

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2018
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

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

Apologies: Cllr. F. Preece.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; members 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. Bamford, connected to member of Sheep Music, re community barn proposal.

Presteigne Youth Project Director, re request for reinstatement of annual grant by Youth Project.

Cllr. Bennett, Trustee of Sheep Music re community barn proposal

Presteigne Youth Project Director, re request for reinstatement of annual grant by Youth Project.

Cllr. Dixon, member of Norton Sports Committee re donation towards annual fireworks display.

Cllr. Edwards, Town Council representative for Day Centre, re, annual grant to Day Centre.

Cllr. Kirkby MBE, Member of Judge's Lodging Trust re annual donation to Judge's Lodging Trust.

Cllr. Owens, member of Norton Sports Committee re donation towards annual fireworks display.

Cllr. Ruby, Town Council representative on PACDG re. request for increase in annual grant to PACDG.

Cllr. Veary, Vice-Chairman of Carnival Committee re possible grant to Town Carnival.

Member of Sheep Music re community barn proposal.

Cllr. Wilding, member of Norton Sports Committee re donation towards annual fireworks display.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Baynham, employee of East Radnorshire Day Centre re. annual grant to Day Centre.

MIN 3407 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£425.93
Mrs T.A. Price (salary)	£1254.60
HM Revenue & Customs	£459.56
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
NEST (pension contributions) via direct debit	£28.80
Highground Maintenance (grass cutting)	£268.55 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(2) Review of Allocated and Free Reserves and Budget Monitoring to end December:

Reserves: Members examined the list of allocated reserves and it was agreed that the following reserves be cancelled and the monies returned to free reserves –

Laptop/printer	£116.83
Legal Expenses CAT Work	£857.00
School Crossing Patrol	£105.00
Presteigne Fireworks	£250.00
Presteigne Community Trust (tourism project)	£493.00

Reserves for Christmas Lights and Christmas Lights renewal to be combined.

One allocated reserve added for Presteigne Scouts - £500 as previously allocated towards new outdoor lighting plus the £100 allocated in 2017-18.

Meadow Reserve Fund: To be called Warden/Eddie's Meadow Reserve Fund. Monies contained had been provided by Welsh Water on the transfer of the reservoir ground.

It was noted that the purchase of the cemetery land had depleted the reserves but the onward sale to the County Council should reinstate the necessary balances. It was hoped that the sale would be completed before the end of the financial year. Town Council expenses would also be reimbursed.

Budget Update: Members considered the budget update provided. Spending was generally in line with budget with additional amounts spent being from grant funding received.

It was noted that the County Council does not require any payment towards the Library for 2017-18.

(3) Setting of Budget and Precept for 2018/19:

Members considered the individual items on the draft budget and some changes were made. Main changes were –

Increase in Audit budget to £300

Reduction of annual grant for Memorial Hall to £1000

Mid Border Arts, in addition to the annual donation of £500, £500 to be provided towards building maintenance costs.

Presteigne Trust: Grant maintained at £750 but the Clerk was asked to write to the Trust stating that the Council would not wish to see Trust reserves further depleted and also asking for publication access to the Town Council pages of the town website for the Clerk (presently any changes needed to go through the site administrator).

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust grant to be re-instated.

Allocation for School Crossing Patrol to be removed.

Warden Guardians Foundation: Grant to be increased by £50 to £250.

Relate Cymru: Request for donation refused.

PACDG: Annual grant increased on request to £250. Additional £500 to be allocated towards street cleaning arranged by the Group. PACDG to invoice for this money when used.

Library Service: Allocation removed as sufficient amounts held in allocated reserve for the initial period.

New Projects for 2018-19: New projects submitted in December were considered and decisions made as follows:

Christmas Lights, Presteigne (Cllr. Baynham): £1300 allocated.

Community Barn Proposal, 10% - maximum £4000 (Cllr. Kirkby): £4000 allocated.

New Notice Board, Norton (Cllr. Ruby): To be met from Norton Reserve Fund.

Storage Container, Norton (Cllrs. Edwards/Wilding): £2500 allocated.

Presteigne Youth Project Reinstatement of Annual Grant (Cllrs. Bennett/Bamford): £1000 allocated.

Shopper's Car Park, part payment to County Council, (Cllr. Wilding): £1000 allocated.

Grant Application to Natural Resources Wales Match Funding (Cllr. Kirkby): Withdrawn.

Cemetery Toilet (Sites & Buildings C'ttee): No amount allocated.

A final budget total of £68,009 was reached and agreed unanimously. This would result in a Band D precept of £53.05, an increase of £2.05 per year or slightly under 4p per week.

(4) Receipts: The following receipt was noted:

Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£19593.00
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(5) Bank Balances at 3rd January: The following balances were noted:

Treasurer	£42566.27	Meadow	£10802.84
Allotments	£1600.16	Money Manager	£3739.72
Warden Reserve	£2962.33		

MIN 3408 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

None.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.