

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2014
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, J. Matthews, H. Owens, P. Robinson, J. Wilding.

Apologies: Cllrs. G. Banks, Ms. F. Preece, B. Price, P. Smith.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk;
Mrs J. Thomas, Powys County Council (start of meeting only).

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. Ms. Marchant Employee of Shirehall Museum Trust re. Planning Application, Tree 2014/0039

Cllr. Kirkby Company Secretary Shirehall Museum Trust re. Planning Application, Tree 2014/0039

NB this interest was not prejudicial due to the granting of a blanket dispensation to members of voluntary organisations by the Standards Community Sub-Committee on 6th February, 2013

Cllr. Owens Trustee Shirehall Museum Trust re. Planning Application, Tree 2014/0039

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Personal and Prejudicial: None

Cllr. Kirkby welcomed Mrs Jenni Thomas of Powys County Council to the meeting. Mrs Thomas explained the community led plan proposed for Presteigne and Norton. The process was now out to tender and submissions received would be considered in January. Approximately 22 days work would be provided by the consultant to produce the plan and the time scale to draft submission was three months from the date of commencement. The plan would cover both social and economic issues.

Mrs Thomas also raised the possibility of the transfer of the trusteeship of the hall from Powys County Council to the Town Council. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the January meeting.

Cllr. Kirkby thanked Mrs Thomas for attending.

MIN 2904 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 19th November, 2014 were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

MIN 2905 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) **Accounts from Local Organisations:** These were currently in circulation for all Members to view.

(2) **Dead Tree, Killhorse Lane, Norton:** Cllr. Wilding had still to look at the tree.

(3) **Hands Up for Uganda:** Cllr. Kirkby reported on the award and showed it to Members. It was agreed that the sign be offered to the Primary School to display.

(4) **Clerk's Report:** The contents of the Clerk's report were noted.

MIN 2906 FINANCE PAYMENTS

(1) **Donations:** .

A request for a donation had been received from the Rubbish After School Club. £100 was requested to cover the rental fee for the Youth Centre for the next term. It was agreed to provide this sum as a one off payment but that the Club be advised to apply in early January if it required funding in 2015/16.

Rubbish After School Club (via Play Radnor) **£100.00**

The letters of thanks from Powys CAB, Bobath, Warden Guardian Foundation, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust (money to be spent on Withy Beds), Wales Air Ambulance, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Presteigne and Norton Community Trust were noted.

(2) **Payments: to approve any payments –**

Mrs T. Price	£651.40
HMRC	£214.11
(income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	
Presteigne Building Supplies	£20.94
Npower	£18.93
Viking (ink etc)	£97.43
T.A. Price (refund for Amazon UK replacement mouse)	£10.69
Npower	£34.15 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£71.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
BT Payphones (adopt a kiosk)	£1.00

(3) **New Projects 2015/16:** Potential new projects submitted for 2015/16 were -

Norton Road Scheme (part contribution to PCC Scheme)
Footway along bypass/school field (part contribution to PCC Scheme)
Running of Additional Toilet Blocks
Car Parks
Tennis Court/MUGA/Football Pitch
Presteigne Cemetery
Additional Christmas Lights, Norton
Cycle Route Norton to Presteigne (further phase)
Community Facility in Norton
All Weather Sports Facility

(4) **Bank Balances:** The following bank balances as at 5th December were noted.

Treasurer	£19,493.96	Meadow	£4581.25
Allotments	£874.16	Money Manager	£15,371.41
Warden Reserve	£2957.16		

(5) **Receipts:** The following receipt was noted -
St. Andrew's Church, Norton £1000 (return of donation)

(6) **NJC National Salary Award:** The National pay award and new hourly rate/lump sum payments due to the Clerk were confirmed.

MIN 2907 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

P2014 1144 for householder, remove section of stone boundary wall and form new vehicular access to Harper's Lane at the **Red House, Broad Street, Presteigne**. Also **P2014 1145** LBC, removal of section of stone boundary wall. No objections raised.

P2014 1059 for householder, demolition of sub standard kitchen/bathroom lean-to and replacement with two storey extension (ground floor to be re-used brick skin largely and first floor in weatherboard). Re-submission of P2014/228 at **Brooklyn, Slough Road, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

Tree 2014/0039, works to trees in conservation area, cut to base one oak tree and two willow trees at the **Judge's Lodging, Broad Street, Presteigne**. No objections raised.

(2) **Planning Consultation, Welsh Government and planning bulletin updates:** Noted. No comment.

(3) **Residents letters to NRW re Upper Heath Poultry Units:** Noted.

(4) **Tree Protection Orders:** The Clerk was asked to press the County Council to investigate the list of trees supplied.

MIN 2908 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) **Tennis Courts Progress Report:** The Clerk was asked to find out when the works would be completed.

(2) **Presteigne Cemetery Possible Expansion:** Members were concerned that the County Council was not urgently moving forward with the expansion.

(3) **Community Led Plan:** This item had been covered by Mrs Thomas at the start of the meeting.

(4) **Allotments - Annual Meeting with PNAA:** Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported on the recent meeting with the PNAA. Notes of this meeting had been prepared and circulated by the Clerk. Members noted the concerns of the PNAA on the timing of the relinquishment of plots. The Clerk confirmed that presently tenants could vacate plots at any time and that if a plot was re-let immediately then a rent refund was normally made. Reminders were sent out in February to all current plot holders requesting rent for the coming year and in general tenants wishing to vacate did so promptly. It was agreed that the procedures should not be changed at this point.

A further concern was the neglect of plots and one plot in particular. Members heard that the tenant had been unwell and it was agreed that it was too soon to consider removing the tenant but that the condition of the plot would be monitored in the Spring.

Members asked that the Clerk inform the PNAA that the rent would be reviewed again at the end of 2015 and that the Council would be minded to increase the rent for the 2016 growing year. She was also asked to confirm that the Town Council was responsible for the maintenance of the pond and that consideration would be given for inclusion of some monies in the budget for 2015/16.

(5) **Public Convenience Transfers:** The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for more information from the County Council.

(6) Street Lighting, reply on policy from PCC, amendments to Hereford Street lights: It was reported that the lights on the by pass had now been repaired. Cllr. Kirkby suggested that two further lights could be swapped on/off and agreed to supply the light numbers for the Clerk. It was noted that the lights along the main streets of Presteigne would be reviewed in the New Year and the Clerk was asked to request that the Town Council be involved with this review.

(7) Devolution of Services Update and email from Knighton Town Council: It was agreed that the Council did not wish to be involved in a meeting to 'air' views against the devolution of services. Whilst obviously concerned at the various cutbacks and at the proposed list of transfers, it appreciated the extremely difficult financial situation that the County Council was in. Cllr. Kirkby suggested he speak to the Knighton Mayor on the matter and this was agreed.

(8) Leisure Services update from PCC: Noted.

(9) Site meeting re traffic restrictions and decision on recommendations to PCC: It was agreed that the following recommendations be put to the County Council -

- Amendment of waiting times in High Street to 1 hour, no return within 1 hour.
- Amendment of parking spaces opposite Farmers Arms. Spaces to be changed to disabled spaces (reduced to one large space covering the same length as the existing two if possible).
- Broad Street, the top three spaces to be time limited to one hour with no return within one hour, the top space to be converted from disabled to normal space.

The County Council had confirmed that the parking area by the church was a formal parking area, other than just footway and so there was no need to revoke the double yellow lines.

(10) Cleaning of Hereford Street: This should now have taken place.

(11) Devolvement of Outdoor Recreation Facilities (play areas), Letter from PCC: It was agreed that at present the Town Council did not wish to take over the play areas.

(12) Leisure Centre Sign, Update: This should shortly be replaced on site.

(13) Local Development Plan Open Spaces Assessment: The Clerk was asked to make the following comments -

No. 16 Hall Play Area no longer exists, it is in the process of being converted to car parking for the Hall;

No. 17 Lugg View Playground is listed in the accompanying text as Orchard Close playground. The Town Council purchased a small amenity meadow (1.2 acres) opposite the Day Centre in Presteigne and joining the Warden ground which is left for public access as an amenity green space. This land is known as Eddie's Meadow.

(14) Other Highway Items: The following items were reported -

- the footpath at the top end of Knighton Road - the Clerk was asked to request that the hedge be cut well back and the path be properly cleaned off and removed of overgrowing grass and soil;
- dropped kerb review - Cllr. Kirkby had checked the locations suggested by a resident. He suggested an improvement to the tarmac surface at the dropped kerb near to the British Legion and the introduction of dropped kerbs at the junction of Slough Road/by pass. The salt bin also needed moving as it prevented easy access for mobility scooters.

MIN 2909 NORTON

(1) Adopt a Kiosk: Members agreed to proceed with the adoption.

(2) Proposed Road Scheme: The amendments to the scheme (changed signage) were noted.

(3) Litter Bins: Four possible locations were considered. These were next to the telephone kiosk, Caefelyn Estate, centre of Offas Green, Mynd Road side of the footpath from Offas Green to Mynd Road.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk request additional bins at the telephone kiosk and on the Mynd road side of the Offas Green to Mynd Road footpath.

(4) Refuse Collection: Cllr. Robinson reported recent problems with non collection of refuse from Stonewall Hill residents. The Clerk was asked to report this.

(5) Broadband Speeds: Cllr. Wilding reported that BT were currently working at Norton Manor to improve speeds in the area.

MIN 2910 WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Skateboard Park Town Council Sign: Nothing to report.

(2) ROSPA Inspection: Nothing to report.

(3) Inspections/Maintenance Costs Review: To be considered at January precept meeting.

(4) Stop Tap for Barn Water Supply: Work now done by Welsh Water.

MIN 2911 YOUTH MATTERS

Nothing to report.

MIN 2912 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Meeting with Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Christopher Salmon: The date for this meeting was noted.

(2) Email from resident re. name sign/white lining: It was agreed that the Clerk ask the County Council to move the sign and report the white lining. It was noted that the white lining at the junction of High Street and Broad Street also needed repainting and the Clerk was asked to report this as well.

(3) Policing Precept Survey email: Noted.

(4) East Radnor and Borders Health Focus Group, reply from David Adams: Noted.

(5) Letter re Pugh Bequest: Noted. Information had been provided.

MIN 2913 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

The December surgery had not been held. If the Farmer's Market was scheduled in January the surgery would be held and Cllrs. Kirkby and Ms. Preece would attend.

MIN 2914 INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items for information were noted -
Dyfed Powys Press Release, Community Rail Partnership Leaflet

MIN 2915 URGENT BUSINESS

Memorial Hall Project Update: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles provided Members with an update on the project and provided a financial summary of the costs.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.