

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Jones was representing RTC at the Brownies celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday & would join the meeting as soon as possible. Cllr. C. Evans took the Chair.

Prior to the meeting Eluned Lewis, the Elan Links Partnership Manager & Ieuan Joyce for the Elan Valley Trust gave an overview & update to the Council of the progress so far with the Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The total value of the project will amount to £3M spread over a 6 year period. Eluned presented a detailed update of the progress of the Landscape & Conservation Plan objectives 1 to 12. The investment will produce long term benefits for both the landscape, the people of the Elan Valley and result in better Molina management. Eluned suggested that RTC should have a member on the Elan Links Landscape Partnership's Board.

Cllr. J. Jones questions what benefits would accrue to the local population, particularly the farmers, as a result of the grant. He stated that there were still farms in the Elan Valley which had no electricity supply & in prolonged dry spells their water runs out. He asked why had boreholes not been provided to ensure that water is always available. Ieuan said that the grant was not to address these two issues but as far as electricity was concerned, to provide a supply from the national grid would be totally exorbitant but investigation into hydro-electricity is still on-going. He said that provision of boreholes on affected farms had not been formally considered but he would take the suggestion back to the EVT Board.

Cllr. Price said that the surface of the Caban car park was in an appalling state. Ieuan agreed and said that it was on the list of things to be done.

Cllr. Stuart said that there was a marked lack of "pull in" places around the Valley to allow visitors to stop to admire the views without impeding the flow of traffic. This is particularly noticeable when the Round the Lakes Race is being run.

Cllr. C. Evans commented on the good progress made on the project to date & reminded Councillors of the "drop in" event on 29th April. She thanked the visitors for such an interesting presentation.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. D. Jones informed that on Friday afternoon, on behalf of the Town Council, he would be presenting the Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative medals to the pupils of Rhayader Primary School.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

Planters, hedge in Church Street, Sub-committee meetings, Internal Auditor.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting on 22nd March 2016. They were agreed to be a true record.

Cllr. D. Jones joined the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was agreed that all Councillors who are able, will meet at the Library at 5pm on Wednesday 27th April.

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3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. Dark reported that hanging baskets have been purchased and will be installed shortly.

Cllr. Walton reported that funding had been withdrawn for the Pre-school Breakfast Club and alternative means of funding will need to be found if it is to continue, (e.g. a £1.50 per child per day cost to parents.)

Cllr. Williams reported that Green Fingers had been awarded the Grass Cutting contract for Rhayader. They wished to meet with a couple of Councillors in the near future & suggested that Cllrs. D. Jones C. Evans & M. Lloyd should represent RTC. Cllr. D. Evans believed that all Councillors should be at that meeting.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. C. Evans & D. Evans each declared an interest in item 6.1 & left the room as appropriate.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Toilets.

The Chairman thanked all members who turned up on Saturday to help with the external refurbishment and thanked Michelle for providing refreshments. Aubrey Thomas had volunteered to paint the doors and to start the walls on Friday 22nd April. Cllr. Price said that Aubrey deserved particular thanks for all the effort he puts in which is totally in excess of his duties. This was wholeheartedly agreed.

Healthmatic had been unable to source a commercially produced trap to suit the 4inch system already in place, so they are having one made and will install it when it is available. PCC had agreed to investigate & fix the problem with the sensor which they installed in the men's toilet.

The Clerk reported that RTC is now in receipt of the new licences and the grant from PCC for the current year. Payment of the Grants from WG has been received.

After discussion it was resolved three additional plaques should be ordered from Semaphore. The inscription should be "These facilities are proudly managed by Rhayader Town Council." **Clerk to place the order with Semaphore.**

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.

5.5 Elan Links Partnership: "Drop-in" consultation. Councillors were urged to attend if they were able.

PCC: Library Services: consultation. It was resolved to add this to the June agenda.

PCC: BUILT & LLANDRINDOD HIGH SCHOOLS CONSULTATION. It was resolved to add this to the May agenda.

6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2016 0292 for Variation of condition 22 relating to application P/2009/0321 - design changes to approved plans at Rhayader Building Supplies Cae Glas Rhayader Powys.

There were no objections to this application & Councillors recommended approval. **Clerk to inform PCC.**

6.2 P 2016 0343 for Outline permission for 4x3 bed dwellings with parking and all associated works - all matters reserved at Land adj Sharlom Bryn Gwy Rhayader Powys.

There were no objections to this application & Councillors recommended approval. **Clerk to inform PCC.**

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LATE PLANNING

P2016 0380 for Partial change of use from residential to business/commercial at Fronwen, East Street, Rhayader Powys.

There were no objections to this application & Councillors recommended approval. **Clerk to inform PCC.**

7. FINANCE

£462.72 – Tower Mint Ltd- Medals. Agreed. **Clerk to make payment**

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Planters: The planters were now in position and ready to be filled and planted. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks to Richard Shaw for making the planters without charge. **Clerk to write.**

Cllr. C. Davies reported that the hedge at Ciloerwynt in Church Street is encroaching on the pavement that it is a hazard to pedestrians and is believed to had contributed to a recent incident. It was resolved to write to the owner to request that the hedge is cut back sufficiently so that it no longer encroaches on the pavement. **Clerk to write to Mr. Alan Hughes of Ciloerwynt as above.**

Cllr. D. Jones informed that the Queen's Birthday Beacon would be built on the evening of Wednesday 20th April & lit at 8.30pm on Thursday 21st April.

It was resolved that that the Town Council should visit the Library at 5 -5.30pm on Wednesday 27th April. The Toilets Sub-committee will meet at 6.30pm & the Allotment Sub-committee will hold a joint meeting with the plot holders at 7.15 on the same evening.

It was noted that a previous decision of the Council to appoint Paul Roberts as its Auditor was not recorded in the minutes of the Town Council meeting on 20th October 2015 and as such it is now hereby recorded.

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Toilet exterior improvement.
- Elan Links project

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. High Schools Consultation

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th May 2016

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th May 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

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