

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2022
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. F. Preece (Mayor), D. Edwards (Deputy Mayor), D. Davies, T. Owens, C. Kirkby MBE, B. Baynham, R. Bennett, P. Smith, J. Wilding, R. Bamford, C. Ruby, K. Van Den Ende.

Apologies: None.

Absent: Cllr. N. Rogers.

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. Edwards, committee member, Norton Community Trust, re. precepting of donation to Trust, (dispensation applies),

Trustee East Radnor Care Ltd. Re. precepting of donation to East Radnor Care Ltd, (dispensation applies).

Cllr. Wilding, committee member, Norton Community Trust, re. precepting of donation to Trust, (dispensation applies).

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Bamford, neighbour of applicant, re. planning application 21/2146/FUL.

Cllr. Baynham, employee of East Radnor Care Ltd., re precepting of donation to East Radnor Care Ltd.

Cllr. Owens, friend of applicant, re. planning application 21/2146/FUL.

Friend of applicant, re. planning application 21/2205/FUL.

Cllr. Wilding, friend of applicant, re. planning application 21/2146/FUL.

Cllr. Van Den Ende, allotment tenant, re. budget discussions relating to allotments.

MIN 3994 PLANNING

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

Cllrs. Bamford Owens and Wilding were placed in the waiting room for the duration of the following item.

21/2146/FUL Grid Reference: E:331343 N: 264049 Proposal: Erection of a side extension to existing industrial building Site Address: Unit 2, Presteigne Industrial Estate, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2UF. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllrs. Bamford and Wilding returned to the meeting.

21/2205/FUL Grid Reference: E:328743 N: 265752 Proposal: Change of use and conversion of Barn to two storey dwelling Site Address: Ackhill Barn, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2ED. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllr. Owens returned to the meeting.

21/2227/FUL Grid Reference: E:331509 N: 264437 Proposal: Proposed conversion of the first floor into two holiday lets, the provision of a cafe on the ground floor with improved disabled access into the garden at rear, disabled parking spaces and additional outdoor space ancillary to the cafe. Site Address: The Judges Lodgings, Broad Street, Presteigne. The Clerk reminded Members of the comments received from a neighbour concerning the proposals. Members were supportive of the application and Cllr. Kirkby explained that the proposed changes would help the Trust to become financially viable and help secure its future. It was noted that the alterations to holiday lets would involve a change in the hours of use currently experienced by the neighbours of the building and it was agreed that the Clerk write in support of the

application subject to the approval of the Built Heritage Officer but to acknowledge within the letter of support the comments of the neighbour regarding overlooking and suggest that this might be addressed as a condition within any planning permission issued.

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MIN 3995 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payment was approved –
Highground Maintenance Ltd

£319.57 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(2) Donations: Members considered the donation requests from national/larger organisations and agreed to donate the sum of £100 to each of the following –

Marie Curie
Hope House Children's Hospice
Tenovus Cancer Care
Victim Support
Ronald McDonald House Charities UK.

The balance of £700 in the current year's budget be re-allocated to free reserves.

(3) Review of Allocated and Free Reserves and Budget Monitoring to end December:
The following bank balances were noted –

Treasurer Account	£63,583.01	Meadow Account	£18640.91
Capital Reserve Account	£30,652.14	Warden Reserve	£1,017.16
General Reserve Account	£31,234.98		

Members considered the allocated reserve project balances as supplied, the estimated spend to the end of the financial year and the projected free reserve balance at 31st March which fell between the three months minimum and twelve months maximum expenditure. The Clerk reminded Members that given the level of the expected free reserve it would be possible to use some of this towards the budget for 2022-23.

(4) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£23,171.00
Website Advertising	£91.00
Donation (Radnorshire Wildlife Trust - use of Barn)	£30.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water Community Fund Grant	£500.00

(5) Setting of Budget and Precept for 2022/23:

Cllr. Baynham was placed in the waiting room during the discussion and decision on the donation to East Radnorshire Care.

Members considered each budget line in turn and made adjustments as appropriate.

The amount allocated to Reuse and Repair in 2021-22 was re-allocated to free reserves.

The amount allocated to footpath maintenance was ring fenced and an allocated reserve created.

Organisations allocated grants for 2022-23 were as follows –

Donations & S137s -	
Air Ambulance	300
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	60
East Radnorshire Care	2000
Knighton & District Leg Club	100
Memorial Hall	1250
Mid Border Arts	1250
Norton Community Trust	5000
Norton Sports Committee (Fireworks)	200
PACDG	250
1st Presteigne Guides	0
Presteigne Festival	1250
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500
Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup	0
Presteigne & Norton Community Support	250
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000
Powys CAB	200
Radnorshire Wildlife Trust	250
The Samaritans	250
Wardens Guardian Foundation	250
Youth Project (£1200 from reserve in 2021-22)	1000
Presteigne & Norton Floral Art Society - NEW	200
Miscellaneous	500
	17,060.00

The amount allocated to the Memorial Hall was increased from the draft amount of £750. Norton Community Trust to be asked for fuller accounts in future years. MBA profits of £13,600 in year noted.

New projects included were –

New Projects 2022-23	
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (Norton & Presteigne)	800.00
IT Equipment (hybrid meetings)	300.00
Painting of Town Fingerposts/Tourist Map posts	750.00
Works to Boultibrooke Weir	2,638.00
Mowing/mulching of car park field - 1 cut	318.00
	4,806.00

The possible replacement of the Mayor's Chain was deferred for the time being and would be considered in the future.

It was agreed that the Annual Report would be primarily available online with a small number of copies being placed in the library for general use.

The amount allocated for the repainting of the finger posts was agreed as being a maximum and if any more was needed then consideration would be given for allocating a further budget in 2023-24.

The possible changes to the Knighton Road entrance to Went's Meadow was deferred as there were several projects underway for 2022-23 already.

Ongoing projects allocated further monies were –

Ongoing Projects:	
Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125

Toilet Blocks (2)	10500
PACDG (street cleaning)	250
Funding twds Town Library Service	1073
Presteigne Christmas Lights. See note 4	1200
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts	450
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0
Climate Crisis Project Grants	500
	14,098.00

Administration costs (including an extra sum to cover the main elections in 2022) were agreed as £37,530 and the amount for the maintenance and running of Went's Meadow £11,450.

Members agreed a budget for the 2022-23 financial year of £84,944. The following allocated reserves would be used to meet allocations within the budget and these were –

Less £1000 to be used from toilet reserve	-1,000.00
Less £2406 to be used from elections reserve	-2,406.00
Less £1073 to be used from library reserve	-1,073.00
Less £150 c/f as allocated reserve computer service/repair	-150.00
Less £8029.88 to be used from general free reserves	-8,029.88
Less £1500 to be used from Meadow Reserve	-1,500.00
Less £138 to be used from Allotment Reserve	-138.00
	-14,296.88

This produced a precept requirement of £70,647.12 and it was agreed to set a precept of £54 per Band D property, the same amount as in 2021-22.

The full budget will be placed in the Council Accounts section of the Presteigne.org.uk website.

MIN 3996 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Letter of support for Presteigne Youth Project: It was agreed to support the submission of an expression of interest in the Old School Building by the Youth Project subject to the removal of mention of the library.

The meeting closed 9.29pm.