

# OLD RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 18th May, 2021 at 8.00 p.m. via video conferencing.

**PRESENT:** Councillors H. Jones (Chairman), K. Powell (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, M. Jones, J. Stokes, Mrs. R. Jones R. Burden, K. Morgan, A. Yates.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

## **MIN 1/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Roy Jones, T. Bell.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. H. Jones opened the meeting and invited nominations for Chairman.

## **MIN 2/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2021/22**

Cllr. H. Jones was proposed by Cllr. E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Ruth Jones. There were no other nominations and Cllr. H. Jones was elected unanimously and accepted the position. Cllr. H. Jones would complete his declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk, at the first possible opportunity.

Members asked that the Minutes record a vote of thanks to Cllr. Bell for being Chairman of the Council for the previous four years.

## **MIN 3/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Personal Only: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

## **MIN 4/21 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2021/22**

Cllr. H. Jones invited nominations for Vice-Chair. Cllr. Morgan was proposed by Cllr. E. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Ruth Jones but did not wish to be considered for the position. Cllr. Burden proposed Cllr. Powell and this was seconded by Cllr. Stokes. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Powell was elected unanimously and accepted the position.

## **MIN 5/21 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2021/22**

One Voice Wales (2): Cllrs. Yates and Bell.

Quarry Liaison Committee (4): Cllrs. M. Jones, E. Jones, Morgan and Burden.

Evenjobb Village Hall Committee (1): Cllr. Powell.

Kinnerton Village Hall Committee (1): Cllr. H. Jones.

Radnor Valley Amenity and Resource Centre (1): Cllr. Bell.

## **MIN 6/21 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DOCUMENTS**

Council Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

Formal Complaints Policy

Freedom of Information Documents

Serving of Agenda via email.

Data Protection Documents.

All other Council Policies.

The above Council documents were agreed unchanged.

#### **MIN 7/21 REVIEW OF HSBC BANK SIGNATORIES**

The bank signatories were reviewed and agreed unchanged.

#### **MIN 8/21 ADOPTION OF AMENDED CODE OF CONDUCT**

The continued adoption of the Code of Conduct as detailed in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2116 was confirmed.

#### **MIN 9/21 COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION**

The Clerk explained that the compulsory payments remained unchanged for the coming year and where as follows -

- To provide an annual sum of £150 per year per Member, to be paid in arrears. Any Member not wishing to accept the allowance should notify the Clerk by the end of September in each year otherwise the payment would be made. Members to note that this payment is taxable and would be made through the Council payroll.
- To refund the cost of care expenses up to the stated maximum cost of £403 per month.
- To continue to reimburse the cost of travel expenses incurred for travel on Council business outside the Community Council area.

#### **MIN10/21 INSPECTION REPORT ON TOPOSCOPE**

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Bell had inspected the toposcope and no maintenance was required at present.

The Annual Meeting closed at 8.18 pm and was followed immediately by the ordinary meeting.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Old Radnor Community Council held Tuesday, 18th May, 2021 at 8.18 p.m. via video conferencing

**PRESENT:** Councillors H. Jones (Chairman), K. Powell (Vice-Chairman), E. Jones, M. Jones, J. Stokes, Mrs. R. Jones R. Burden, K. Morgan, A. Yates.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

## **MIN 11/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors T. Bell, Roy Jones.

## **MIN 12/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Personal Only: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

## **MIN 13/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20TH APRIL 2021**

Resolved that the Minutes (as previously circulated) represented a true record of events. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

## **MIN 14/21 INFORMATION FROM MINUTES**

- (1) Willin Lane: Cllr. E. Jones reported that he had witnessed a number of 4x4 vehicles using the lane and that it was causing a lot of damage to the surface. This was making it increasingly difficult for walkers etc to use. The Clerk would chase up the matter with the County Council. Members discussed the use of BOATs (Byways open to all traffic) generally but as the use was legal it was felt that there was little that could be done.
- (2) White Lining, Quarry: Cllr. M. Jones reported that the County Council Officer had been out on site and had agreed to do the white lining.
- (3) Drainage and Gully Issues: Cllr. M. Jones reported that a number of concerns had been reported to him and the gully emptier would be attending Old Radnor and Yardro in the near future.

## **MIN 15/21 FINANCE**

- (1) Payments: The following payments were agreed –

M.A. Lloyd (internal audit)	£50.00
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- (2) Renewal of Annual Insurance: Members considered the terms for renewal of the insurance policy/insurance provider (due 1st June) and approved payment of the appropriate premium.

Zurich Municipal	£167.44
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- (3) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Powys County Council (1st Precept Payment)	£2841.57
VAT Refund 2020-21	£76.73
- (4) Bank Balance: The balance of £11,196.51 as at 5<sup>th</sup> May was noted.
- (5) Internal Audit Report 2020/21 Accounts: Noted. No issues had been raised and no action was required.
- (6) External Audit Annual Return 2020/21: Members considered and approved the Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Significant Variances and additional documentation for submission to the External Auditors.
- (7) Requests for donations from Macmillan Cymru, Tenovus Cancer Care and Hope House: The situation with requests from national organisations and Cllr. M. Jones reminded Members that the Council policy was to only consider applications from local organisations. It was agreed that the

Clerk respond to this effect and that in future this could be done immediately without bringing to the Council.

### **MIN 16/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) Consultation on Closure of Llanfihangel Rhydithon C.P. School: Members voiced concern at the proposed closure and indeed of the closure of small village schools generally. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation objecting to the closure for the following reasons –

- Small primary schools provide a strong and effective base for students at the commencement of their education enabling future education prospects to be improved.
- Village schools are central to their communities and provide much more to the area, being central hubs for events etc. Moreover, without a school, young families are discouraged from locating to a village and the community has no base for the future.
- Without a local school very young children often have to travel long distances to alternative provision and this is itself a costly exercise and must be fully costed when analysing savings.

Members were encouraged to also make their own personal submissions to the County Council.

(2) Welsh Government Consultation on Local Authority Power to Trade: Noted. Resolved no comment be made.

(3) Letter from Fay Jones MP re the work of Community Councils during the pandemic: Noted.

(4) Reporting of Highways Items: Members noted that the County Council provides an online system for the notification of issues. Cllr. Morgan was concerned that notifications from the Community Council had more effect. The Clerk stated that often registering online meant that issues were not forgotten and that the formal time scale for action was then immediately started. She suggested that Members could if they wished both report online and to her. Cllr. M. Jones asked that he also be copied into any correspondence.

### **MIN 17/21 PLANNING**

(1) There were no planning decisions this month.

Cllr. M. Jones left the meeting at this point due to his position on the Powys Planning Committee.

(2) Planning Applications: The following application was considered –

21/0759/LBC Grid Reference: E:327902 N: 261494 Proposal: Listed building consent for removal of 5 unauthorised modern double-glazed windows (one in barn 1, one in barn 2, one in barn 3 and two in barn 4); Reinstate previous timber and wrought iron windows; Remove unauthorised concrete slab installed in barn 4 Site Address: Barn Range at Old Burfa. Evenjobb. Resolved no objections be raised.

(3) Application 20/1582, Cwm Gwalley, Old Radnor: Noted that this application was determined at the Powys Planning Committee and approval was granted on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

(4) Application 21/0519 Moor Farm: During the month Cllrs. Ruth Jones and Yates had become aware of concerns that the planning application recently submitted had been refused on the grounds that the property had formerly been a public house. Cllr. Ruth Jones had checked with the owner at the time this was believed to have been the case and they had confirmed that they had never held an alcohol licence for the property. The Clerk would notify the Planning Officer of this new information.

### **MIN 18/21 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

15th June 2021. It was agreed to continue via video conferencing and review again in June.

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.