

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. P. Dark, M. Lloyd, C. Evans & D. Evans.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. D. Jones informed that the male toilets at Dark Lane had been opened that afternoon after the prolonged closure by order of the police. He said that subsequent to the Clerk's conversation with the Police Commissioner's office the previous day the key had been returned to PCC this afternoon and the toilets had been re-opened.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Cycle route by Maes-y-Deri.
- Information on recycling.
- Notice board by the Leisure Centre
- May Fair.
- Allotment field grazing.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 21st April 2015 & the 2015 AGM. They were both agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

21st April 2015 flower boxes & beds: Cllr. C. Davies reported that George McManus will keep an eye on the beds on the island when he works on the heather beds. Cllr. Walton said that he would be cutting the grass on the island shortly. Councillors thanked him for his continued efforts in keeping the island grass very tidy.

21st April 2015 8 Urgent Business: Cllr. Walton informed that the next disco will be organised by the YFC.

3a. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. J. Jones reported that the Smithfield Trust had celebrated the retirement of Mr. Jones after 51 years as Treasurer.

3b. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Toilets

The Clerk had sent an estimate for partial refurbishment including hand washers to WG for their consideration.

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4. AGENDA ITEMS (CONT)

Cllr. Price had discussed the survey of the drains with Alastair Knox who said that now the male toilet is again accessible the survey will go ahead.

Cllr. Curry reported that he had just received proposals from PCC for additional signage to Dark Lane toilets which he would circulate. He also suggested that if Councillors had any thoughts about the adequacy / improvement of the signs on the Trunk Road they should inform Cllr. Dark as their representative to R2K.

It was resolved to use the services of Dilwyns in Llandrindod Wells as RTC's solicitor.

4.2 Caravan Site.

The Clerk had contacted Colliers Bristol office to request a copy of the proposed lease. He had been informed that a lease would not be available until interest in leasing the site had been declared. However a brochure was being prepared and an undertaking to supply a copy to RTC asap was given.

Councillors were not content with this scenario so they devised the following plan of action: The Clerk was instructed to re-approach Colliers to ask again for a brochure. When the brochure is to hand RTC will express an interest & ask for sight of the lease. When the lease is to hand a meeting will be sought between RTC, Cllr. A. York, Ms. S. Bolter & the CEO of PCC. **Clerk to re-approach Colliers.**

4.3 Level of street care.

Members were pleased to see that the 4 main streets had now been swept and tidied by PCC, but noted that other areas of the town still required attention.

After discussion it was resolved to seek information from Bryan Davies about PCC's rotas for grass cutting and weed spraying. **Cllr. Price to contact Bryan Davies.**

4.4 Sports Hall Fund.

Cllr. Dark had requested this item be included on the agenda. In view of his absence it was resolved to add the item to the June agenda.

4.5 Website/Statutory Guidance.

Councillors had been provided with the guidance (item 5.5) to read prior to this meeting. The information presently available from RTC was considered to adequately fulfil the Council's obligations as covered in the Guidance. **The Clerk to inform Councillors as & when additional information should be made available.**

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.

5.4 PCC County Archives: Painting ownership. Councillors agreed that in light of the entries in the minutes of Rhayader Rural District Council & lack of any alternative evidence, it would appear that they were not in a position to dispute ownership. However they remained of the opinion that since the painting had been displayed in Rhayader for so many years, it would seem proper that after restoration work is complete it should again be displayed in Rhayader, albeit in a location which supports an appropriate environment for the protection of the fabric of the artwork. **Clerk to inform PCC.**

R2K: Fingerposts. Councillors were in agreement with the proposals by R2K. **Clerk to inform R2K.**

Dyfed Powys Police: New people powered Road Safety initiative in Lampeter. Councillors agreed that a scheme like that illustrated would likely be of great use to improve road safety in Rhayader.

Clerk to contact Andy Pearson.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

PCC: Community Delivery. Councillors agreed that PCC were using fine sounding words to justify what appears to be a thinly disguised policy to shed all services which they were not legally bound to provide. Town & Community Councils are being encouraged to take on services which PCC find expensive to provide and always with the threat of possible closure if they do not. However in the case of the Wyeside Caravan & Camping Park, a facility which they are not legally bound to provide, but one which is a potential income generator, this route is markedly discouraged. It was resolved to contact PCC CEO to seek an explanation of the anomaly. **Clerk to write.**

6. PLANNING

6.1 P2015 0325 & P2015 0327 for Full: Conversion & extension of barn to a recording studio & erection of a carport. Replacement of windows, reinstatement of doors & internal alterations of existing house. Erection of a veranda to existing cottage at Nannerth Ganol, Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to the application.

VAR 2015 0018 for VAR: Discharge of section 106 Agreement attached to permission PR559/03 to allow separation of the workshop from the dwelling at Gwardolau House, Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader. Councillors had no objection in principal to the removal of the S106 agreement and noted the proposal to submit a change of use application subject to a decision in the applicants favour.

TEL 2015 0008 for TEL Upgrade of an existing telecommunications installation & associated works at communication station Nannerth Fawr, Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader Powys, LD6 5HA. There were no objections to the application.

Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments on the above 3 applications.

7. **FINANCE** There are no outstanding invoices.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cycle route by Maes-y-Deri: Cllr. Walton had received a complaint that use of the cycle path behind Maes-y-Deri was a hazard to residents using the rear exits of their homes. After discussion on potential measures to ameliorate the situation it was resolve to request a meeting on site with the Cycle Officer. **Clerk to arrange.**

Information on recycling: Cllr. Walton reported that there are lots of people who are unaware that RTC receives payments based on the usage of the Recycling Banks to feed back into the Community. It was resolved to raise the awareness of this benefit to local people, via the press, notice boards, a mail drop etc. **Clerk to produce a fact sheet, Cllr. C. Davies to investigate information about a mail drop.**

Notice board by the Leisure Centre: Cllr. Walton reported that the plastic windows in the Triangular notice board by the Leisure Centre had become opaque. It was resolved to measure the panes & source replacements from RBS. **Cllr. Walton to obtain key from Cllr. C. Evans & take action.**

May Fair: Cllr. Humphreys reported that there was no May Fair this year because despite the Smithfield being booked the Fair failed to turn up. This was not due in any way to the Smithfield Trust.

Allotment field grazing: Cllr. J. Jones had noticed that the grass was growing in the Rhayader Allotment field. He understood that despite a decision last year to draw up a suitable agreement prior to letting the grazing the action has not yet been carried out. In the interim, to keep the grass under control he offered to put a few sheep on the field. This was agreed. It was further agreed that the Allotment Sub-committee should devise a course of action for control of the uncultivated section of the field.

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8. URGENT BUSINESS (CONT)

The Clerk had been contacted by the Youth Club about an undertaking previously given that if the Club agreed to re-paint the bus shelter in the Dark Lane car park, RTC would pay for the paint. It was resolved to re-affirm this offer. **Clerk to inform the Youth Club.**

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Recycling banks.
- May Fair.

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Village Shows.
2. Toilets.
3. Campsite.
4. Poppy Appeal.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd June 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

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