

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2014 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

Prior to the meeting Dr. Paul Joy was welcomed by the Town Council and presented with the Citizen of the Year 2014 trophy.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Davies.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. L. Price requested that, for the sake of clarity and recording, meetings be conducted in a more orderly manner with all questions, comment and discussion being carried out through the Chair.

She commented that the WW1 service had been an excellent event and extended special thanks to Cllrs. G. Williams, W. Davies & P. Dark for their assistance in its organisation, the Leisure Centre for the use of the Wye Lounge and to all the others who had helped on the day. She had started the Tractor Run on the same morning. She had really enjoyed attending the Community Nurseries first Fun Day.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 29th July 2014. They were agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. D. Evans reported that Cllr. J. Humphreys had been re-elected as Chairman of the Smithfield Trust at their recent AGM and that the Trust had had a successful year.

Cllr. C. Evans informed that there was pressure within R2K to move the TIC to Carad in the very near future & she had been invited to a meeting concerning this tomorrow (Wednesday 20th November) which she was unable to attend due to commitments already arranged. Councillors were adamant that the TIC needed to remain in the centre of Rhayader to be effective. Cllr Williams understood that there is no pressure from RDCS for the TIC to be move from their premises and she agreed to talk with Pippa Boss prior to attending the meeting at Carad on behalf of RTC. Councillors were disappointed that no reference to RTC's financial support had been made in recent publications and also that in the light of that assistance, their opinion on the proposed relocation had not been sought. **Cllr. Williams to take RTC's comments to the meeting at Carad.**

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared: Cllr. Humphries items 4.1 & 4.2, Cllr. Dark in item 4.2, Cllr. D. Evans in item 6.1 & Cllr Curry in all planning matters. All left the room as appropriate.

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4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Waun Capel Parc.

Cllr. Price had received a report from Ian Harris which informed that the grass cutting in the Parc was being re-assessed & its delivery was under review. An update was promised when the review is complete. The Courts were continued to be worked on. Discussion on how & by whom bookings would be taken ensued. It was resolved that the issue should rightly be addressed by the Parc Trust.

Cllr. Williams to raise the issue at the forthcoming Parc Trust meeting.

Cllr Walton reported that enquiries were being received from the public for hire of the School field.

The role of the Sports Development Officer in relation to the Town's needs was discussed at length. It was agreed that discussions needed to be held between the Officer, RTC's representative Cllr. Walton and all local sporting groups. **Cllr Walton to arrange discussions as above. Cllr. C. Evans to pass any relevant information she holds to Cllr. Walton.**

4.2 North Street Island.

Letters from the Eagles (Item 5.1) and Evan's Motors (received after the agenda was prepared) were discussed. The Clerk had been verbally informed by Evan's Motors that they wished to disassociate themselves from 5.1.

Councillors discussed the best way forward for the upkeep & maintenance of the Island. It was resolved that to the future RTC would need to assume responsibility for this task. The mechanics of this operation would need to be determined well in advance of this change in RTC's role. **Cllr. Price will make enquiries about the regulations governing any signs which may be placed on the island.**

It was resolved to write to Greenfingers to thank them again for their offer but explain that RTC would need to be responsible for this issue themselves. **Clerk to write.**

4.3 Leisure Centre

Cllr. C. Evans had draft notes from the recent meeting with Cllr. Brown, which she described as "promising". **Cllr. Evans to circulate the notes to Councillors.**

4.4 Library Service Consultation.

The letter from PCC (item 5.5) which had previously been circulated by e-mail to Councillors was discussed. It was resolved to respond to the consultation strongly supporting option A. **Clerk to respond.**

On the subject of "consultations", Cllr. C. Evans reminded Councillors that RTC had received no response or advance dialogue on how we could deal with PCC in the future resulting from the consultation event held by PCC last November. **Clerk to write to Cllr. Barry Thomas.**

4.5 Bypass

Kirsty Williams AM had asked that the meeting scheduled for 4th September be postponed. It was agreed to meet her on 9th September. The issue of RTC's position with regard to a bypass for Rhayader was discussed in advance of that meeting. It was resolved unanimously that the Town Council was not in favour of a bypass for Rhayader.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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The external auditor, BDO, had sent their "Proposed Audit Certification & Opinion" on the Town Council's year ending 31st March 2014 return. There were no issues arising and they intend to issue an unqualified certificate and report. Councillors resolved to approve the Annual Return and it was duly signed and dated by the Chair. **Clerk to return the document to BDO for finalisation.**

A News Release had just been received from PCC concerning their Budget Plans and a new approach to service delivery. In conjunction with the Powys Teaching Health Board they are to hold "conversations with the public". **Councillors were urged to attend either the daytime workshop or the evening drop in session at the Pavilion, Llandrindod on Monday 6th October.**

6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2014 0688: Full: Change of use of land to public amenity area which includes provision of a car park and improvement to access (C1206) at Pont-ar-Elan Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application & approval was recommended. **Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments.**

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

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. D. Jones informed that new recycling collection arrangement will be introduced in September'

Concern was expressed about the timing of lights on the crossing in North Street and that the lights were not visible to vehicles exiting the Smithfield **Clerk to contact TRA.**

Cllr. J. Jones expressed concern that, due to the narrow road width, parking on the road from the Groe gate to the Ddole gate presented a hazard to other road users. Resolved: **Clerk to contact Gwyneth Mills.**

Cllr. Lloyd expressed concern that the road from Aberceithon to Pentregeithon has been badly affected by running water. Cllr. D. Jones said that the problem had been cleared in the last few days but he would check that it had not recurred since.

It was reported that Cameron Mills had again won the British Autograss Championship for the second year running. He had also won the Champion of Champions race at the same meeting. It was reported that Alex Walton had achieved second place in the BSMA British Schools Motor Cross final. **Clerk to send congratulations to both from RTC.**

Cllr. Dark expressed concern that motorists doing u-turns at the junction of Church Street & West Street were endangering pedestrians.

He also reported that the light on that corner was not working. **Cllr. Curry to consult with PCC.**

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Co-option of Councillor.
- Riverside Walk now cleared

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Co-option of Councillor

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

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