

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2019
AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), T. Owens (Deputy Mayor), R. Bamford, B. Baynham, S. Dixon, D. Edwards, F. Preece, C. Ruby, R. Bennett, N. Rogers, P. Linnett, L. Veary, J. Wilding.

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk. One 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.

Personal:

Cllr. R. Bennett, Trustee Sheep Music re. donation to Presteigne Fireworks Display (run by Sheep Music).

Cllr. S. Dixon, Member of Norton Sports Committee re donation to Norton Sports Committee and application for barbecue by Norton Sports Committee

Cllr. Ruby, Member of Norton Speedwatch, Member of Norton Sports Committee, Member of Norton Show Committee re. proposed new projects - radar equipment, new barbecue for Norton Sports Committee and replacement tent canopy for Norton Show and donation to Norton Sports Committee.

Cllr. J. Wilding, Member of Norton Sports Committee re donation to Norton Sports Committee and application for barbecue by Norton Sports Committee.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. B. Baynham, Employee at East Radnorshire Day Centre, Board Member of Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd re. donations to East Radnorshire Day Centre and Judge's Lodgings Trust.

Cllr. R. Bennett, Trustee Youth Project re. donation to Presteigne Youth Project.

Cllr. C. Kirkby, Director of Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd re donation to Judge's Lodging Trust.

Cllr. T. Owens, Board Member, East Radnorshire Day Centre, Town Council Representative on Presteigne Tourism Project (Presteigne and Norton Community Trust).re donations to East Radnorshire Day Centre and Presteigne Tourism Project.

MIN 3553 PLANNING

(1) Planning applications: The following applications were considered –

18/1133/TRE, Grid Ref: E: 331478 N: 264464, Proposal: Application for notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area, Location: Wychwood Cottage, Cannons Lane, Presteigne Powys LD8 2HE. Resolved to make the following comments - the tree in question is the subject of a TPO and the Council is concerned that such a drastic reduction may have an adverse affect on the tree in the longer term. In addition it was felt that inadequate justification was given for the works stated.

18/1131/FUL Grid Reference: E:331453 N: 263966 Proposal: New workshop and office building with associated parking areas Site Address: The Workshop, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, LD8 2UH. Resolved to support the application.

MIN 3554 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

NEST (direct debit)	£73.72
CARIAD (defib and cabinet)	£1400.00
Mrs T.A. Price (salary)	£1276.29

HM Revenue & Customs	£493.11
C. Kirkby (Mayor's Allowance, 2 nd instalment)	£550.00
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets)	£140.57
Elan Events (R. Bennett) Norton Lights	£200.00
Powys County Council (Access Licence Eddie's Meadow)	£10.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy	£15.49 MEADOW ACCOUNT
R. Price (hedge trimming)	£195.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£278.92 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£256.26 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£34.36
T. Lloyd-John (toilet cleaning)	£405.20

(2) Review of Allocated and Free Reserves and Budget Monitoring to end December: Members noted the budget update provided. Cllr. Kirkby asked that grant income be included in future in order to provide clear indication that the spending on these items had been met by that income.

Members then considered the allocated reserves held and expected free reserves at the year end. The expected free reserves were expected to be slightly under three months expenditure and were considered adequate. Members then considered the allocated reserves and agreed the following changes –

- Shoppers Car Park: Delete. Monies to free reserves (£1000).
- Presteigne Scouts: Maintenance work now complete. Balance now zero.
- Community Plan Group: Delete. Annual donation made.
- Wildflower Mix: Amend description to Wildflowers and Bulbs.
- Norton Christmas Lights: Annual installation costs to be allocated to this reserve.
- Tennis Court etc: Now within Capital Reserve.

(3) Budget and Precept for 2019/20: Members then considered the budget for 2019-20.

Cllr. Bayham left the room for the discussions on the East Radnorshire Day Centre and the Judge's Lodging Trust.

Cllr. Kirkby left the room for the discussion on the Judge's Lodging Trust.

Cllr. Owens left the room for the discussion on the Presteigne and Norton Community Trust and East Radnorshire Day Centre.

Cllr. Bennett left the room for the discussion on the donation towards Presteigne Youth Project.

Administration Costs:

No amount required for Councillor Remuneration as the amount allocated in 2018-19 had not been used and would be kept as an allocated reserve.

Donations:

- Presteigne Youth Project: The Group had requested an increase to £1200. Following discussion it was agreed that the amount not be increased but held at £1000.
- Amounts to Presteigne Guides, Brownies and Rainbows increased to £100 each. Amount to Presteigne Colts increased to £300.
- Amounts to PACDG and Presteigne and Norton Community Trust to remain the same as 2018-19 but both organisations to be reminded that the Town Council did not give donations/grants to organisations that in turn gave money away to other groups.
- Presteigne and Norton Community Support to be asked for clarification on the journey/driver costs.

Wilson Terrace Toilets:

Following discussion it was agreed not to extend the current opening season.

New Projects 2019/20:

- Speedwatch equipment, Norton £200
- Norton Show Committee – Replacement Tent Canopy £240
(Show Committee to be advised that adequate reserves should be built up before monies were given away)
- Norton Community Development Group £5000
(to be held by Town Council until needed)
- Donation towards breast feeding friendly project £50
(only to be paid if Health Authority does not fund)
- Additional Dog Bag Dispensers (3) £300
- Contingency (possible devolved matters) £2000
- The amount for Presteigne Cemetery to be met from the capital reserve currently held.

- The amount towards a zip wire for the Wilson Terrace Play Area would be taken from the MUGA reserve if the remaining monies were raised.
- Norton Sports Committee, request for barbecue - refused.

Meadows:

Amount to be added for tree survey in 2019 £750

A total budget of £69,630 was reached and it was agreed to set the precept for 2019-20 at £54.14 per Band D property per year. This represented an increase of £1.09 (2%) on 2018-19.

(4) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£22668.67
Royal Oak (twds defib)	£100.00

(5) Bank Balances at 1st January: The following balances were noted -

Treasurer £33,144.89	Meadow £16,949.63
Allotments £1432.37	Money Manager £28,744.72
Warden Reserve £2965.42	Capital Reserve £40,029.81

MIN 3555 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

Cllr. Baynham asked that the Town Council write a letter of support for an astro turf pitch in Presteigne and this was agreed. The Mayor would also write in support.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm