

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st AUGUST 2024
HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE AND ALSO VIA
VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. T. Owens, (Mayor), A. Van Huls (Deputy Mayor), B. Baynham, D. Edwards, F. Preece, C. Kirkby MBE, J. Wilding, C. Ross and A. Ramsay.

Apologies: Cllrs. M. Price, J. Ramsay (attempted to attend meeting online as detailed in Minutes).

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: None.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Preece, re planning application 24/1106/HH, neighbour of applicant.

Cllr. Kirkby, re. planning application 24/1106/HH, friend of applicant.

Cllr. Ramsay, re. planning applications 24/1106/HH, 24/1149/LBC, 24/1150/FUL friend and/or neighbour of applicants.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Completed by Cllr. A. Ramsay and witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr. Owens welcomed Cllr. Ramsay to the Council.

MIN 4375 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July, 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 4376 FINANCE

(1) The following payments were agreed –

NEST (pension conts.)	£146.30
Mrs T.A. Price	£1588.64
HM Revenue & Customs	£601.58
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£449.69 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mr. N. Close	£24.00
Mr. N. Close	£303.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Leominster Engineering Ltd (barbecue)	£150.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (Hereford Street Toilets)	£259.55
Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£25.79
Welsh Water (Meadow)	£19.61 MEADOW ACCOUNT
T.A. Price (expenses)	£32.20
Presteigne Building Supplies	£30.42 MEADOW ACCOUNT
J & P Turner (bench)	£310.00
T. Lloyd-John	£667.23
HSBC (bank charges)	£8.00
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Border Janitorial	£94.68

Cllr. J. Ramsay joined the meeting.

(2) Renewal of Annual Insurance (in three year agreement): Approved.

AJ Gallagher Insurance	£1534.62
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MIN 4377 PLANNING

Cllr. Edwards left the room for the duration of the following items due to her position on the County Council Planning Committee.

(1) Planning applications: The following planning applications were discussed –

24/0887/HH Grid Reference: E:331642 N: 264578 Proposal: Single story rear extension with demolition of outside sheds Site Address: 2 Fold Cottages, Broad Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2AG. Resolved no objections be raised.

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24/1049/DEM Grid Ref: E: 331718 N: 264017 Proposal: Former sixth form/rural studies teaching block. The building is detached and single storey. Steel framed with brick cladding externally under a profiled metal sheet roof. Floor area approx. 80m². Location: John Beddoes Campus - Newtown High School, Broadaxe, Presteigne LD8 2YT. The Clerk had circulated the application for comments earlier in the month but none had been raised. Noted that the block had now been demolished.

Cllr. J. Ramsay left the meeting due to a poor broadband connection.

Cllr. A. Ramsay left the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest in the following three items.

24/1149/LBC Grid Reference: E:331503 N: 264466 Proposal: Listed building consent for internal and external alterations in connection with proposed conversion of 2 residential units to form a single residential unit (to include retention of works already carried out) Site Address: 11 & 12 Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AB. Resolved no objections to the application but would draw the attention of the Built Heritage Officer to the existence of Napoleonic friezes in the building and which need to be protected.

24/1148/FUL Grid Reference: E:331503 N: 264466 Proposal: internal and external alterations in connection with conversion of 2 residential units to form 1 no. single residential unit (part retrospective) Site Address: 11 & 12 Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AB. Resolved no objections to the application but would draw the attention of the Built Heritage Officer to the existence of Napoleonic friezes in the building and which need to be protected.

Cllrs. Preece and Kirkby left the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item.

Cllr. Baynham joined the meeting at this point.

24/1106/HH Grid Reference: E:331825 N: 264037. Proposal: Erection of two storey side and rear extension to dwelling. Site Address: 4 Greenfield Road, Presteigne, LD8 2AY. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllrs. A. Ramsay, Preece and Kirkby returned to the room.

24/1180/HH Grid Reference: E:331379 N: 264626 Proposal: Re-roofing of property Site Address: The Rectory, St David's Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BP. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllr. Edwards returned to the room.

MIN 4378 GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Presteigne Memorial Hall Update: Cllr. Baynham updated Members on the current situation. The County Council Cabinet had agreed the transfer to the Hall Committee and had requested the details of the new trustees. She understood that the Committee had submitted four names. The County Council had now begun the legal process. Cllr. Wilding felt that the County Council should also meet the Committee's legal costs and Cllr. Baynham agreed to see if this would be possible. Cllr. Wilding added that no documentation

should be signed for the Hall until the transfer of the other parcels of land (part of the car park area) was underway. Cllr. Baynham would continue to update Members as the transfer progressed.

(2) Use Request – Meadow Barn: 14th Sept 5pm to 8pm Fundraising Dance Performance: Agreed.

MIN 4379 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Email from Builth Wells Town Council: Members agreed that the proposed meeting was a good idea and Cllrs. Van Huls, Baynham, Edwards and Wilding agreed to attend. The Clerk would advise the Clerk for Builth and also check that it was in order for Cllrs Baynham and Edwards to attend given their position as County Councillors.

(2) Graffiti, Hereford Street Toilets: There had been an incident over the previous weekend. The police had been informed and the graffiti painted over.

(3) Theft of Toilet Rolls: Cllr. Baynham advised Members that this was still continuing. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk produce notices advising of the thefts for putting up in the building as a first step. If thefts continued then a change of dispenser/removal of the toilet rolls would have to be considered.

(4) Cllr. Baynham proposed that the police be invited to a future meeting.

(5) Presteigne War Memorial: Agreed that if considered necessary then the Clerk could proceed to commission the work as quoted. Norton Members felt that it was not necessary to proceed with the quote for the Norton Memorial.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm and was followed by the Annual Town Walk.

MIN 4380 TOWN WALK

High Street: Members walked the High Street to look at some of the work completed. The continuing problem of disabled access into the Spar shop was noted and the Clerk was asked to write again to the company to ask if anything could be done.

War Memorial, Presteigne: Viewed and agreed that the Clerk should accept the quote from Mr. Protheroe for the clean providing it could be done by Remembrance Day in November. The Clerk was asked to contact the John Beddoes School Charity and the local Royal British Legion to see if they would contribute towards the costs. Noted that the pavement alongside the road was breaking away – Clerk to report to the County Council.

Property at end of Broadaxe: Agreed that the Clerk write to the owner given how overgrown the site was. Cllr. Baynham would obtain the contact details.

East Radnor Leisure Centre: Members had a tour of the centre led by Sarah Powell, the Duty Manager.

Nature Reserve and private access gates: Not visited due to lack of time.

Went's Meadow – proposed path works, wildflower area: Not visited due to lack of time.