

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2017 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman Councillor C. Walton
Councillors W. Davies D.O. Evans J. Narborough J. Stuart
J. Jones L. Price G. Williams
Observer: County Cllr. K. Curry

Prior to the meeting Eluned Lewis, Dr Ieuan Joyce and Charlotte of Elan Links gave an update on the current progress and development of strategic principles for Elan Links. Councillors raised concerns about parking, passing places and the of rights of way by 4x4 vehicles. Eluned will feed back concerns about scrub overgrowth by many of the dams which obscure the views, to Dwr Cymru.

Action: Request Dwr Cymru to cut back scrub overgrowth.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. P Dark, C Evans

Cllr Walton wished the Clerk, Carl Baker a speedy recovery from his accident. It was resolved that Cllr Narborough would to act as clerk in the interim.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended Pont ar Elan show.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Grass cutting
- Rats
- Keep clear sign by the Library
- Overgrown hedges
- PCC to replace railings near Leisure Centre

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting on 23RD May 2017. They were agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rhayader sorting Office The office is now called a delivery office and concerns are still being expressed about the delays in deliveries. The Councillors would like to invite Philip Morgan and his manager to talk to RTC.

Action :Cllr D Evans to contact Mr Morgan or his manager.

Grass cutting continues to be not according to the schedules. Councillors have received many complaints. Cllr Walton and Cllr Williams will be meeting with Adam Christie Rees, PCC.

Action: Clerk write to Portfolio Holder Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick.

Freedom Leisure Centre Cllr Price reported that Lucy Wills has now moved to another venue.

Social Media Policy to be postponed to August meeting.

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4: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr Williams, Chair of the Allotments sub/com, reported that she had met with Cllr Stuart and the Clerk at the Werglodd allotments. There are 4 plots in a group which are in a poor state and need to be cleared or made tidy before being advertised for let.

Action: Pryce Marpole to be asked to clear

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Price declared an interest in item 6.2

Cllr Williams declared an interest in 6.2, 6.6 and 7.1

Cllr Walton declared an interest in 6.6, 7.1, 8.3 and 8.5

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5

All left the room as appropriate

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 The Annual Return was accepted and approved

Action: Clerk to submit Annual Return and supporting documentation to External Auditor

6.2 Co-option of Councillors.

Cllrs. Price and Williams left the room.

Councillors were provided with profiles supplied by applicants. The selection of 4 Councillors from the 10 applicants was carried out by a series of secret ballots. The results were verified by County Cllr. Curry.

The applicants duly co-opted to the Town Council were: Angela Davies, David Davies, Veronica Jones Davies and Rhys Thomas.

It was resolved to inform all applicants of the Council's decision and invite the successful new Members to the July meeting.

Action: Cllr Walton to inform all applicants and invite new members as above.

6.3 Night Doctor.

Councillors had been advised that there was to be no night time cover provided by ShropDoc after the middle of June. However Cllr. Price was pleased to be able to inform the members that the situation had now been resolved and that cover will continue as usual.

6.4 Citizen of the Year

Cllr Stuart will update the posters and nomination forms, these will then be distributed by Cllr Williams and returned to Cllr Narborough by August 1ST 2017.

Action: Cllr Williams to organise trophy.

6.5 Best Kept Garden

Cllr Williams has asked Dave Holt of Midway Nursery if he would be willing to be judged again this year and will arrange a judging day with him.

Action: Cllr Williams to organise trophy.

6.6 Application for funding

Cllr Walton and Cllr Williams declared an interest and left the room.

Rhayader Motor Club had applied for funding towards sending a team of 3 riders to compete in the International Six Days Enduro in France (item 7.1 on the Agenda). Cllr. Davies took the Chair and read out the detailed breakdown of costs. Cllr. Stuart proposed that £500 to be given towards the cost of a gazebo. This was seconded by Cllr. Price and agreed.

Action: Clerk to make payment of £500 to the Club from the Recycling Account.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS (CONT)

6.7 Town Clock.

As requested by PCC, RTC have declared an interest in exploring the principle, suggested by PCC, of a possible combination of the whole piece of land at Dolgerddon along with the Clock Tower. Consequently the Clerk had requested a breakdown of running costs and other relevant information for the Clock. To date PCC had only supplied recent running costs.

Councillors noted that RTC have already submitted two applications for CATs i.e. for the Library building and the land at Dolgerddon. It was resolved that clarification of the overall issue of RTC's applications was required.

Action: Cllr C Evans to seek clarification from PCC.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. PLANNING

8.1 P/2017/0562 for Householder: Erection of a two storey extension and demolition of existing conservatory at Bryntirion Lodge, Bryntirion Lane, Rhayader, Powys

There were no objections to this application and Councillors recommended approval.

8.2 P/2017/0573 for Full: Renovation and conversion of disused farmstead and buildings to bunkhouse accommodation, installation of package treatment plant and improvements to existing access at Cwmclyd Farmstead, Claerwen Valley, Rhayader, Powys

There were no objections to this application and Councillors recommended approval.

8.3 P/2017/0576 for Full: Extension and alterations to existing guest house and tea rooms, creation of treatment plant, improvements to highway access and parking arrangements and associated works at Penbont, Elan Valley, Rhayader, Powys.

There were no objections to this application and Councillors recommended approval.

8.4 P/2017/0588 for Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission P/2013/0377 in relation to approved plans at Crosfield House, Dark Lane, Rhayader, Powys.

Concerns were raised about parking and access via Hazelmere Close. Councillors agreed with the application in principle with the above reservations.

8.5 P/2017/0596 for Full: Change of use of land to touring caravan park, erection of toilet/shower block and formation of site standings and access roads at Elan Oaks Caravan Park, Elan Valley, Rhayader, Powys.

There were no objections to this application and Councillors recommended approval.

Action: Clerk to inform PCC of RTC decisions on each Application

9. FINANCE

There were no outstanding invoices

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Grass Cutting.

Cllrs Price and Davies expressed concerns about scheduled areas of grass which had not been cut.

Action: Cllrs Walton and Williams to raise all concerns with Adam Christie Rees of PCC .

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10. URGENT BUSINESS (CONT)

Rats.

Councillors had received complaints from residents concerned about sightings of rats in several areas near the town centre and Cwmdauddwr. It was resolved to approach PCC Environmental Health ,it is believed that PCC no longer have a service to eradicate vermin and they will be advised to contact private rodent disposal operators.

Keep clear sign in front of the Library gates.

Cllr. Narborough said that the 'Keep Clear' sign on the pavement outside the Library gates needed to be repainted. Cllr Price agreed to contact PCC

Action: Cllr Price to contact PCC.

Overgrown Hedges.

Overgrown hedges which were obscuring signs, road junctions and footpaths at various location were discussed.

Action: Cllrs Walton and Williams to meet separately with the respective householders to ask that remedial action be taken.

Replacement of damaged railings.

It was resolved to ask PCC to replace the damaged railings by the Leisure Centre as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety. Cllr Price agreed to do so.

Action: Cllr Price to contact PCC.

11. PRESS RELEASE

- New Councillors
- Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Clerk after his accident.

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Declaration of acceptance of office by co-opted Councillors.
2. Appointment to vacant offices

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11TH July at 7pm 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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