

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2016
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

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

Apologies: Cllr. Ms B. Baynham (Deputy Mayor), P. Smith, H. Owens.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; member 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 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

Personal: None

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Ms Preece, closely related to person submitting a quote re painting of Kiosk, Norton.

MIN 3158 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 15th June 2016 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3159 UPDATE/CLERKS REPORT

(1) Mayor's Fund Raising: Cllr. Kirkby reported that £2650 had been raised at the open gardens event. One further fund raising event was planned later in the year.

(2) Loose Pavings etc Broad Street: Members reported that these had still not been attended to. In addition Cllr. Matthews reported that concerns had been voiced to him over the slippiness of the surface. The Clerk was asked to also report this and to ask that the surface be scarified.

(3) Pump, Albert Square: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had now been replaced.

(4) Scout Hut Works: The Clerk reported that the grant application had been submitted and a decision was expected in late August/early September.

(5) County Council Reception at Royal Welsh Show: Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Preece had attended.

(6) Fallen Tree, Withy Beds: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that this had now been removed.

(7) Councillor Contact Details for Website: The Clerk confirmed that email addresses had now been confirmed by all Members except Cllr. Banks and that these details had been added to the Member's page of the website. Cllr. Banks confirmed that he agreed to have his contact details included.

(8) Knighton Road Development: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the problems were still ongoing but that it was hoped that these would be resolved by October when the properties would be formally handed to Mid Wales Housing Association. Cllr. Kirkby reported that the MWHHA representative at the Carnival had confirmed that all the properties had been allocated to people from the Presteigne area.

(9) Folding Tables Use Agreement: This was now complete for future uses.

(10) Police and Crime Commissioner: The new Commissioner had requested the opportunity to meet the Town Council. It was agreed that the Commissioner be invited to attend the November meeting.

(11) PNAA: The nominated representative on the Sites and Buildings Committee was David Harvey.

MIN 3160 FINANCE

(1) Donations: No donations this month. A letter of thanks had been received from BISYOC.

(2) Payments: the following payments were approved –

Mrs T. Price	£933.26
HMRC	£256.57
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
Mrs T. Price (expenses)	£116.70
J. Tennant-Eyles (Mayor's Allowance)	£500.00
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£815.74
Welsh Water (H'fd Street Toilets)	£211.67
New Radnor Community Council	£79.50
(contribution twds Clerk's course on quotes, contracts and tendering)	
Highground Maintenance (grass cutting)	£263.28 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Presteigne Building Supplies	£74.05 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£537.75 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water ((Barn)	£18.70 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close (materials)	£37.79 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£29.20

(3) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Powys County Council (electric to car park meter/street light)	£170.58
Powys County Council (grass cutting football pitch area)	
	£216.00 MEADOW ACCOUT
Ms V. Davies (donation to Meadow Fund)	£10.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
C. Kirkby (donation twds pump installation)	£27.72 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(4) Budget Monitoring and Financial Update to end of June 2016: Members had all received a copy of the budget monitoring papers for the year to date. The Clerk reported that spending was in line with expectations for the time of year. Members approved the budget statements as presented.

(5) Bank Balances: The following balances at 5th July 2016 were noted -

Warden Reserve: £2960.26	Money Manager: £15,388.41
Allotment Account: 1817.49	Treasurer: £51,444.90
Meadow Account: £9675.60	

MIN 3161 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: The following applications were considered -

P/2016/0643 Grid Ref: 331386/264327 for New residential dwelling, garage and ancillary works at Plot Adjacent The Laurels Green End Presteigne: Resolved no objections be raised.

P/2016/0723, Grid Ref: 331148.3/264421.66 for Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension at 32 Castle Road Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

P/2016/0758 Grid Ref: 331944.95/263669.89 for Erection of a first floor extension above existing living room and erection of a single storey extension at 10 Kings Court Presteigne: Resolved no objections be raised.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following planning decision was noted -

P/2016/0405, Plot D Broadaxe Business Park: Consent 22/06/16

(3) Further Information on Examination of LDP: The information was noted.

(4) Welsh Government Consultation on draft Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment: Noted. No comment to be made.

MIN 3162 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) PACDG Update and Report on Open Days/Presentation: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the PACDG open days and presentation evening. Fifty signatures had been obtained in support of the community hub project and fifty-one in support of retaining the library service. Six potential smaller projects had been displayed at the event and volunteers had been found to hopefully deliver these in the near future.

(2) Fold Farm Footpath Update: The Clerk and Cllr. Kirkby were in the process of compiling the paperwork and would meet to finalise this in due course.

(3) Sustrans and Safe Routes: Cllrs. Marchant and Robinson had attended the sessions held by Sustrans with 2 groups of year nine pupils and gave a brief summary of events. The Clerk had spoken to Anthea Jones at the County Council and whilst there was no money available at present a grant application would hopefully be submitted in early 2017 for Presteigne.

(4) Futures Commissioner Meeting: Cllr. Robinson had attended this meeting and gave a summary of matters discussed. A formal report compiled from comments made at the meeting(s) would be drawn up by the Commissioner in due course. Cllr. Robinson agreed to circulate a link to the 'Essentials of the Well Being of Future Generations Act'.

(5) Parking Issues Opposite Farmer's Arms/Library: The Clerk reported that the police had confirmed that all on street parking enforcement was now carried out by the County Council. In addition whilst pictures of the vehicles parked illegally had been provided to the police no action would be taken.

(6) Naming of Roundabout: Both the County Council Officer and Cllr. Banks had objected to the suggestion. It was agreed that the matter be discussed again at the August meeting when Cllr. Smith could be present.

(7) Depot Review Meeting Report: Members noted the report as circulated and the letter sent requesting assurances that the closure of the local depot would not result in any loss of service.

(8) Recycling: Members heard that the Chamber of Trade was experiencing problems in having the recycling units emptied despite many requests to the County Council. Cllr. Banks was asked to raise this at with the County Council. The Clerk would also report the concerns. It was suggested that in future the Chamber of Trade copy both the Town Council and Cllr. Banks into future requests.

(9) Reporting of Highway Items for repair: The following items were reported -
blocked drain at the bottom of St. David's Street (an on-going problem)
path alongside school field being used by horses: agreed that the County Council be asked to erect signs at either end in order to preserve the surface.

MIN 3163 NORTON

Cllr. Preece left the room for the duration of the next item.

(1) Quotes for Painting of Kiosk: Two quotes had so far been received. The Clerk was awaiting a further quote and it was agreed that the matter be considered at the August meeting.

Cllr. Preece returned to the room.

(2) Repair etc of Bench: One bench had now been cleaned and re-treated. It was agreed that Mr. Close be asked to restore the second bench and to provide an estimate for repairs etc needed to the third and final bench.

(3) Norton Show: To be held on 20th August.

MIN 3164 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Grant Applications Update: Cllr. Kirkby was pleased to report that the Awards for All application for the car park extension had been approved. The applications to Tesco Groundworks for works to Lower Went's Meadow and for equipment for the play park had been submitted as planned.

(2) Fields in Trust Information: A speaker would attend the September meeting to explain the implications in more detail.

(3) Skateboard Rospa Inspection: Two low risk issues had been raised, both could be left and monitored however it was agreed that the slightly raised edges should be reported to the contractor and that a request for these to be welded should be made.

(4) MUGA/Wilson Terrace Rospa Inspection: A copy of the document issued for this area had been received. There had been initial concern about the surface but this had been found to be an error. There were no other items of concern for the tennis court/MUGA. Concerns had however been raised about lifting of the tarmac in places and these were being raised with the County Council.

(5) Other Matters:

Presteigne Carnival/Nicole and Martin: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a very successful day had been had by all.

Metal Framework around Ligne Garden: This had been damaged by vandals. Cllr. Smith had kindly agreed to repair this free of charge over the summer.

Picnic Benches, Eddie's Meadow: One bench had become overgrown with long grass. This would be strimmed in the near future and then monitored regularly.

MIN 3165 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Powys War Memorials Project Information: Noted. The Clerk to request information on the cleaning and repair of memorials. She would also forward the general information to the Judge's Lodgings.

(2) One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting 1st July: Noted. No one could attend.

(3) Further correspondence re access for mobility scooters: Noted. The Clerk would continue to ask the County Council to repair the small potholes reported.

(4) Presteigne and European Citizens: Cllr. Marchant reported receiving concerns from two separate residents on racist comments and proposed that the Council make a statement on this issue. The following statement was read to the meeting and agreed unanimously - *'Residents from whatever nation are welcome in Presteigne and Norton and as a community we want to make everyone welcome. We will ensure that those residents from the EU and elsewhere in the world are welcome and we welcome the contribution they have made to the community.'* Cllr. Kirkby asked if the County Council had made a similar statement and the Clerk thought it had and agreed to get details. She was also asked to enquire if the County Council was to take part in the Community Sponsorship scheme.

(5) Resident Concerns over condition of Wilson Terrace Play Area: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that a Facebook group of concerned residents had been set up to try to revamp the Wilson Terrace Play Area via fund raising etc. As a result of this a volunteer had agreed to repair the car and the Clerk had spoken to the County Council Officer who had agreed to replace the swing.

(6) Presteigne and Norton Community Support AGM 27th July: Noted.

(7) Conference Reports: Noted. Previously circulated. Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Kirkby felt meeting with the Welshpool Town Clerk was a good idea and the Clerk agreed to arrange this.

MIN 3166 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

(1) Report on July Surgery: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported the following item -
concern about the lack of cleaning in Hereford Street. The Clerk had reported this before but would remind the County Council about the need for this to be done.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles also reported a number of supportive comments for the community hub and library projects.

(2) Arrangements for August Surgery: Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Preece to attend.

MIN 3167 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

(1) Youth Centre Building/Drill Hall: Project Report: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the proposals put forward involved four separate portfolio holders with Jeremy Patterson as the officer designated with particular responsibility for Presteigne. The proposal had been presented to two Cabinet meetings to date with no decision being made. It was expected to go before a further meeting in early August. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had had a number of conversations with County Council representatives on the project in order to

explain the Town Council position. It was been agreed that a further meeting should take place with the County Council as soon as possible. Members then considered various possible options for negotiation. Also considered was the possibility of carrying out public consultation. This would be re-visited at a later date.

(2) Tennis Courts/MUGA Update: The Clerk presented an email explaining that the County Council would not agree to inclusion of a clause concerning the provision of a play area on the ground but was willing to provide a letter confirming that the covenant would be met by the County. It was agreed that the Clerk give agreement for the final paperwork to be produced and signed.

(3) Assembly Rooms Project: The two letters received on the future of library services were noted. No decision had yet been made by the County Council on the project.

(4) Future of Youth Services in Powys Meeting on 20th June: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had attended this event and gave a short report.

(5) Cabinet Report on Funding Changes for Devolved Services: Noted.

MIN 3168 INFORMATION

The following items were noted -

Ombudsman's Annual Report 2015/16

Garreg Lwyd Connection Project: Information from Western Power
Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine.

MIN 3169 URGENT_BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Flower Festival: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the Festival had been an excellent event.

(2) August Town Walk/Meeting: It was agreed that a short formal meeting would be held on 17th August at 6.30pm prior to the annual town walk. PC Fraser Scott and PCSO Anna Bowen would be asked to meet on Went's Meadow at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm