.

(5) **Annual Inspection of Invoices:** Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that he had carried out the annual inspection without any problems.

MIN 3032 PLANNING

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

P/2015/0783, erection of one hub height 31.5m and tip height 46m wind turbine with control box and all associated works at Ffoessidoes Farm, Cascob: *Resolved that no comment be made.*

P/2015/0696 for householder, demolition of rear porch and construction of rear porch/sun room and rain shelter at Old Oak House, Broad Street, Presteigne: *Resolved that no objections be raised.*

P/2015/0924, removal of conditions 14 and 15 of planning permission P/2010/0343 to allow 10 of the approved holiday units to be occupied as full residential units at Rockbridge Park, Discoyd: *Resolved to support the application providing a condition was included to ensure permanent retention of the remaining units on permission P 2010 0343 as holiday lets.*

P/2015/0894, LBC, retention of internal works carried out at Clatterbrune West, Greenfield Road, Presteigne: *Resolved that no objections be raised.*

(2) Planning Appeal, Upper Heath Farm, Presteigne: Members noted that the appeal had been successful and planning permission granted. It was also noted that costs had been awarded against the County Council and the Clerk was asked to make a freedom of information request for the exact costs to the County of the appeal.

(3) BT Broadband cabinet, near Library: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a site meeting was to take place to discuss the exact location. The date would be circulated to Members in due course.

MIN 3033 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Presteigne Cemetery: Cllr. Banks wished to re-iterate the complaints he was receiving from those using the cemetery now the toilet on site was closed. Whilst the facility had been closed by the County Council it was hoped that this could be re-visited during discussions with the County Council on the future of the cemetery.

The planning permission for the proposed extension of the cemetery was still awaited but Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the Environment Agency had now replied to Herefordshire Council and it was hoped that permission would be granted in the very near future.

(2) Community Led Plan Progress Report: The Clerk informed Members that the drop in sessions had been held the previous weekend and that a presentation of the plan results would be held on the evening of 2nd November. Unfortunately due to other commitments neither Cllr. Kirkby or Cllr. Smith could attend. The possibility of providing a statement from the Town Council to be read to the presentation meeting was considered but it was decided that the Council would await the results of the Plan before issuing any comment.

(3) Footpath, Fold Farm Lane: Cllr. Kirkby informed Members that he had spoken to Mrs Meadows and she had indicated a willingness to consider dedication of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to obtain details of the process from the County Council and to write to Mrs Meadows asking formally if she would agree to the dedication. Way markers etc would be discussed with the County Council in due course.

Cllr. Banks left the meeting at this point.

(4) Active Travel Routes: Cllr. Ms. Marchant and the Clerk would be meeting Anthea Jones from the County Council on 22nd October to discuss routes for inclusion for future funding applications. Suggestions to be put forward were -
pedestrian crossings at three points along the by pass
the route from Presteigne to Norton.

Members noted the reply from Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport.

(5) Road Surfaces, Presteigne to Kington and Presteigne to Walton Roads: The Clerk reported on the recent site meeting. It was agreed that she write to the Ward Councillor for the area asking for the road to be prioritised for re-surfacing.

(6) Introduction of Car park Charges By pass Car Park: Members noted the reply from Cllr. Brunt on the introduction of charges. Members had received details of the e-petition on the Welsh Assembly website. It was agreed that the Clerk sign the petition on behalf of the Town Council. The link would be re-sent to Members could sign the petition as individuals if they wished.

(7) Meeting with Welsh Water re sewerage capacity: Cllr. Kirkby reported on the recent meeting and referred Members to the notes previously circulated. A reply to the Council's request to bring forward investment into Presteigne was still awaited.

(8) Speeding between John Beddoes and Clatterbrune Roundabout: As a result of the complaint received by the Town Council about speeding in this area the County Council had installed traffic

monitoring strips and the police would be visiting the area with the speed gun. The resident had been informed of the action taken.

(9) Highway Items for Reporting: The following items were raised -

- fly tipping, Dog Kennel Lane: Clerk to chase
- loose bollard just past the Hereford Street Car Park entrance: Clerk to report
- traffic scheme, Norton: Clerk to chase for remaining work
- formal on street parking order: noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wilding and seconded by Cllr. Price and 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 item.

MIN 3034 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

(1) Discussions with County Council: Cllr. Kirkby circulated a report containing draft proposals for further discussions with the County Council. It was agreed that these should go forward and be raised at a meeting with the Chief Executive, Jeremy Patterson in November.

Members noted that the Cadets were requesting an early surrender of their lease on the Drill Hall.

(2) Wilson Terrace Toilets: Cllr. Kirkby suggested that the lease on these premises be converted to a freehold transfer as part of the transfer of the other assets on the site. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

(3) Letter from PCC Executive Leader, W. Barry Thomas: Noted.

The public and press could now be re-admitted. (None were present)

MIN 3035 NORTON

(1) Mobile Infrastructure Project Update: The Clerk reported that the project was drawing to a close and that the possible mast in Norton would not go ahead. She was asked to forward the correspondence to Kirsty Williams AM and to ask if there was anything else that could be done.

(2) Email from Norton Civic Society re Adopted Kiosk: The Clerk was asked to reply giving permission for shelving to be installed below the defibrillator but not above as this was to be used for a notice board. The Society was also given permission to use the paint kit obtained by the Council from BT to re-paint the kiosk. The Society had also suggested that the names of those trained to use the defibrillator be placed in the kiosk. Cllr. Price confirmed that training was not necessary to use the unit and that it would be inadvisable to wait for the arrival of trained help before use. The Clerk was asked to pass this information on.

(3) Norton Fireworks: These would take place on 1st November at 6pm.

MIN 3036 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Grant Application (Welsh Government Small Scale Project Funding): Cllr. Kirkby reported that the application had been unsuccessful. A further possible fund had been found and the Clerk would be looking further at this with a view to making a further application.

(2) Grass Cutting/Tree Works: Quotes were being obtained and could be considered in the near future.

(3) Maintenance Plan: Cllr. Kirkby suggested that the Meadow Sub-Committee consider a regular maintenance plan for general work on the Meadow.

(4) Apple Pressing: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had been successful. A letter of thanks had been sent for the loan of the equipment.

(5) By-Pass and Cemetery Grass Cutting: Members commented that this had been carried out to a good standard and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council expressing their thanks.

MIN 3037 YOUTH MATTERS

Nothing to report.

MIN 3038 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) One Voice Wales Area Meeting 9th October: Noted.

(2) East Radnorshire Day Centre AGM: Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported on the recent AGM.

(3) Preparing for Public Service Boards Conference 2015: Noted. One Voice Wales would be attending to represent Town and Community Councils.

(4) Letter from PCC re Concurrent Functions and Village Hall Grants: Members noted the forthcoming reduction in Village Hall grants, with complete removal in two years.

(5) Proposed Changes in the Remuneration of Town and Community Councillors Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

(6) Email re hedge removal at rear of 11Green End: Noted. The complainant had already contacted the County Council with his complaint.

(7) Presteigne Primary School The 'through school' option: The Clerk was asked to re-send the Council's letter from August 2015 and state that the Council position remained unchanged.

(8) Filming for S4C: Cllr. Kirkby reported that information on Presteigne had been supplied to a film company.

MIN 3039 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

October Surgery: Two items were reported - the blocking of the footpath at Fold Farm
refugee issues.

Cllrs. Smith and Price to attend the November Surgery.

MIN 3040 INFORMATION

There were no items for information this month.

MIN 3041 URGENT_BUSINESS/INFORMATION

Remembrance Service 8th November.

Anonymous Letter: Noted. The Council does not respond to unsigned correspondence.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.