

# RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

### THOSE PRESENT

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

Prior to the meeting Mr. D. Evans of R2K addressed the Council. Mr. Evans wished to up-date Councillors of current thinking by R2K on the adequacy current information signage in the town & their proposals to address identified shortfalls. He also wished to ensure that they were not unintentionally extending their scope into RTC area of responsibility or impinging on any planned improvements which the Council might have. R2K suggest that improvements to signage on all approaches to Rhayader are overdue, but R2K did not consider this to be a high priority issue.

Tentative proposals for changes to information and how it may be shown on the current fingerposts along with the need for some additional posts were outlined and discussed. The proposals are being costed & R2K have been promised funding for this work from PCC in a few months.

It is intended to improve the area around the Visitor Information Centre and provide appropriate signage. The work is being scoped and costed. Partial funding has been secured via Carad & Vibrant Towns. Councillors welcomed the proposals and thanked Mr Evans for his update.

#### 1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. L. Price, C. Evans & M. Lloyd.

In the absence of Cllr. Price, Cllr D. Jones took the Chair

#### 1a. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made no announcements

#### 1b. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr. Walton wished to discuss arranging a dance at the Leisure Centre.

On behalf of Cllr. Price, Cllr Jones wished to raise the issue of parking in Llawrllan.

#### 2. **MINUTES TO BE AGREED**

The minutes to be agreed were those for the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 & 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015. They were agreed to be true records.

#### 3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**15<sup>th</sup> December: 5.2 PCC: Road marking correspondence.** An e-mail from Gwilym Powell & Sian Traverse informed that they had received no reply from the Town Council to their correspondence about parking near the Bear. The Clerk believed that Cllr Price had sent a reply on behalf of the Council.

**Clerk to check and send an appropriate message.**

#### 3a: **REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Cllr. Walton reported that budgetary restraints may affect the level of teaching staff & assistants at the school

#### 3b. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Walton declare an interest in item 6.2 and left the room as appropriate.

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#### 4. AGENDA ITEMS

##### 4.1 Toilets

Cllr. Narborough stated that the Council should formally decide its intention whether or not it would adopt the toilets. It was resolved that, in principal, the Town Council were in favour of assuming the responsibility for Public Toilet provision in Rhayader & Cwmdauddwr, with the proviso that a mutually acceptable agreement can be reach with PCC.

It was further resolved that, rather than continue discussions on the implications & practicalities of the role and further discussions with PCC in full Council, a Working Group should be formed to carry out this process and report back to the full Council as & when necessary. The Working Group to comprise: Cllr. L. Price (Chair), & Cllrs. J. Jones, J. Narborough, J. Stuart & C. Walton. Due to the absence of Cllr. C. Evans it was decided to offer her the opportunity to be part of the group if she so wished. The inaugural meeting of the Group was arranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

No response had been received from PCC about unlocking the ladies toilets at the Cemetery.

**Clerk to Check with Cllr Lloyd whether they had been unlocked and if not to contact PCC.**

**Cllr. Curry will also contact PCC on this issue.**

##### 4.2 Street lighting in Church Street.

Cllr. Dark reported that there was a problem with light RH 106. **Cllr Curry undertook to resolve the problem.**

##### 4.3 Parking in Church Street.

It was reported that the problem had now been resolved

##### 4.4 Town Council painting.

Cllr. J. Jones reported that a painting which had hung in the Library for many years had been removed by PCC reportedly because the insurance cost was too much if it were to remain there. The painting had been presented to Rhayader Council many years ago and Cllr. Jones was of the opinion that it should be returned to the Town Council with a view to displaying it at Carad. It was resolved to seek clarification from PCC on why it had been removed, what was their intentions for it and make them aware that Councillors consider that the picture belongs to RTC. **Clerk to write.**

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

#### 6. PLANNING

**6.1 P 2015 0025** For VAR: Section 73 application to vary condition 1 of permission P/2009/1239 to extend the time limit for commencement of the development at Crud yr Awel, St Harmon Road, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

**6.2 P 2015 0029** For Outline: Construction of 17 dwellings and associated infrastructure works at Highfields, rear of Alston, St Harmon Road Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

Application received after the agenda was issued:

**P 2015 0051** For Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Area) Act 1990 for variation of Condition No. 2 of planning consent P 2014 0414 at Greenfields, South Street, Rhayader, Powys.

There were no objections to this application.

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

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**7. FINANCE**

There were no outstanding invoices.

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr. Walton reported that he and Cllr. W. Davies wished to organise two dances (up 9 p.m. for youngsters & 9.30pm to 12p.m. for teenagers) under the new Special Licence arrangements at the Leisure Centre. Councillors had no objections in principle to the suggestion.

On behalf of Cllr. Price, Cllr. D. Jones drew Councillors attention to way vehicles are habitually parked in the entrance to Llawrllan. It was agreed that this practice created a hazard to vehicular access and egress. It was noted vehicles should not be parked within 10 metres of a road junction . It was agreed resolved that in the interest of safety steps needed to be taken ensure that the practice is discontinued.

**Cllr. Price to pursue the matter with PCC.**

**9. PRESS RELEASE**

No matters were suggested for publication.

**10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

No items were put forward.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

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