

# RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

### THOSE PRESENT

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

### 1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Jones.

### 1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. L. Price thanked Cllr. D. Jones for taking the Chair at the previous meeting in her absence. She congratulated Cllr. Dark & Rhayader Players on an excellent pantomime. She had enjoyed representing the Town Council at the Motor Club evening.

### 1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Walton wished to discuss a letter of congratulations.

Cllr. Williams wished to discuss VE Day.

Cllr. Price wished to discuss the invitation to meet with R2K Board and also use of e-mails by the Council.

### 2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015. They were agreed to be a true record.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**4.2 Street lighting in Church Street:** Cllr. Dark reported that thanks to Cllr. Curry the problem had been resolved.

**4.4 Town Council painting:** A response to the Clerk's letter had been received from PCC since the agenda was issued. It explained that the painting had been removed for restoration, but also stated that they believed that it was the property of PCC, not RTC. Cllr. D. Evans said that he could recall the painting coming to RTC many years ago and although he could not recall exactly when that was, it would have been recorded in the minutes. The Clerk stated that he did not know the whereabouts of any minutes for RTC prior to about year 2000. No Members present were able to enlighten him. Cllr. Davies recalled that in the past it was the custom of the press to publish the minutes in full & it was possible they held records. Councillors believed that after restoration the painting should be displayed at a suitable venue in Rhayader (e.g. at Carad).

**Clerk to make enquiries about the location of the old minutes & inform PCC of Councillor thoughts..**

### 3a. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

At a meeting of the Finance & Assets Sub-committee held immediately prior to this meeting, it had been agreed to update the records in line with the report prepared by Cllr. Connelly & to check that Huw Rees is still willing to keep the Riverside Walk vegetation tidy this year. **Agreed.**

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### **3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS (CONT)**

S/com members suggested that the number of flowerbed beds on the North Street island should be reduced to 3 spread equally along its North Street side. Councillors resolved to adopt this suggestion and to ask George McManus if he was willing to plant & maintain the beds to the future. **Cllr. C. Davies to enquire.**

It was agreed to contact Richard Shaw about making some larger planters for the approaches to Rhayader. **Cllr. Walton to make contact.**

It was resolved to hold a site meeting at the roundabout. It was reported that no stone had been spread on the path adjacent to the rugby field. **Cllr. Lloyd to remind Ellie Jones to do it.**

The issue of future grass cutting on the roundabout was discussed at length. Cllr. Walton thought that he would be able to cut the grass. Councillors gratefully accepted his offer.

The Finance & Assets Sub-committee was presently one member short & members suggested that Cllr. Walton be invited to fill the vacancy. Councillors agreed with the suggestion & Cllr. Walton accepted.

### **3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4.1 Public Toilet Working Group report.**

Councillors were provided with notes from the inaugural meeting of the Group held on 26<sup>th</sup> January. They were also provided with copies of a draft Specification for Cleaning Public Toilets & a draft Invitation to Tender both for comment. The Clerk said that the urgency for the documents was to ensure when expressions of interest are received for the contract for toilet cleaning, RTC has appropriate documentation to hand. The rationale for the Specification was to ensure that both parties are fully aware of exactly what will be supplied under the contract. The Invitation to Tender was to ensure that those wishing to submit a tender are fully aware of RTC's requirements and their own commitment. After much discussion it was decided that Councillors should take the documents away to consider & meet again at 6.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 with their comments in order to finalise the documents.

**Councillors to consider the documents prior to the meeting.**

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**5.1 RDCS:** Reference level of Bryntitli grant (& subsequent e-mail). Councillors were of the opinion that RTC's letter was quite explicit in that it stated the grant of £250 was to be used only towards the cost of materials. This had been RTC decision when considering the application which had been made by RCDS, hence the cheque had been made out in their name. **Clerk to reply accordingly.**

**5.2 PAVO:** Invitation to take up membership. It was resolved to accept the invitation. **Clerk to apply.**

**5.3 OVW:** Invitation to renew membership. It was resolved to renew membership. **Clerk to process.**

**5.4 Gwastodyn Parish:** Application for grant. The application was in support of an interactive event the "Easter Experience". The requested £500 would be used to purchase an itemised list of materials. It was resolved make to a grant of £500 from the precept. **Clerk to make payment.**

**5.5 Teenage Cancer Trust:** Appeal for donation. It was resolved to make a donation of £50 from the Recycling Fund. **Clerk to make payment.**

Alastair Knox: Response to RTC letter. Resolved to discuss at meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

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## 5. CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

R2K Board: wishing to know who will attend meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cllrs. L. Price, J. Narborough, C. Davies & P. Dark all wished to attend. **Clerk to inform R2K.**

RWE Innogy UK: A request that RTC contact an applicant from Newtown who is seeking funding. The Clerk reminded Councillors that in 2010 RTC had a similar situation where applications were made directly to the fund providers. Their officer was contacted & RTC received an assurance that in such cases they would advise those enquiring to contact RTC – not ask RTC to contact the applicant. It was noted that the application was for Newtown not Rhayader. It was resolved to advise RWE accordingly. **Clerk to write.**

Several plans showing proposed road markings changes by PCC had been received via Cllr. Curry. After discussion the following points were resolved:

1. B4518, St. Harmon Road: Existing No Waiting should be extended only to the far side of the gateway to Gwelfryn. All the other proposal should be removed.
2. C1230 The Triangle: No Waiting should extend from the Groe gate to the bend toward the Ddole gate. All the other proposal should be removed.
3. B4518 West Street, removal of Disabled Parking: Only one bay should be removed, the other should be moved to the entrance to The Laurels.
4. A44 East Street addition of Disabled Parking: One space only another exists in East Street already.
5. B4518 Caemelin Area additional no waiting areas: Agreed.
6. A470 North Street additional No Waiting: The No Waiting should be extended only to the northern side of the Crown gateway to provide room for a lorry to wait for oncoming traffic (if necessary) and be clear of the Clock. If this change is not agreed to, then the markings in North Street should remain as they are at present.
7. U1801 Green Gardens junction with A44 East Street: Agreed.
8. B4518 St Harmon Road speed reduction measures: Councillors did not feel that the proposal was appropriate in several respects. It was resolved to seek a site meeting with Gwyneth Mills. **Clerk to arrange.**

**With the exception of point 8 above, Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments.**

## 6. PLANNING

**6.1 P 2015 0100** for householder; conversion of roof space to provide accommodation to include insertion of roof lights & extension to adjacent garage to provide “granny annexe”. Creation of new link element between existing dwelling & proposed annex at Beechcroft south Street, Rhayader, Powys

There were no objections to this application.

**6.2 P 2015 0106** for Full: relocation of boundary palisade security fence at Unit B, Brynberth Industrial Estate, Rhayader, Powys.

There were no objections to this application.

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

## 7. FINANCE

**7.1 £300:** George Building Consultancy. Agreed. **Clerk to make payment.**

**7.2 £301:** OVW membership renewal. Agreed. **Clerk to make payment.**

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**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr. Walton suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Adam James for winning E1 British Championship and the Welsh Clubman Enduro Championship in the ACU British Enduro Championship. Agreed. **Clerk to write.**

Cllr. Williams asked if RTC wished to do anything to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Cllr Price will discuss the issue with the Vicar.

Meeting with R2K Board: Cllrs. Price, Narborough, Davies & Dark wished to attend. **Clerk to inform R2K.**

Cllr. Price said that the increased use of e-mails means that Councillors receive information and can respond to it far more quickly. She therefore urged them to routinely check their incoming mail as often as possible and respond promptly when asked.

**9. PRESS RELEASE**

- Grant to Gwastedyn Parish.
- Adam Jones' success in ACU British Enduro Championship.

**10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. Trees in Dark Lane car park.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

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