

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH OCTOBER 2016
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. B. Baynham (Deputy Mayor), C. Kirkby MBE, H. Marchant, J. Matthews, H. Owens, P. Robinson, J Wilding.

Apologies: Cllrs. J. Tennant-Eyles (Mayor), G. Banks, N. Humphreys, F. Preece, B. Price, P. Smith.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; 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 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

Personal:

Cllr. Kirkby, Sheep Music re donation for fireworks display.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Marchant, employee of Powys Library Service, re future of Presteigne Library.

Cllr. Ms. B. Baynham, employee of East Radnorshire Day Centre re future of Day Centres Consultation.

MIN 3195 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 20th September 2016 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3196 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (1) Fundraising: Cllr. Kirkby reported that his fund raising had now raised over £5000.
- (2) Harford House: Cllr. Baynham reported that work was planned, that she had been assured the building was safe and that repairs had been commissioned and were hoped to start in the New Year.
- (3) Skateboard Pyramid: Nothing further had been heard from the Company. The Clerk would chase for the work to be done.
- (4) Naming of Roundabout: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that Cllr. Smith did not wish to press the matter further.
- (5) White Lining of Junctions etc: Cllr. Ms. Baynham confirmed that works had recently been done in the town.
- (6) Warden Close: Cllr. Robinson reminded Members that dropped kerbs were needed here. The Clerk would submit a request to the County Council.
- (7) Parking in High Street: Cllr. Kirkby had yet to liaise with the Chamber of Trade.
- (8) Transfer of Tennis Courts/MUGA: The Clerk reported that the paperwork could now be signed but would be withheld pending satisfactory completion of the small surface repair to one court. The paperwork would be signed by Cllrs. Kirkby and Tennant-Eyles.
- (9) Interim Audit: To be carried out in late October.
- (10) Inspection of Invoices: To be carried out by the Mayor in late October.

MIN 3197 FINANCE

(1) Donations: The following donations were approved: -

Norton Sports Committee (fireworks)	£200.00 (precepted)
Royal British Legion (wreaths)	£60.00 (precepted)
Sheep Music (fireworks)	£500.00 (precepted)

The letters of thanks from the East Radnorshire Day Centre, Presteigne and Norton Community Support, Powys CAB, Presteigne Memorial Hall, Wales Air Ambulance, Warden Guardians Foundation and Bobath were noted.

Request for Donation: Norton Churchyard: Members considered the request for a grant of £105 for bat/bird boxes to be sited in the Churchyard. It was agreed that the donation be made from the amount set aside for miscellaneous donations over the financial year.

(2) Payments: the following payments were approved –

Mrs T. Price	£911.27
HMRC	£241.59
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£815.74
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets)	£77.46
Midland New Association Ltd (third of total cost)	£13.32
(Advert re amended Code of Conduct)	
Presteigne Building Supplies (Toilets)	£19.62
Presteigne Building Supplies	£30.63 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance (grass cutting)	£263.28 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Npower (closing Meadow Barn)	£40.78 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Kington Building Supplies (manhole cover)	£59.14 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£6.25
N. Close	£100.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) Budget Update: Members had been provided with a summary of spending to date and a comparison to expected spending. Spending was in line with budget for the time of year.

(4) Pension Provision: Members approved the signing of the Direct Debit Mandate for Pension Payments. The Clerk reported that she expected the scheme to be in operation for 1st January.

MIN 3198 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: The following application was considered -

TREE/2016/0033, Application for works to 2 no. trees in a conservation area at Red House, 2, Court Gardens, St. David's Street Presteigne: Resolved no objections be raised. The Clerk was asked to enquire when planning permission was needed for tree works.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following planning decisions were noted -

P/2016/0723, 32 Castle Road, Presteigne: Conditional Consent 05/09/16

TREE 2016/0028, St. David's House, Presteigne: Consent (tree works)

(3) Local Development Plan: Consultation on Focussed Changes: Agreed to defer to the November meeting.

(4) Affordable Housing, emails from resident: The emails and replies from the Clerk were noted. No further action.

(5) Planning Committee PCC 13th October re P/2016/0137, Clatterbrune: Members noted that the application had been deferred.

(6) Future Planning Committee Meeting(s) to hear P/2016/0128 and 0137: It was agreed not to send a representative to speak at any future Committee meeting on the two Clatterbrune planning applications. In general it was agreed that a decision on whether or not to appoint a speaker would be made when considering the application. Note representatives may only speak if objecting to an application, not in support.

MIN 3199 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

- (1) PACDG: Members noted the information on car park occupancy supplied by the Group. This was considered to be very useful. The Clerk was asked to formally thank those who had taken the time to compile the information. The proposed garden patch had now been agreed in principle by the County Council. The Community Groups Fair would take place on 12th November and a table had been booked for the Town Council. Cllr. Baynham encouraged Members to attend to help man the table for part of the day. Cllr. Baynham would produce some information for display.
- (2) Fold Farm Footpath Update: The application for a DMMO had been submitted.
- (3) Painting of Benches, Station Road/By Pass: Welding work was needed before any quotes could be confirmed. Cllr. Wilding agreed to make further enquiries about getting this done.
- (4) Closure of Llandegley Waste Site: Members were disappointed to learn that this site was to close particularly when Herefordshire provide two sites locally for their residents (Kington and Leominster).

MIN 3200 NORTON

- (1) Litter Picking Equipment, former Norton Civic Society: Members noted that the suggestion that equipment be passed to PACDG had not been agreed but that it should be possible for community groups to use the equipment by contacting the Norton representative on PACDG.
- (2) Replacement Bench Options: Deferred for further consideration when setting the budget for 2017-18.

MIN 3201 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

- (1) Grant Applications Update: The Clerk reminded Members that the vote for the Tesco Groundworks monies would begin on 31st October. Work was expected to start on the car park extension in late October.
- (2) Fields in Trust: To be considered next at the meeting of the Sites and Buildings Committee. Date set for 30th November 7pm.
- (3) Request for Use by Sheep Music 4-6th November for Firework Display: Agreed.
- (4) Email of Thanks, Vintage Sports Car Club: Noted.
- (5) Tree Works to Footpath: To take place in the next few weeks.
- (6) Other Matters: The Clerk and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles would be meeting the PNAA informally on 22nd November.

MIN 3202 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

- (1) Heart of Wales Line Development Company Ltd Email: The Clerk was asked to reply suggesting the provision of linked public transport from Knighton to Presteigne.
- (2) Reply from Powys County Council re EU citizens etc: Noted.
- (3) 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales: The Clerk was asked to submit concerns on the increased geographical size of the proposed new constituency which would make true representation of the electorate very difficult and lead to very large amounts of time for the MP spent travelling.
- (4) Cleaning and Painting of Station Road Telephone Kiosk: The kiosk in Station Road had now been cleaned and BT had agreed to paint it in the Summer of 2017.
- (5) Letter from Chris Davies MP re Type 1 Diabetes: Noted.
- (6) Impact of intensive poultry farming on aquatic ecosystems, Invitation to Public Meeting 29th October: Noted.
- (7) One Voice Wales Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting 7th October: Noted. No one had attended.
- (8) Statement on Future Structure of Local Government: Welsh Government: Noted.
- (9) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Draft Annual Report: Noted. Further consideration of introducing remuneration for Members would be made when setting the budget for 2017/18.
- (10) Mid and West Wales Fire Authority Consultation: Noted. No comment.
- (11) Future of Day Centres in Powys: Reply from PCC and Kirsty Williams AM: Noted. Letters of support for the East Radnorshire Day Centre could be given to the Centre for forwarding on to the County Council.

(12) Presteigne War Memorial: The Clerk reported that a quote for the proposed works together with the grant application forms had now been submitted to the County Council and a decision was awaited. Members noted that if a grant was awarded would be necessary to produce an ongoing management plan. It was agreed to meet the 10% contribution required (£212) if the grant application was successful.

(13) Youth Representation: Cllr. Marchant had spoken to the Head Teacher at the Secondary School who was keen on the idea in principle and would consider the matter further. Involving the Year Six pupils at the Primary School was also considered a possibility. Cllr. Marchant would report further at a later meeting.

MIN 3203 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

(1) Report on October Surgery: Two persons had attended. A request had been made for a Welcome to Wales sign at Lugg Bridge. Cllr. Kirkby would speak to the resident concerned. A comment had also been made on the new entrance into Frame Technologies Ltd. Members would monitor and Cllr. Baynham would report back to the complainant.

(2) Arrangements for November Surgery: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and one other to attend.

MIN 3204 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

(1) Report on Meeting with County Council: Cllrs. Kirkby, Baynham and Wilding together with the Clerk had attended. The County Council had indicated that there was no possibility of funding for the purchase of the cemetery land although it was possible that a small grant fund towards the cost of purchase might be made available. The request for transfer of the Hereford Street Car Park had also been refused. Given that the sale of the Drill Hall would not release money to purchase the cemetery land it was suggested that the Town Council complete Expression of Interest Forms for the Youth Centre building and the Drill Hall. Discussions had also taken place over the transfer of the Cemetery and burial board responsibilities to the Town Council. In principle the County Council had not objected to this. It was agreed that the Town Council would pay for a valuation on the land with a view to the Town Council considering purchase either for its own use or for lease/transfer to the County Council to use for burials. The Clerk recommended that should any such transfer take place it would be advisable to ensure that only local residents could be buried on the new site.

(2) Assembly Rooms/Library Update: Cllrs. Kirkby and Baynham had attended the meeting of a number of those Councils whose Branch Libraries were threatened. A meeting with the County Council Cabinet Members was to be sought and a joint press release to be issued. In the meantime Cllr. Kirkby informed Members that the Group formed to progress the Assembly Rooms Asset Transfer had agreed that the project be put on hold

MIN 3205 INFORMATION

The following item for information was noted:-
Results of PCC Library Services Consultation (available online)

MIN 3206 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Donation of Tree: Cllr. Matthews reported that he had been approached by residents wishing to donate a tree. It was agreed that the Council had no objection in principle providing a suitable site could be found.

(2) Signs for Local Events: Cllr. Robinson raised concerns about the various signs and notices erected not being removed after the events. It was agreed that Members would try to notice these with a view to asking for their removal.

(3) Re-Routing of Footpath Across Secondary School Field: Cllr. Baynham reported that the Head Teacher had requested the support of the Town Council in re-routing the right of way across the

School Field. It was agreed that the Town Council would wish to see the full proposal before confirming support. It was also noted that the Council would wish the field to still be available for community use at evenings and weekends.

(4) Times for Future Meetings: It was agreed that for a trial period Council Meetings would start at 7pm (this would not change even if a speaker was attending).

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.