

MIN 2810 MINUTES

The Minutes of 19th March were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 2811 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) **Defibrillators:** No progress to report.

(2) **Flooding Issue, Warden Road:** Bryan Davies of the County Council had agreed to contact the resident to discuss the issue.

(3) **Former Site. Kayes Factory:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles informed Members that he had arranged a meeting with Kirsty Williams and Roger Williams on 19th April to discuss the future of the site. All were welcome to attend.

MIN 2812 FINANCE

(1) **Donations:** Members considered two requests for donations and the following amounts were agreed unanimously :

Mid Border Arts	£500.00 (precepted)
Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup	£500.00 (precepted)
Presteigne Youth Project	£1200.00 (precepted)
St. Andrews Church, Norton (towards community works; toilets, kitchen to allow greater community use)	£1000.00 (precepted 2011/12)
Presteigne Primary School (twds crossing patrol)	£403.75
Home Presteigne (request for grant allocation from 2013/14)	£500.00

Grant Request, Old Garage: Members considered the request from the Old Garage, a new initiative from PNCS. Cllr. Ms. Baynham was able to provide some further information on this, including the open day on 19th April. It was agreed that the application be deferred until the May meeting to allow Members to visit the project and to allow the Clerk to ask for further information.

Grant Request Presteigne Fire Service First Responders: The Clerk informed Members that the British Heart Foundation Scheme was no longer open and so this option was not now available to the Responders. It was for this reason that she had put the item back on the Agenda for further discussion. Mr. Niblock of the First Responders had confirmed that the present unit was in working order and that there was no immediate urgency for funding.

Cllr. Kirkby reminded Members that he had decided to make the First Responders a beneficiary of the Mayor's Charity in 2014/15 and that it had been agreed at the March meeting that the £400 given by the Town Council would, in time, be refunded from this Charity. Following discussion it was therefore agreed that the Town Council would contribute an additional £400 from the reserve presently held for maintenance of the Community Defibrillators. This would leave £100 to be raised in the community. The Clerk was asked to write to the First Responders to inform them of this and asking to be informed as soon as the monies were needed.

(2) **Payments:** The following payments were approved -

T.A. Price (April Salary, inc additional hours allotments)	£879.50
HMRC (tax and Ni due on above)	£367.62
Survey Monkey (1 months subscription)	£19.99
SLCC (annual membership Clerk)	£147.00
Viking (stationery, stamps, storage boxes)	£198.60

Artisan Press (leaflet, Norton Survey)	£84.79
One Voice Wales (annual membership)	£358.00
Clun Solutions (computer service plan)	£129.00
Presteigne Building Supplies (repairs Barn)	£12.25 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (play area inspection)	£72.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (annual mowing costs 2013)	£978.90 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£35.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
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(3) Receipts:

Allotment Rent	£300.00	Noted.
Donation re Eddie's Meadow (to cover cost of bat/owl boxes)	£130.00	Noted.

(4) Annual Accounts: Members received and agreed the draft annual accounts. The Clerk reported that approximately £27,000 of the amount held in reserves allocated for forthcoming projects.

The Clerk was asked to keep a mini project balance for the monies received from Welsh Water in connection with the transfer of the reservoir ground.

(5) VAT Return 2013/14: Members noted that this had been completed.

(6) Tax Office Employers Return: Members noted that this had been completed.

(7) Devolution of Services Training: The Clerk advised Members that this training was being organised by Llandrindod Wells Town Council via One Voice Wales and that two places were being offered to the Town Council at a cost of £20 each. It was agreed that two places be booked at a total cost of £40. The Clerk and Cllr. Ms. Preece to attend.

Llandrindod Wells Town Council	£40.00
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(8) Bank Transfer: It was agreed that £378.58 be transferred from the Allotment Account to the Treasurer Account to cover the additional hours worked on Allotment matters.

(9) Christmas Lights: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles asked for Members approval that the new lights be purchased by the Town Council using money set aside in the precept together with a donation from the Chamber of Trade and a grant application to Powys County Council. Members approved this unanimously.

MIN 2813 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications

P2014 0225 full, erection of one wind turbine (blade tip height 45.07m, hub height 30.5m) with control box and associated works at **Hendregenny, Whitton**. (Consulted as neighbouring community). Cllr. Smith proposed that the Council support the application on principle. This was seconded by Cllr. Kirkby. However a counter proposal by Cllr. Ms Baynham to make no comment, seconded by Cllr. Robinson was agreed by seven votes to five. *Resolved: No comment be made.*

P2014 0295, full erection of two storey live/work unit at **Plot B, Artisans Row, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne**. *Resolved* that the comments of the Town Council be as follows -

The Town Council has no objection providing suitable conditions/restrictions are put in place on the planning permission concerning residential/business occupancy i.e. the whole unit must be under one occupancy with a split of 70% business, 30% residential; this condition must be enduring and continue if the premises are in the future sold or let; the intended occupier and future occupiers must accept the inherent potential noise nuisance from other industry given the siting of this unit on a business park.

The Town Councils also asks what provision could be put in place to deal with the future retirement of occupants and ensure that occupancy was not retained without the accompanying business use. The Council would like to receive a copy of the full conditions in due course.

P2014 0306 full, conversion and extension of barn to residential and erection of detached garage (retrospective) at **New Barn, Norton**. *Resolved: No objections raised.*

- (2) **Planning Application P2014 0202 Poultry Units:** Noted.
- (3) **Norton Civic Society Reply from Powys County Council:** Noted.
- (4) **Planning Permission P/2014/0067 Norton, Further Correspondence:** Noted.
- (5) **Old Drill Hall, Presteigne Planning Enforcement Email:** Noted.

MIN 2814 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Tennis Courts Progress Report:** The Clerk reported that despite repeated emails the County Council had not replied to the request for additional monies so that additional works could be carried out.

(2) **The Scallions, replacement sign:** The sign had now been ordered and should be in place soon.

(3) **Potholes, Presteigne to Stapleton Road:** It was reported that these had now been patched.

(4) **Town Regeneration:** Cllrs. Kirkby and Smith had not yet made progress on the consideration of 20mph zones and it was agreed that the item be removed from the Agenda until the Autumn. The Clerk was asked to continue to press the County Council for the actions agreed previously.

(5) **Cycle Route, Norton to Presteigne:** Nothing to report. It was agreed that the item be removed from the agenda for the time being.

(6) **Footpath Issues:** Cllr. Kirkby reminded Members of the outstanding matters, which were the missing length of path from the definitive map by the Old Mill (County Council informed but unlikely to take action in near future); the need for new gate on the common (work completed); NR117 bridge issue (resident who had complained had now moved so no further action required).

(7) **Allotments:** The Clerk reported that the two vacant plots should be let by the end of the month. The PNAA had informed the Clerk that they had now been able to find a shed to site on the allotments for communal use. Cllr. Kirkby agreed to meet Mrs Galliers on site to agree the exact location.

(8) **Station Road Surface:** The Clerk reported that the works were in the list of capital requests by the County Council and that she expected a decision to be made over the next month.

(9) **On Street Parking:** The reply from the County Council had been previously circulated to Members and concern was expressed that, despite the agreement of the changes at a site meeting some considerable time ago and the assurance that a County wide order would be produced to save costs, other towns had had now parking orders published but Presteigne had not been included. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council expressing the Town Council's disappointment and asking that matters be expedited urgently.

(10) Highway Repair Items:

Potholes, Norton: These had not been repaired and the Clerk was asked to chase this matter up.

Potholes at the Powys end of Stocking Lane: Clerk to report.

Pump, Albert Square: A resident had asked that this be replaced (estimated cost £250). Members to visit during August walk.

MIN 2815 NORTON

(1) Norton Survey: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that this had been sent out to all households in Norton and that the closing date was 20th April. A full report would be made to the May meeting.

(2) Damaged Welcome to Norton Sign: The County Council had now placed an order for a replacement.

(3) Road Safety Issue (narrow road): The Clerk agreed to contact the County Council again to ask for a response.

MIN 2816 WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Skateboard Park: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that following a site meeting with young users of the park a slightly amended site had been agreed for the new pyramid. However due to health and safety regulations some works would be needed to the step in order to provide sufficient clearance.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for the step to be cut back safely and also for the removal of a length of the railings which feedback from the users indicated was obstructing use.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles stated that he had agreed to meet with the young people in the coming months to discuss a possible stage two of further improvements.

(2) Withy Beds: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a member of the public had contacted the Council about a dangerous area of rotted path and fallen tree on the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust site. This had been reported to the Trust and would be attended to.

(3) Reparation Works: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the work on the Meadows had started.

(4) Barbecue, Meadow Barn: This was in the process of being repaired by Ms McDermott.

(5) Sheep Music: Cllr. Kirkby agreed to remind Sheep Music that it had agreed to replace the table on the site.

(6) Grass Cutting: The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held on site with the County Council to discuss the areas for cutting in 2014. Despite chasing a formal quote had still not been received but Bryan Davies at the County Council had agreed that a first cut would be done without obligation while the quote was being prepared.

(7) Ligne Garden Tidy Up: This had been arranged for 27th April.

MIN 2817 YOUTH MATTERS

Members noted the report previously circulated on the Sheep Music Project.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that one of the forthcoming events was Museum on the Move.

MIN 2818 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Town Emblem Update: Nothing to report.

(2) Memorial Hall Progress Report:: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the grant application was almost ready to go but that he was waiting for some information from the County Council.

(3) Presteigne War Memorial Cleaning: It was agreed to meet on 12th May at 6pm. Cllr. Ms Preece agreed to inform the school. All Members except Cllrs. Price and Ms. Humphreys were able to attend.

(4) Byelaw Consultation: Noted. No comment to be made.

(5) PCC Common Housing Allocations Policy: Noted. The Clerk reported that this would result in a unified waiting list in Powys and a change to the existing points system. The document confirmed that the new policy would not override local agreements regarding occupancy. It was agreed that no comment be made

(6) Welsh Government Consultation (Public Health) Email from Kirsty Williams AM: It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation indicating support for the inclusion of public conveniences in the new Bill.

(7) One Voice Wales Area Meeting 11th April: No one had been able to attend.

(8) Letter from Roger Williams re Lloyds Bank Community Fund: Noted. Members to pass on to any organisation that might be interested.

(9) Play Radnor Play Days: Members noted the email from Play Radnor concerning forthcoming play days, one of which would be in Presteigne. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles agreed to contact Play Radnor to discuss this further and to confirm that the Town Council was supportive of the event.

MIN 2819 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

April Surgery: Matters reported were -

A request for a roadside footpath from Rockbridge to Presteigne: Cllr. Ms Baynham agreed to respond indicating that two public footpaths already existed and that public funding was unlikely given the present budget restrictions and the narrowness of the road which would mean major works would be required.

Raised Manhole Cover, 47 Lugg View: The Clerk agreed to ask the County Council to contact the householder.

Replacement of Fence, John Beddoes School: A resident had commented that they were pleased to see the fence being replaced.

Cllr. Ms Baynham agreed to man the May Surgery.

MIN 2820 INFORMATION ITEMS

Noted.

MIN 2821 URGENT ITEMS

2nd May Invitation to Twinning Event
11th May Mayor's Meal

Cllr. Smith suggested possible uses for part of the former Kayes factory parking area. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles was asked to consider raising this at the meeting with Kirsty Williams and Roger Williams on the 19th April.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.