

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH AUGUST 2015
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor), J. Tennant-Eyles (Deputy Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, Ms. N. Humphreys, Ms. H. Marchant, H. Owens, J. Matthews, Ms. F. Preece, B. Price, P. Robinson, P. Smith, J Wilding.

Apologies: Cllr. G. Banks.

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. C. Kirkby, friend of applicant re. planning application P/2015/0655

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Ms. N. Humphreys, employed by and friend of applicant, re. planning application P/2015/0655

*Cllr. J. Wilding, planning applicant for properties affected by Sewerage issues,
re. Welsh Water reply re. capacity in Presteigne and Norton*

MIN 3012 FINANCE

(1) Payments: Resolved that the following payments be approved:

N. Close	£139.66 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£18.75
Welsh Water	£224.74
(Wilson Terrace Toilets £44.83, Hereford Street Toilets £179.91)	
Artisan Print	£10.75
Border Janitorial Supplies	£84.00
BDO LLP (external audit)	£390.00
N. Close (repair H'fd Street Toilets)	£12.50
N. Close (repair allotment pump)	£12.50 ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT
N. Close	£289.86 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water	£14.53 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (weed killing)	£120.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mrs T. Price (refund, key cutting Prince and Pugh)	£11.25 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(2) Renewal of Annual Insurance: Members considered the two options - with or without index linking. Resolved the annual policy be renewed including index linking at a cost of £1384.92

Zurich Municipal **£1384.92**

(3) Lost Cheque, Mid Border Arts: The Clerk reported that the original cheque number 101963 (£500) had not been received and that this had now been stopped at the bank. *Resolved that a new cheque be issued.*

(4) External Audit: The Clerk presented the annual return which had now been completed by the External Auditors with no issues raised. *Resolved that the Annual Return be approved and the completion of the External Audit be noted.*

MIN 3013 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. Ms. Humphreys left the room for the discussion on the following application.

P/2015/0655, full, erection of a dwelling house and associated works at land adjoining 11 Green End, Presteigne. *Resolved that no objections be raised.*

P/2015/0758 LBC and /0759, for householder, various internal and external alterations and refurbishment works to dwelling at Upper Dolley, Presteigne. *Resolved that no objections be raised providing all conditions issued on the necessary listed building consent are fully complied with.*

MIN 3014 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

September Surgery: Cllrs. Smith and Robinson agreed to attend the September Surgery. Cllr Wilding attend if needed.

MIN 3015 OTHER MATTERS

(1) PCC Consultation on three weekly rubbish collections: *Resolved to make the following comments:*

- *a calendar of collection dates should be provided for the first year at least to remind residents when the new dates are (three weekly being less easy to remember than fortnightly);*
- *to point out that Presteigne residents only received the smaller 120 litre bins and the option to swap to a larger 180 litre bin, irrespective of household size is considered essential;*
- *the offer of a free nappy/incontinence pad collection service is considered vital with only a three weekly normal collection. As suggested in the survey this should be offered at least fortnightly if not more frequently.*

(2) Welsh Water Issues Norton: There had been two further serious incidents due to blockages in the pipe. The matter had been raised with Kirsty Williams AM who had met with Welsh Water to discuss the problems. The Clerk reported that a further site meeting would be held on 26th August.

Cllr. Wilding left the room for the duration of the following item.

(3) Welsh Water Reply re. sewerage capacity: Members has all received a copy of the reply from Welsh Water. All agreed that the reply was completely unsatisfactory and the Clerk was asked to write again to the company expressing dissatisfaction and pointing out the recent newspaper article indicating that the Welsh Water was supporting development in communities. Cllr. Kirkby reported that the matter had been raised with Kirsty Williams AM who was arranging a meeting with Welsh Water and the Council. The matter had also been raised with Chris Davies MP who was expecting to meet Welsh Water in the coming weeks.

(4) Community Plan Update: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the recent steering group meeting had been positive and that a schedule of the remaining work to complete the process had been drawn up by Resources for Change. This schedule also indicated the responsibilities of both Resources for Change and the Steering Group. The facilitator at Resources for Change would now be Cerys Thomas with help from Alison Davies. The County Council had also agreed to finance extra time from Resources for Change to complete the process.

(5) Urgent Information:

Allotment Open Day 6th September

MUGA Open Morning: Cllr. Kirkby reported that the opening morning had been a success and thanked the Clerk and Jody Owen, Community Sports Development Officer for organising the event.

Asset Transfer of Tennis Court/MUGA etc: Cllr. Kirkby asked that Members give consideration to the appointment of a Solicitor to act for the Town Council. The Clerk would present options to the September meeting.

Presteigne Festival Reception: Members were reminded of the reception on 27th August.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m. and was followed by the annual Town Walk.

Members first met with the trustees of Mid Border Arts at the Assembly Rooms to discuss the possible asset transfer of the building. Members then proceeded to visit the dragon sculpture at the Kington roundabout and on to John Beddoes Campus to inspect the former sixth form block. The evening concluded with Members inspecting the repair work on the old Boulton Brook Bridge and the new defibrillator at the adopted kiosk in Norton.