

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Davies.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. D. Jones expressed thanks to Cllr. C. Evans for deputising for him at the Remembrance Sunday Services and also to all members of the Town Council for their full participation.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

PCC website & success of local riders.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting on 20th October 2015. They were agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Abandoned car: Cllr. J. Jones had contacted the traffic warden who undertook to progress the matter.

4.2 Town Clock: the Clerk had sent the information provided by Cllr. Walton to PCC, subsequently workmen had been observed at the Clock.

It was understood that the School now had their use of the pool extended.

4.2 Hafan House: Cllr. Curry reported that in respect of RTC's requests for protective covenants to be included in any future sale of Hafan House & the car park, PCC will look into the possibility.

Two benches were reported to be in need of urgent repair: one by the church gates & another by Maes Mawr. Cllr Dark undertook to carry out the repairs free of charge if RTC supplied the materials. **Agreed.**

As requested Cllr. Stuart had produced a programme for Sub-committee meetings which ensured that their regularity would be maintained. However as this would result in some members needing to attend meeting twice monthly throughout the year, the Clerk suggested that future Council meetings should start at 7.30pm instead of 7pm and that Sub-committees meet at 6 pm on the same evenings. It was resolved to adopt this strategy & amend Cllr. Stuart's programme accordingly. **Clerk to amend the plan & circulate it.**

3a. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. Williams reported that RDCS had held a leaving party to mark the retirement of Shirley Jones, Ainsley Richards & Roger Davies. She also informed that RDCS voluntary drivers will be supporting the Ambulance Service by providing non-emergency transport.

Cllr. Dark reported that the first meeting of the Business Group had been held and another was planned for 7th December.

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3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS (CONT)

Cllr. Stuart reported on the set up meeting of the group aiming to provide publicly accessible defibrillators in Rhayader. Donna Reeve was the driving force behind the project and already had sufficient fund to provide the first unit. Cllr. Price proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Donna for initiating the project.

Clerk to write.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Several Councillors made declarations with reference to Bryntitli applications and left the room as appropriate, for details see individual applications.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Toilets

Cllr Walton reported that members of the Toilet Sub-committee had met at 9.30 am on 12th November at the Dark Lane facility with Mal Holt of Healthmatic to discuss details of the refurbishment work to be done via the WG grant. It was decided that a new outlet arrangement from the urinal to the sewer should be made as a matter of priority & the choice of surface finishes would be decided prior to commencement of work. Healthmatic suggested that RTC might wish for them to use local tradesmen where possible in preference to the firm bringing in their own contractors. This had readily been agreed on site, a decision which was now endorsed by members in the room. Councillors were asked to pass on contact details of any interested local tradesmen to Cllr. Walton who will compile a list to pass to Healthmatic.

Cllr. C. Evans joined the meeting.

4.2 Bryntitli & other funding applications

Eight applications for funding had been received:

Rhayader Bowling Club: (Cllr. C. Davies declared an interest & left the room). To buy a specialised mower for the continued upkeep of the Bowling Green as it has become extremely difficult to rely on borrowing from other clubs. Total cost of project £2,000. Amount requested £2,000. After discussion it was agreed that it would be preferable that RTC purchase the mower and loan it to the Bowling Club with the proviso that when it is not in use they allow other local clubs to use it on request. Subject to the Club's acceptance of these conditions it was agreed to allocate £1,800 for the purchase of the machine and pay the VAT from the Council's other funds.

R2K: (Cllr. D. Evans declared an interest & left the room). To cover the cost of printing the Rhayader Newsletter during 2016. Total cost of project £750. Amount requested £750. It was resolved to make a grant of £750. Clerk to make payment.

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust: Interpretation Hub at Pont Marteg entrance to Gilfach nature reserve. Total cost of project £50,000. Amount requested £500. It was resolved to make a grant of £250. Clerk to pay.

Rhayader Motor Club: (Cllr. C. Walton declared an interest & left the room). Sending a young team of riders to gain experience in international events. Total cost of project £4,500. Amount requested £2,000. As the application stated that the project costs were specifically travelling costs it was resolved that funding given would have no residual tangible benefit to the Club nor the community. It was therefore resolved not to make an award. Clerk to inform the applicant of RTC's decision.

Rhayader & District Sports & Recreation Association: (Cllrs. C. Evans, C. Walton & P. Dark declared an interest). To kick start awareness of the formation of the Association to encourage all groups, in Rhayader & District to work together. This will be through a one or two day extravaganza. Total cost of project £500 - £750. Amount requested £495. It was resolved to make a grant of £495. Clerk to make payment.

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4. AGENDA ITEMS (CONT)

Rhayader Church in Wales Primary School: Purchase of 10 ipads for data collection, research, display & recording purposes. Total cost of project £2,710. Amount requested £1,000. It was resolved to make a grant of £1,000. **Clerk to make payment.**

1st Rhayader Cub Scouts: To kick start development programme. Purchase of consumables, activity items & camping equipment. Total cost of project £1,237. Amount requested £1,237. It was resolved to make a grant of £1,000. **Clerk to make payment.**

Rhayader Junior Football Club: To improve newly acquired clubhouse & provide first aid kits to all age groups. Total cost of project £323.90. Amount requested £323.90. It was resolved to make a grant of £323.90. **Clerk to make payment.**

It was resolved that to the future, if applicants are able to reclaim VAT, all grants made by RTC, from which ever source, will be paid less any VAT element. If applicants are unable to reclaim VAT, the award will be paid inclusive of any VAT element. **Application documentation to be amended to incorporate the change.**

4.3 Leisure Centre

It was reported that PCC had been made aware of the bad state of repair of the back of the Leisure Centre and had started some remedial work.

4.4 Land at Mill Street

At the request of the proposer this item was withdrawn

4.5 Noisy recycling collections

Cllr. Dark had received complaints that residents in the Lyons Yard area are disturbed around 7.30am by excessive noise cause by refuse collection. The complaint was noted but Councillors recognised that noise was an integral part of the process and that the location was close to the start of the collection “round”. It was agreed that, sadly, they could not suggest anything to ease the problem.

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.

5.5 OVW: Auto-enrolment (Pensions) **Clerk to process.**

5.5 PCC: Paperless planning consultation. Councillors were against the proposed change on several levels. The Clerk had responded to this message upon receipt inviting comment, but as yet had received none. **Clerk to ask for comment from the writer, Sue Bolter & County Cllr. David Price**

5.9 Rhayader Church in Wales Primary School: Application for funding. This application was made in conjunction with their application for Bryntitli funding (for details see 4.2 above) towards the purchase of 10 ipads. Funding requested was £1,000. It was resolved to make a grant of £1,000. **Clerk to make payment.**

5.10 R2K: Application for funding to assists in purchase of professional artwork for a map for a new version of the Town Guide. Total cost of project £450. Amount requested £225. It was resolved to make a grant of £225 & request sight of the artwork before the final draft of the map is approved. **Clerk to make payment.**

RDCS: Application for funding to assists in staging a 2015 winter event. Total cost of proposal £450. Amount requested £450. It was resolved to make a grant as requested with the exception of the prize money for the best decorated stall competition. Consequently £415 would be granted. Councillors stipulated that

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5. CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

the public should be made aware that the Town Council had provided the money for the children's presents.
Clerk to make payment & advise of the condition attached.

The paperwork for the Bench Marking exercise had been received from R2K, but it did not include information of the previous survey. This information was considered vital if Councillors were to monitor what had previously been done. Cllr. Dark to obtain the necessary documentation from R2K to enable Councillors to carry out the required work. Councillors to monitor the same areas which they had done previously. **Cllr. Dark to obtain the information & Councillors to monitor as above.**

6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2015 0913 for Retrospective permission for access gateway & vehicular parking at 10 Elan Village Rhayader.

There were no objections to the proposal & Councillors recommended approval.

6.2 P 2015 0898 for Demolition of workshop & erection of 3 bedroom dwelling at rear of Claremont, East Street, Rhayader, Powys.

There were no objections to the proposal & Councillors recommended approval.

P 2015 1014 For Section 73 Application in relation to condition 2 of P 2015 0100 (Revised scheme drawings) at Beechcroft south Street Rhayader Powys

There were no objections to the proposal & Councillors recommended approval.

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

7. FINANCE

£35 – OVW – Training. Agreed. **Clerk to make payment.**

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Stuart expressed concern that he had been unable to access agendas & minutes on PCC website.
Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr. Walton informed Councillors that Adam James had become the British E1 Expert Enduro Champion and Nicolas Evans & Alun Evans had won the British Clubman Sidecar Enduro Championship. It was resolved that letters of congratulations be sent. **Clerk to write.**

Cllr. Walton thanked Cllr. Dark on behalf of the Council for the music at the Remembrance Service.

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Publicly accessible defibrillators.
- RDCS non emergency transport for the Ambulance Service.
- Business Group.
- Local Championship successes

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING No new business was proposed.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15th December 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

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