

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2013
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. Ms B. Baynham (Mayor), C. Kirkby MBE (Deputy Mayor), G. Banks, J. Matthews, Ms. F. Preece, B. Price, J. Tennant-Eyles, J. Wilding

Apologies: Cllrs. Ms. N. Humphreys, H. Owens, P. Robinson, P. Smith

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 this annual meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal *Cllr. Banks* *Governor John Beddoes School and Presteigne Primary School, County Council Member for Presteigne and Norton*

Personal and Prejudicial *None*

MIN 2760 CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk advised Members that she had received one phone enquiry. Cllr. Ms Baynham had received two verbal enquiries. Co-Option would take place at the January meeting.

MIN 2761 MINUTES

The Minutes of 20th November were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 2762 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Broad Street: It was reported that although cleaning work had been carried out the presence of parked cars had hampered the process. The Clerk was asked to request a further clean.

(2) Benches, Norton: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that he had given the go ahead for these to be refurbished as discussed.

(3) Financial Settlement for Powys County Council: Members had all received a copy of the reply from the Welsh Government explaining the basis for the settlement.

(4) Mobile Infrastructure Project: Cllr. Wilding suggested that Norton residents also contact the company running the project to press for a mast in Norton. The Clerk agreed to supply contact details to Norton Members.

(5) Email Llandrindod Wells Town Mayor: Cllr. Ms Baynham stated that the Clerk had contacted Llandrindod Wells Town Council as discussed at the November meeting.

(6) Street Lighting: The County Council had agreed to the request to turn on PR43 to a part night light. Cllr. Matthews expressed concern that there appeared to be more lights on in Llandrindod

Wells. It was confirmed that the main road through Llandrindod was a trunk road, hence street lighting was required.

(7) Welcome to Wales Sign, Broadheath: The Clerk confirmed that this had now been agreed by the Welsh Government and had been ordered by the County Council.

MIN 2763 FINANCE

(1) Donations: The following donations were agreed -

Presteigne Colts JFC	£350.00 (precepted)
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00 (precepted)
Radnorshire Wildlife Trust	£150.00 (precepted)
Powys Army Cadet Force	£100.00 (precepted)
Warden Guardian Foundation	£200.00 (precepted)

Royal British Legion Club, Presteigne (in lieu of hire charge for public meeting) **£20.00**

The letter of thanks from the Powys Citizens Advice Bureau was noted. The Clerk had also received a copy of the annual review which was available for Members information.

(2) Payments:

The following payments were approved -

T.A. Price	£649.36
HMRC (tax and Ni due on above)	£219.18
T.A .Price (travel expenses May-Nov)	£102.80
Artisan Print (leaflets public meeting)	£21.10
N. Close	£23.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Viking Direct (ink/stamps)	£176.56
Npower (electricity account)	£35.02 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Presteigne Building Supplies	£17.96

(3) New Projects 2014/15: Members submitted the following provisional projects for the coming financial year -

Town Carnival (Cllr. Ms. Baynham)
Skateboard Park Phase 2 (Cllr. Tennant-Eyles)
Christmas Lights (Cllr. Tennant-Eyles)
Hereford Street and Presteigne Cemetery Toilets
Hereford Street Car Park
Tennis Courts/Football Pitch Area
Renewal of Bunting (Cllr. Tennant-Eyles)
Cycle Route Presteigne to Norton Phase 2 (Cllr. Wilding)

(4) Organisation's Accounts: Accounts for the local organisations receiving grants over £250 currently were in the process of being circulated for review prior to the January meeting.

MIN 2764 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications

P2013 1026: full, construction of 28 affordable dwellings and creation of vehicle and pedestrian access at **Development opposite playing field, Knighton Road, Presteigne:** Members considered the various issues and noted the response forms completed and submitted to the Town

Council. Following a vote (six for, two abstentions, none against) it was agreed that the following comments be submitted -

*The Town Council supports the application providing:
there is a strong Section 106 agreement, agreed by the Town Council with MWA, prior to permission being granted, which will ensure appropriate local need restrictions;
that as this is an exception site the granting of planning permission will not set a precedent for further development in this area, or westwards along the Whitton road.
that Mid Wales Housing Association pursues the sustainability issues on the present design and layout currently being considered in discussions between MWA, Presteigne Home Group, and the Town Council, and concludes these considerations to the satisfaction of the Town Council, again prior to the granting of planning permission;
that if residents from the present social housing in the town are moved to the new site then the vacated properties be subject to the same local needs restrictions as the new site.
that the previous comments made by the Town Council are considered when imposing the permission conditions).*

It was noted that MWA had agreed to drafting the S.106 with the Town Council and discussions had already commenced. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles agreed to co-ordinate these discussions.

Copies of the comments forms submitted to the Town Council would be sent to the County Council for information.

P2013 1059: full, erection of a galvanized fence between the boundary of the school sports pitch and Joe Deakins Road at **John Beddoes School, Presteigne:** The Clerk was asked to reply that the Town Council has no objection but feels that the fence would be less visually intrusive if it was green/brown plastic coated as is often used for school fencing.

(2) **Land at Pentre Tump, Planning Appeal Information:** Noted.

(3) **Planning Application P/2013/0671 - 2 x Poultry Units, Upper Heath Farm, Presteigne:** No one was able to attend the County planning committee meeting due to the short notice. The Clerk was asked to email each Member on the Planning Committee with full details of the Town Council's comments.

MIN 2765 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Tennis Courts:** Nothing to report.

(2) **Wilson Terrace Toilets Electrical Report:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the work needed on the lighting system and stated the estimated cost provided was £500. Members learnt that the street light adjacent to the toilet block was presently run from the toilet electricity supply. The Clerk had obtained the approximate annual cost of running the light (£70) from the County Council. This would be reduced further if the fitting was changed. The Clerk was asked to speak to the County Council again to ask if the fitting could be changed to a PIR economy light switch and LED.

(3) **Replacement Sign, Scallions:** The catalogues requested had still not arrived.

(4) **Defibrillators:** The Clerk reported that she had been told that the units were now on order.

(6) **Town Regeneration:** Members noted the written report of Cllr. Smith, summarising his comments at an earlier meeting. Members then considered the list of comments drawn up by Cllr. Ms. Baynham and agreed the shortlist to be submitted to the County Council as follows: -

Free off Street Car Parking

Improved Tourist Information with Tour Information via the production of a cycle tour route , walking routes, historical buildings route etc together with more One Day Events to attract visitors and improve trade.

Safe cycle/walking route from Norton to Presteigne and Rockbridge to Presteigne
Development of Presteigne Memorial Hall and What's on Board

The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Rosemarie Harris the previous portfolio holder to thank her for her help and asking that she pass on to her successor the details of the recent meeting.

(7) Closure of Public Conveniences: No further information had been received from the County Council. The water supply at the Cemetery had been turned back on but the toilets were still closed.

(8) Hereford Street Car Park: The Clerk had written to the Portfolio Holder as requested however due to the changes in the County Council cabinet this Member had now changed. She agreed to send the letter again to the new Portfolio Holder.

(9) Dog Fouling, John Beddoes School: Nothing further to report.

(10) Review of Allotment Rents: It was agreed that there would be no increase for the next two year period although it was noted that it would not be possible to keep the rents at the same level indefinitely.

(11) Retention of Storage Container on Recycling Site: The County Council had now agreed that the container could be retained on site but that should removal be required then this would be at the owner's expense.

(11) General Highway Matters: It was reported that the works on Mynd Road, Norton had been completed.

MIN 2766 NORTON

Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported on a recent query regarding ownership of a portion of land at Lower Ackhill which needed repair. This land was adjacent to a bridleway. Carlton Parry at the County Council was looking into the most appropriate type of repair and had been in touch with the resident raising the query.

MIN 2767 WENT'S MEADOW/EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Awards for All Grant Application: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles was pleased to confirm that the grant application for £3000 for the new pyramid for the skateboard park had been conditionally agreed.

(2) Risk Assessment on Trees: Cllr. Wilding reported that this was in hand.

MIN 2768 YOUTH MATTERS

Nothing to report.

MIN 2769 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Town Emblem Update: Nothing to report.

(2) Memorial Hall Progress Report: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the Chair of the Hall Committee had estimates in hand for the grant application although the first round of applications had now closed. The next round was in February.

Cllr. Banks confirmed that the transfer of the former play area land was ongoing.

(3) Mobile Infrastructure Project: It was noted that Presteigne had no 'not spots' and that Norton was not at present scheduled for a mast although it was high on the list should other sites not go ahead. Sites constructed would be maintained by the mobile operators for a minimum of 20 years.

(4) Heart of Wales Line Letter of Support: Members noted the letter of support sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Town Council.

(5) Potential Closure of Knighton Fire Station: The Clerk reported that the Fire Authority had now confirmed that the Station would not close.

(6) War Memorials Information from One Voice Wales: Noted.

MIN 2770 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

Issues raised at the December Surgery were:

the need for a waste bin in Ava Maria Lane due to problems with dog fouling;
street lighting, in particular the need for a light to be put on in Caenbrook Meadow and outside the Doctor's surgery;
the possibility of a 20mph speed limit in Hereford Street.

Cllrs. Kirkby and Ms. Baynham to attend the January surgery.

MIN 2771 INFORMATION ITEMS

Noted.

MIN 2772 URGENT ITEMS

(1) Knighton Hospital: Cllr. Wilding asked that a letter be sent to Knighton Town Council to ask if they believed the future of the hospital to be secure.

(2) Community Notice Board: Cllrs. Kirkby and Ms. Baynham agreed to look into possible sites for a board.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.