

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2015
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, H. Owens, Ms. F. Preece, P. Robinson, J. Wilding.

Apologies: Cllr. B. Price, Cllr. P. Smith.

Absent: Cllr. G. Banks.

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: None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members heard from Michiel Brees from PAVO on the current volunteering project which through links with the County Council would provide training, equipment and insurance for volunteers subject to a minimum hours commitment. The project would run initially in two pilot towns - Presteigne and Llandrindod Wells.

MIN 2927 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 21st January, 2015 were approved with one amendment. The dispensation held by Cllr. Tennant-Eyles (dated September 2012 to speak not vote held by Cllr. Tennant-Eyles in respect of Chamber of Trade, Presteigne Festival, Presteigne Youth Project, Presteigne and Norton Community Trust) to be included under declarations of interest. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

MIN 2928 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report was noted.

(2) Street Lighting: The Clerk was asked to formally request light PR392 be put on.

(3) On Street Parking Restrictions: Cllr. Banks had not yet met with the County Council Officer to discuss the Town Council recommendations.

(4) Faded Junction Markings, High Street etc: Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that this work had been completed.

(5) Recycling Centre: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that the Chamber of Trade was intending to proceed with the transfer and was about to sign the formal agreement with the County Council.

(6) Memorial Hall Trusteeship: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had informally discussed the possible transfer of the trusteeship to the Town Council with the Hall Committee Chairman, Mr. Davies. He had no objection to the transfer should it go ahead.

(7) Cheaper Energy Scheme: Cllr. Kirkby had yet to forward the details to the Transition Town group.

MIN 2929 FINANCE

(1) Donations: . There were no donations.

Members considered the request from the Rubbish After School Club to defer the use of a part of the grant from the Council until the summer holidays. It was agreed that this could be done.

(2) Payments: to approve any payments –

Mrs T. Price	£663.86
HMRC	£222.68
(income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	
V. Lort (hire of cherry picker)	£336.00
Presteigne Chamber of Trade (balance for Fair etc)	£60.00
N. Close	£29.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) Receipts: Allotment Rental £25.00

MIN 2930 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

TREE/2015/0004, take down Deodar (cedar) tree in conservation area at the **Manor House, St. David's Street, Presteigne**. *Resolved No objections raised.*

P/2015/0124, full, erection of a new two storey dwelling to replace existing bungalow, formation of new vehicular access (close up existing) and change of use of agricultural land to form additional residential curtilage at Corner Brook, Presteigne. *Resolved No objections raised.*

(2) Investigation, Powys Planning Department: The Clerk was asked to repeat her request to Cllr. Banks for more information about this matter.

MIN 2931 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Tennis Courts: The work was now nearing completion and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged on site to clarify issues concerning the court markings and the installation of removable posts for tennis nets on the MUGA court. Cllr. Robinson agreed to attend a site meeting to raise these issues and inspect the site.

It was agreed that an official opening would be held and the Clerk agreed to investigate possible sources of funding for summer events on the site.

(2) Presteigne Cemetery Possible Expansion: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that he had emailed Cllr. Powell but no reply had been received. He agreed to remind him that he was still awaiting a response.

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

(4) Devolvement of Services: Cllr. Kirkby reported on the PAVO event he had attended together with Cllr Ms. Baynam and the Clerk and also on the meeting with Kington Town Council Clerk and Cllr.

Widdowson. The possibility of asking for a meeting of East Radnor Councils with the County Council was considered but it was agreed that it would be better held in the Autumn.

(5) Secondary School Review: Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that three secondary schools were recommended for closure. The names of these schools would be released on 24th March. Members noted the ERW categorisation information which had been circulated.

(6) Public Convenience Transfers: Members considered the option of freehold transfer versus leasehold and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the County Council to discuss this further. It was also agreed that a site meeting should be held at the Cemetery toilets to clarify a number of issues.

Members considered the quotes for the cleaning contract. Three quotes had been requested direct and details of the contract had been put in the local press. It was agreed that Clearview Cleaning Services should be retained for the cleaning at Wilson Terrace and for the new contract for the Hereford Street toilets. Both contracts to be for one year from 1st April (Wilson Terrace only open for seven months). The contract for the cemetery toilets would be further considered after the proposed discussions with the County Council.

(7) Pavement, Knighton Road: The path had now been cleared and the letter of thanks from a resident was noted and had been forwarded to the County Council.

(8) White Line Road Markings: The Clerk was asked to report further areas needing attention, these being the King's Turning junction and opposite the Terrace, Norton. She was also asked to thank the County Council for their prompt attention to the earlier white lining request.

MIN 2932 NORTON

(1) Adopted Kiosk: The Clerk confirmed that the paint kit had been received and that the repair works should now be finished. Norton Civic Society had confirmed that it was willing to do the paint work once the weather improved.

(2) Litter Bins: The Clerk reported that a resident had reported a missing bin from opposite The Gables and that this had been reported to the County Council. Three bins were now being sourced from another depot, one as a replacement and two for the locations agreed previously.

(3) Dead Tree: Cllr. Robinson reported that the tree was still losing branches and needed attention. The Clerk was asked to telephone the landowner and ask for the tree to be attended to.

(4) Mobile Infrastructure Project: The Clerk was asked to find out how the project was progressing.

MIN 2933 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Annual Tree Inspection: Cllr. Kirkby informed Members that Mr. Close would shortly be carrying out the inspection.

(2) Use of Meadow: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a theatre group had asked to use the Meadow from 20-23rd August.

(3) Hedge- Trimming: Cllr. Wilding reported that he had arranged for the roadside hedge of Eddie's Meadow to be trimmed.

MIN 2934 YOUTH MATTERS

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the Centre was in need of further volunteers. Otherwise there was nothing to report.

MIN 2935 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Letter re lack of health and care facilities in Powys: The Clerk was asked to respond expressing the Council's sympathies.

(2) PAVO Membership Letter: It was agreed that the Town Council join PAVO and the Clerk was asked to complete the membership form.

(3) East Radnor and Borders Health Focus Group/CHC Meeting: No further reply had been received from Mr. Adams and the Clerk was asked to follow this up. The invitation for new members on the Community Health Council was noted.

(4) Welsh Government White Paper on Local Government Consultation: It was agreed that given the long term implications of this paper the matter would be further discussed at the March meeting and a full response agreed.

(5) Powys Road Safety Yellow Triangle Scheme: The Clerk was asked to reply suggesting that this scheme would be best publicised via the local library.

MIN 2935 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

A number of matters had been raised at the February Surgery. These were -

Kayes Site and the possible re-routing of the footpath: The Clerk was asked to contact the developer and ask for a progress report.

Memorial Hall Roof: Concern had been raised that the roofing felt had not been removed prior to the installation of the new roof. Whilst this was not a Town Council matter Cllr. Tennant-Eyles was able to explain that this was in fact the correct procedure and that this had been checked with the manufacturer of the roof system.

Town Council Representation at County Council Planning Meeting: It was confirmed that this had been to re-state the Council views as already documented in the Minutes and submitted to the planning department via email. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had attended the meeting with the agreement of Members.

Additional Burial Costs for out of County Residents: Cllr. Kirkby reported that Powys County Council charged an additional amount for the use of Presteigne Cemetery for those living in Herefordshire. He agreed to raise this with the County Council.

Blocked Drains, Pound Lane/St. David's Street: The Clerk was asked to report these to the County Council.

Council Standing Orders: It was confirmed that these were available on the town website and contained information on the rule preventing the re-visiting of decisions within six months (section 7).

Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Ms. Humphreys agreed to attend the March Surgery.

MIN 2936 INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no items for information.

MIN 2937 URGENT INFORMATION

(1) OBE David Garman: It was agreed that the Clerk write on behalf of the Town Council to congratulate Mr. Garman on his OBE.

(2) Heart of Wales Line Forum Details: Noted.

(3) Presteigne Newsagents: Members were aware of the recent police visit to the High Street Newsagents. It was agreed that the Clerk write expressing support for the proprietors and that the matter would also be raised with the Police Commissioner at the planned meeting in March.

(4) Parked Van, Pound Lane: Cllr. Ms. Humphreys agreed to report this to the County Council.

(5) Retirement: It was noted that the Primary School Head teacher was retiring in July.

(6) Publicity for Free Christmas Parking: Concern had been raised at the lack of publicity for the free parking in County Council car parks prior to Christmas. It was noted that posters had been put up in the car parks, notices in the local newspaper and in some of the local shops.

(7) Summer Visit by Spanish Children: Noted.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.