

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

Mr. Ian Harris explain that he was now the point of contact with PCC & could be reached by ringing the Rhayader depot or the central help desk. He outlined the work which was presently being tackled in the local area. Cllr. Walton raised subject of the ongoing hazard of the pavements in North Street & Mr. Harris undertook to discuss this with the TRA, which has ultimate responsibility for them, & report back to RTC. He informed Councillors that the management of grass cutting was under discussion. He undertook to look into maintenance of the Parc bowling green.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. E. Narborough, J. Jones & M. Lloyd.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. J. Stuart said that Thomas Holmes was to be congratulated on being appointed Deputy Badger of the Year for Wales.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 14t & 21st January 2014. They were agreed to be true records.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.3 Bryntirion School Entrance: Cllr. Walton informed that a letter had been sent from the School to PCC about the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing on St Harmon Road.

3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. Walton informed that new markings in the School car park will make a vast difference.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Williams declared an interest in item 5.10. Cllr. Curry declared an interest in all planning issues. Both left the room as appropriate.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 WW1 Commemoration.

Cllr. Williams informed that a meeting was being held at CARAD to source information about those named on the War Memorial. Cllr. Stuart had spoken to a lady who had already compiled much relative information.

Cllr. Stuart to pass contact details to CARAD.

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4.2 R2K

Cllr. Connelly informed that the R2K AGM was to be held the following evening, at which the question of the organisation's future will be discussed. She understood that whatever the outcome, RDCS had indicated that they were willing to continue with the Information Point. **Cllr. Connelly to keep RTC informed.**

4.3 Website.

Cllr. Connelly reported that it is hoped that despite the problems experienced during the change in website providers the revamp will soon be operational & RTC will have more prominence on the site.

4.4 Waun Capel Parc

Cllr. Lloyd had requested this agenda item and asked that, due to his absence, it be carried over to March. Agreed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

5.2 Cllr. Graham Brown: Rhayader Leisure Centre. Cllr. Brown's promise to reply as soon as possible to RTC's letter of 27th January were noted. **Clerk to check with Cllr. Brown prior to March meeting.**

Cllr. C. Evans joined the meeting.

5.4 PCC: Additional Learning Needs consultation. The possible local implications posed by the proposed changes were discussed. Councillors were urged submit individual responses.

5.7 Clerks & Councils Direct: January 2014 issue. The edition contain a discounted offer of £60 for the ninth edition of Arnold- Baker on Local Council Administration which is fully updated to include legislation up to 2013. RTC presently has the sixth edition containing legislation to 2002. It was resolve to purchase a copy. **Clerk to make the purchase on line for RTC.**

5.9 A & J Loveridge: Planning Application P 2014 0009. The letter was discussed at length and noted.

5,10 Roger Williams MP: Parking by the Castle site. Councillors noted that, as stated when the issue had come before them in November 2011, it is understood that the land referred to is part of the Castle Site belonging, as a whole, to the Parc Trust. It was reiterated that any application for its use should be properly directed at the Parc Trust as landowner, not RTC. It was resolved to inform Mr Williams of the Councils position on the issue along with a file copy of the related 2011 minutes. **Clerk to write as above.**

OVW: Membership renewal 2014-15. The subscription cost for 2014/13 was £291. Resolved to continue membership. **Clerk to make payment.**

NSPCC: Appeal for donation. Resolved to donate £50 from the Recycling A/c.. **Clerk to make payment.**

Ed Parsons: Cambrian Mountains Showcase Event. After discussion it was resolved to ask to be added to the mailing list. **Cllr. Connelly to discuss with Ed Parsons.**

Teenage Cancer Trust: Appeal for donation. Resolved to donate £50 from the Recycling A/c. **Clerk to make payment.**

Walk for Life 2014: Organise or take part in a walk, help fundraising. **Cllr. Williams to study & report back.**

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6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2014 0009: See item 5.9 above.

7. FINANCE

7.1 £120 – HW LEE Associates LLP – internal Audit. Agreed. **Clerk to make payment.**

7.2 £200 – (£25 x 8) Church yard upkeep. Agreed. **Clerk to make payments.**

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Councillors noted that due to illness Cllr. Narborough had now been unable to attend five consecutive meetings and absence for another month would mean dismissal from the Town Council. However they were aware that, at their discretion, under LGA 1972 section 85 the Council has a statutory power to extend the period at their discretion. It was resolved that the absence period be approved for a period of 9 months instead of 6 months.

Cllr. Williams informed that Compact Orbital Gears had now been established in Rhayader for 50 years. It was resolved to send a letter of congratulations to the company. **Clerk to write.**

Cllr. D. Evans informed the Council that the Crime & Police Commissioner, Christopher Salmon, would be meeting the public at the Arches on 26th February. He urged Councillors to attend & inform other people.

Cllrs. Walton & W. Davies informed that enquiries indicated that young people would be inclined to support dances at the Leisure Centre in aid of local charities. Consequently they were trying to arrange a trial function. Councillors were pleased to hear of this initiative & Cllr Walton will keep Councillors informed.

Cllr. C. Evans reported on the High Street Project meeting which she had just attended & which was the reason for her late arrival. The group is keen to recruit persons who would be interested in setting up a business in local unused shops at a fraction of the normal market price. Concern at the rapid changeover of Project Officers suffered by the Project has led to the question of whether such arrangements may be better run by a local group.

9. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Waun Capel Parc

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 18th March 2014.
The Finance & Assets Sub-committee will meet at 7p.m. on Tuesday 25th February 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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