

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman Councillor L. Price
Councillors P. Dark W. Davies D.O. Evans J. Stuart G. Williams
C. Evans J. Humphreys C. Walton
County Cllr. K. Curry

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. C. Davies, D. Jones, J. Jones & M. Lloyd.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. L. Price was pleased to have attended the Fire Station Open Day. She congratulated Rhayader District Motor Cycle and Light Car Club for hosting and organising a round of the British Enduro Championship at Cwmythig Hill. She had unveiled a plaque at the Manse, Bridge Street, which commemorated the life of Robert Jermain Thomas, the missionary, born in Rhayader and martyred in Pyongyang in Korea in 1866. She had received, on behalf of the community, a certificate 'Reaching in Radnorshire' campaign for St Michaels Hospice.

2. **MINUTES TO BE AGREED** The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 19th August 2014. They were agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. Williams reported that the TIC had already move to Carad. Councillors agreed that the TIC should be in the middle of town to be more accessible to visitors. R2K had invited RTC to a meeting at Carad to hear the rationale behind the move. Councillors were encouraged to attend the meeting if they were able. It was suggested that in today's climate it would seem more fitting to change the title Tourist Information Centre to Visitor's Information Centre. Agreed.

3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

There were no reports.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Humphreys declared a interest in item 4.4 and left the room as appropriate.

Cllr. Dark stated that his present circumstances meant that he no longer had an interest to declare in item 4.

3c. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Bryntitli adverting.
- Dark Lane toilets.
- Business Survey.
- Clarification of Monks Trod TRO.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Co-option of a Councillor.

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As a result of advertising locally and reports in the local press, 6 people had applied to be co-opted to fill the seat left vacant due to the resignation of Cllr. J. Connelly. They were: Adrian Phillips, John Graham Beadle, Angela Davies, Angela Mackley, Jane Narborough & Darren Thomas. All met the criteria to qualify to serve as a Councillor. Cllr. Dark declared an interest concerning one of the applicants & left the room. Councillors present commented on the high standard of ability, experience and enthusiasm of all applicants. On a vote Jane Narborough gained an absolute majority and was declared the winner. Subject to her acceptance of the office, Mrs. Narborough was declared to be a Councillor for the Town Ward of Rhayader Town Council. **Clerk to inform Mrs. Narborough of her appointment as Councillor & invite her to the October meeting.**

4.2 Waun Capel Parc

Cllr Williams reported that Steve Geally was to meet with the Parc Trust on Thursday to discuss what PCC should/would do. It was agreed that RTC wished to work alongside the Trust to help to ensure that the condition of the facility is restored and maintained to level which again makes it an asset to be proud of. The Multi court is almost completed.

It was agreed that in the time since RTC paid for the Castle moat to be cleared, the vegetation had developed so much that it again needed to be cleared. Any moves to do this must however be initiated by the Parc Trust as owners.

4.3 Sports Development

Cllrs. Walton & C. Evans were eager to meet with the Development officer as soon as this can be arranged. Cllr. Price also wished to attend. It was reported that local clubs were keen, in principal, to use the Parc. It was remarked that improvements in the facilities should present a big opportunity for the Trust to become more self funding.

4.4 North Street roundabout

Cllr. Price reported that the signs placed on the grass do not presently contravene PCC & TRA requirements. It was resolved to defer further discussion until the October meeting after information has been sought from Steve Geally about who will maintain the roundabout to the future. **Cllr. Price to liaise with Steve Geally.**

4.5 Dolgerddon.

Users of the building had concerns about its availability to the future. Cllr. Curry reported that RDCS now hold a key and are in conversation with PCC about a new lease. In support of this they will formulate a business case. Councillors were urged to be positive about the prospects of Dolgerddon's continued availability if asked by members of the public. It was agreed that for community use, the gardens should remain an integral part of the buildings curtilage.

4.6 Allotment Sub-Committee report.

The work within the Rhayader Allotments site for the water installation was completed & awaited connection to the main by Welsh Water. Cllr. D. Evans suggested that more plots should be laid out and advertised. There was concern that because of the location, if/when more plots are provided the entry to the field would need to be improved to allow for off road parking because of the location. It was agreed to defer a decision on changing the layout, the preferred grazing rental term & payment to a later meeting. A rental agreement for grazing would be need to be prepared before letting any of the field for grass keep.

The S/com had visited the Weirglodd Allotments prior to this meeting. In the main plots are generally well cultivated, but 3 were far below an acceptable level. The ploholders of the sub-standard will be written to in accordance with the established procedure. **Clerk to write as above.**

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

With the exception of those commented on above & below, all items of correspondence listed on the agenda and received since it was issued, were noted.

5.1 PCC: Wyeside Camping & Caravan site. The writer sought more specific details of fall in the standard of the facilities and the level of maintenance which had been brought to the attention of RTC. As the matter had been brought to the July meeting by Cllr. C. Davies who is presently away, it was agreed to ask for details on his return.

5.2 PCC: Road marking correspondence. The exchange of e-mails with Tony Caine explaining RTC further requirements had also raised two suggestions from elsewhere: Firstly: the area directly in front of the Bear should be double yellow lines. Cllr. W. Davies declared an interest & left the room. Councillors were unanimous in the opinion that this area should remain unrestricted. Secondly: no parking should be permitted in the area of East Street near the junction with Green Gardens. Councillors unanimously agreed with this suggestion. On re-examination of RTC's letter of **8th March 2013**, concern was raised that the wording might seem to indicate that double yellow lines had been requested all the way up North Street to the crossing. It was resolved to clarify to PCC that the lines were only requested as far as the entrance to the vehicular access at the north side of the Crown Inn. **Clerk to inform PCC.**

5.3 N&MWTRA: Railings in North Street. In light of the refusal by TRA to paint the railings it was suggested that RTC should seek quotes for the work to determine if it was viable for them to fund the work. **Clerk to investigate.**

6. PLANNING

6.1 P 20140793 Full: Replacement of existing radio installation with new structure supporting solar panels and wind turbine at Claerwen dam, Claerwen Valley, Rhayader, Powys.
There were no objections to this application.

6.2 P 2014 0863 CAC: Demolition of galvanised steel sheet clad Sunday school room at United Reform Chapel, Bridge Street, Rhayader, Powys.
There were no objections to this application.

6.3 TEL 2014 0025 Tele: Installation of single BT telecommunications DSLAM cabinet at The Community Centre, North Street, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5BU.
There were no objections to this application.

Applications received after agenda was issued:

TREE 2014 0038, Tree: Removal of 3 large Stika Spruce within a Conservation Area at Cwm Escob Wood, Elan Village, Rhayader.
There were no objections to this application.

P 2014 0761 Full: Erection of wind turbine with control box & associated works & creation of new access at Upper Esgair-rhiw, Rhayader Powys.
There were no objections to this application.

Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments on all the above applications.

7. FINANCE

5.1 £35.70 – OS (W) – paper & copying. Agreed.

5.2 £75 – S. W. Smith – collecting plants & planting North Street island. Agreed.

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8. URGENT BUSINESS

- Bryntitli advertising.

It was resolved to advertise that grant applications would be received by the Council. **Clerk to arrange.**

- Dark Lane toilets.

A report in the press stated that PCC wished to devolve all Rhayader Toilets to RTC or they would be closed. Cllr. D. Evans informed that a report on toilets had already been discussed by PCC Cabinet. The wider issue of assets transfer is being addressed and RTC will be contacted in due course. **Cllr. Curry will seek clarification of the situation.**

- Business Survey.

It was resolved to recover the documentation from retired Cllr. Connelly in time to arrange its organisation.

- Clarification of Monks Trod TRO.

Cllr. Dark sought clarification about the existence of a TRO on the Monks Trod. **Clerk to seek clarification.**

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Allotments
- Sports development
- Bryntitli
- New Councillor.

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Business Survey.
2. Waun Capel Parc.
3. Sports Development.
4. North Street roundabout.
5. Red Kites.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st October 2014.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

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