



## MIN 2775 CO-OPTION

Members had all received details of the candidates via email and the letters were also read to the meeting. A vote was taken and the successful candidate was Hilary Marchant.

## MIN 2776 PLANNING

### (1) Planning Applications

**P2014/0011**, full, erection of a two storey live/work unit and erection of a single storey workshop at **Plot C, Studio, Artisan Row, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1137**: full, conversion and extension of existing carhouse to residential use at **Silia Caravan Park, Warden Road, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 0418**: LBC, blocking up of two internal doorways to create two dwellings and reinstating the walls that existed in their place, prior to 1999, erection of a separate but adjacent outbuilding immediately next to no 6, replacement of an existing garage, erection of a separate garden office to the rear of no. 5 at **6 The Terrace, Norton**. No objections raised.

**P2013 0888**: Full, subdividing dwelling into two dwellings at **6 The Terrace, Norton**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1207**: LBC, internal alterations to allow conversion from public house to dwelling at **Bull Hotel, St. David Street, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1251**: LBC, external alterations and use of attached outbuildings for garden room, utility and toilet at **Bull Hotel, St. David's Street, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1244**: for householder, erection of side and rear two storey extension at **Lyndale, Hereford Street, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1099**: outline, erection of a dwelling and detached garage including alterations to existing access at land to south of **Clatterbrune Farmhouse, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

**P2013 1204**: full, erection of a retail and warehouse storage building and associated yard at **Land at Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

(2) **LDP Candidate Sites**: Members noted the publication of the County Council assessment of the Candidate Sites.

(3) **Affordable Housing**: Members had all received the written report of Cllr. Tennant-Eyles on the visits to other sites. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles indicated his intention to resign as Town Council representative on the Presteigne Home Group due to other commitments. It was agreed that Cllr. Ms. Humphreys, who was already part of the Group, be appointed the Town Council representative on the Group with immediate effect.

(4) **Welsh Government Consultation 'Positive Planning'**: Noted.

## MIN 2777 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **The Scallions, replacement sign**: Catalogues were still awaited.

**(2) Closure of Public Conveniences Update:** The Clerk reminded Members that the County Council was considering a change in policy in order to charge Town/Community Councils business rates on toilet blocks. A decision had yet to be made by the Cabinet.

**(3) John Beddoes School, Welsh Government Response:** Noted. The School would close and re-open as a campus of Newtown High School in April. Concerns were raised that with the County Council currently considering charging for transport for post 16 education, pupils from the Presteigne area would suffer due to the closure of their sixth form (despite the assurances regarding transport of Cllr. Alexander when the proposal to close the Sixth Form was discussed). The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Alexander asking her to clarify the situation for Presteigne pupils.

**(4) Presteigne Regeneration Update:** Due to the recent changes in the County Council Cabinet there had been no progress. Cllr. Rosemarie Harris was now back in post as the Portfolio Holder for regeneration and the Clerk agreed to contact her again to remind her of the actions she had agreed to take.

**(5) Welsh Water Wastewater Upgrade Scheme:** The proposed improvements were noted.

**(6) Highway Repair Items:** The following items were reported -  
a very deep pothole near to The Rodd  
a request for the street light to be turned on opposite the Bull Hotel (Cllr. Preece to provide the number). A request would be submitted to the County Council to ask for it to be turned on  
confirmation from Cllr. Ms. Baynham that the light near to the Doctor's Surgery was needed and that a request should be submitted to the County Council to ask for it to be turned on.

#### **MIN 2778      CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

**(1) Town Emblem Update:** Nothing to report.

**(2) Memorial Hall Progress Report::** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that there had been no progress and that an additional three quotes were needed for the works.

**(3) Council Tax Reduction Scheme PCC:** Noted.

**(4) Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review Welsh Government:** Noted.

**(5) One Voice Wales Information on Partnership Working:** Noted.

**(6) Knighton Fire Station Confirmation from Fire Authority:** Noted.

**(7) One Voice Wales Area Meeting 17th January:** Noted.

**(8) One Powys Plan Consultation:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles and Cllr. Ms. Baynham took Cards to complete.

**(9) Budget Workshop Invitation Powys County Council:** Noted. Cllr. Ms. Baynham and the Clerk hoped to attend.

**(10) Emails sent by Cllr. Green, Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** The response from Llandrindod Wells Town Council was noted.

**(11) Questionnaire Umea University:** Noted. No response to be made.

**(12) Tree Inspection Report, Went's Meadow/Eddie's Meadow:** Cllr. Wilding, Cllr. Kirkby and the Clerk had recently carried out a visual inspection of the trees on both sites. A number of dead trees had been identified and Cllr. Kirkby was arranging for these to be removed.

**(13) Street Light adjacent to Wilson Terrace Toilets:** Powys County Council had agreed to change the light fitting to LED free of charge. It was confirmed that the Town Council wished the light to remain on all night.

**(14) Resident Email re Poultry Muck Trailers:** The email from a concerned resident had been circulated to all Members. It was agreed that Cllr. Ms. Humphreys would approach the farmer involved to discuss the possibility of sheeting the trailers and ways to alleviate the problem.

**(15) Email from Kirsty Williams AM re Public Toilets:** Noted.

#### **MIN 2779 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES**

No Surgery had been held in January.

Cllrs. Ms Baynham and Ms. Preece agreed to man the February Surgery.

#### **MIN 2780 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Noted.

#### **MIN 2781 FINANCE**

**(1) Donations:** There were no donations this month.

The letters of thanks from the Warden Guardian Foundation, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, Wales Air Ambulance and Powys Army Cadet Force were noted..

**(2) Payments:**

The following payments were approved -

<b>T.A. Price</b>	<b>£649.36</b>
<b>HMRC</b> (tax and Ni due on above)	<b>£219.18</b>
<b>Npower</b> (account toilets)	<b>£10.48</b>
<b>Mrs B. Baynham</b> (Mayor's Allowance)	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Powys County Council</b> (way leave Eddie's Meadow)	<b>£10.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
<b>Stuart Ruell</b> (grass cutting)	<b>£168.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
<b>N. Close</b>	<b>£46.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
<b>Presteigne and Norton Community Trust Ltd</b>	<b>£490.00</b>
<b>Presteigne Chamber of Trade</b> (guarantee against loss at fair)	<b>£101.00</b>

**(3) Receipts:** The following payment was noted.  
**Powys County Council** (final precept payment) **£15,292.97**

**(4) Bank Balances at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014:** The following bank balances were noted.

Money Manager	£15361.61	Treasurer	£28,093.14
Meadow	£5980.66	Allotments	£422.24

**(5) Precept 2014/15**

**Setting of grant for Memorial Hall 2014/15:** Agreed at £1500 as in the previous year.

**Work appraisal of the Clerk:** – Deferred to February Meeting due to the absence of Cllr. Kirkby.

**Clerk's Report on Councillor Allowances:** Members noted that the Remuneration Panel for Wales now permitted the payment of £100 to each Member together with other allowances. It was agreed not to institute the payment of allowances but to agree the future payment of travel expenses to Members for pre-approved journeys outside the Town Council area. Members should seek the approval of the Clerk/Mayor before undertaking any journey for which they wished to claim this payment. Payments to be at the current HMRC approved rate (presently 45p per mile).

**New projects agreed for 2014/15 were -**

Running of Additional Toilet Blocks (2)	£7000
Skateboard Park Improvements	£1000
Town Carnival	£1000
Norton Christmas Lights	£500
Tennis Courts/Football Pitch Costs	£500

Donations to Bobath and Powys Army Cadet Force were removed for 2014/15 and some other grants were reduced..

Additional grants for the 2014/15 year were

Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association 10th Anniversary Event	£100
Presteigne Food Trail	£150
Knighton and Presteigne Leg Club	£100

(subject to one meeting per quarter being held in Presteigne)

It was agreed that the precept request for 2014/15 be the equivalent of £40 per band D property, raising £49,352.40. This represented an increase of £2 per year on a Band D property and given the situation with County Council cuts enabled a sum to be allocated to Council Reserves to provide for unexpected costs over the year.

**MIN 2782 URGENT ITEMS**

Town Carnival Meeting: Wednesday 29th January 7pm in the Assembly Rooms.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.