

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2023
HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE AND ALSO VIA
VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. D. Edwards (Mayor), B. Baynham (Deputy Mayor), L. Abecasis, F. Preece (via video link), T. Owens, R. Bamford, M. Williams, J. Poster, J. Gray, J. Wilding, A. Van Huls.

Apologies: Cllr. L. Firth.

Absent: Cllr. M. Price,

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:

Cllr. R. Bamford, Chair of Presteigne and Norton Community Trust, re. setting of precept and budget relating to grant allocation to Presteigne and Norton Community Trust.

Cllr. D. Edwards, Trustee of East Radnorshire Care, Director of Presteigne and Norton Community Trust, Norton Community Trust and Committee Member Norton Sports Committee, re. setting of precept/budget relating to grant allocations for those organisations.

Cllr. A. Van Huls, Town Council Representative on East Radnorshire Care, re. setting of precept and budget relating to grant allocation to East Radnorshire Care.

Cllr. J. Wilding, Vice-Chairman, Presteigne Memorial Hall and member of Norton Sports Committee re. re. setting of precept/budget relating to grant allocations for those organisations.

Cllr. M. Williams, Trustee of Sheep Music (organiser of annual firework display), re. setting of precept/budget relating to grant allocation for that event.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. B. Baynham, employee of East Radnorshire Care, re. setting of precept and budget relating to grant allocation to East Radnorshire Care.

MIN 4147 PLANNING

No planning applications were considered.

MIN 4148 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Highground Maintenance Ltd	£345.89	MEADOW ACCOUNT
JRB Enterprises Ltd (dog bags)(refund T. Price)	£547.20	
D. Edwards (Mayor's Allowance – pt 2)	£500.00	(inc HMRC Tax Due)
Mrs T.A. Price	£1498.20	
HM Revenue and Customs	£583.31	
NEST (direct debit)	£139.37	
EDF Energy (Direct Debit)	£118.16	
EDF Energy (Direct Debit)	£31.64	
EDF Energy (Direct Debit)	£36.34	MEADOW ACCOUNT

(2) Donations: The request from national organisations were agreed as follows –

- Kids Cancer Charity; Refused.
- Hope House Children's Hospice: Agreed to donate £100.
- Cerebral Palsy Cymru: Refused.

- Tenovus Cancer Care: Refused.
- Brecon Advice Centre: Refused.
- Urdd National Eisteddfod: Refused.

(3) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -	
Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£23,549.04
Website Advertising	£156.00

(4) Review of Allocated and Free Reserves and Budget Monitoring to end December: The Clerk explained the various allocated reserves, the projected spend to the end of the financial year and the estimated free reserves at the year end which would equal approximately three months expenditure. This was considered adequate given that a number of allocated reserves were in place to cover the major risks. The general reserve for the public toilets was considered to be more than absolutely necessary and it was agreed to consider the use of some of this towards running costs in 2023-24 when setting the budget.

Any unspent amounts from 2022-23 projects to be placed in free reserves.

Members also considered the budget update to the end of December.

(5) Setting of Budget and Precept for 2023/24:

Cllr. Baynham left the 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.

Organisations allocated grants for 2023-24 were as follows –

Donations and S137s	
Air Ambulance (to be reviewed if Mid Wales Base removed)	300
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	60
East Radnorshire Care	2000
Memorial Hall	1000
Mid Border Arts	1250
Norton Community Trust	5000
Norton Sports Committee (Fireworks)	200
PACDG	250
Presteigne Festival	1250
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music) – £500 guarantee against loss only	0
Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup (not required 2023-24)	0
Presteigne & Norton Community Support	250
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000
Powys CAB	200
Radnorshire Wildlife Trust – no application made	0
The Samaritans	250
Wardens Guardian Foundation (not required 2023-24)	0
Youth Project	1000
Miscellaneous	500
	15,510.00

The letter from The Warden Guardian Foundation explaining that it did not need a grant in 2023-24 was commended and noted.

New projects included were –

New Projects 2023-24	
Coronation of King Charles III (£250 Norton, £250 Presteigne)	500
Additions to Christmas Lighting (poss lights for Christmas Trees)	500
Regular Updating of Website	100
New Street Cleaning Arrangements	1000
	2,100.00

Street cleaning to be arranged for specific areas as needed over the year.

Ongoing projects allocated further monies were –

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Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125
Toilet Blocks (2) (reserves to be used for balance)	12000
Funding twds Town Library Service (reserve held)	0
Presteigne Christmas Lights.	1100
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts (Corton roundabout only)	250
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0
Climate Crisis Project Grants (unspent reserve held)	250
	13,725.00

It was agreed to remove the Greenfield Road roundabout from the management project and only continue with the Corton roundabout.

Administration costs were agreed as £33,915 and the amount for the maintenance and running of Went's Meadow £12,075.00.

This produced a budget of £77,325 and with the use of £4400 from the toilet's reserve toward spending on the public toilets this resulted in a precept requirement of £72,925.

It was agreed to set a precept of £54 per Band D property, raising £72,937.80, the same amount per property as in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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

MIN 4149 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

None.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.