

# RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

### THOSE PRESENT

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

A member of the Press was present.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. E. Narborough, C.R. Davies & J. Jones.

### 1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. J. Stuart gave a résumé of the events at which he had represented RTC over the Christmas period.

2. **MINUTES TO BE AGREED** The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013. They were agreed to be a true record.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**4.3 WWI Commemoration.** Cllr. Price had met with Rob Hughes, a trustee of CARAD. They plan to create a web page featuring the local men named on the memorial plaques on the Clock and an associated exhibition for 4 years covering the whole period of the War. They will need some financial support and will approach RTC at a later date. They will also need the help of volunteers over the 4 year period. It is understood that the School will be receiving £1K from the WG to assist their plans. Cllr. Price mentioned the Vicar's continued support. She noted that all events are a commemoration of how the war affected this area not a celebration of the war itself.

Cllr. Price then had to leave the meeting on health grounds.

**4.4 Project Group report.** Cllr. C. Evans expressed concerns that because Alan Samuels had now been appointed Head Elan Valley Ranger this may affect his availability for R2K & RTC projects. It was resolved to hold a meeting of the Finance & Assets Sub-committee & the Project Group to discuss the implications of the above and to continue the work started at their previous meetings.

### 3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllrs. Walton & Curry had met with Bryntirion Headmistress to discuss safety issues related to parking & external lighting, and the condition of the toilets and the external fabric of the school building. Cllr. Curry was in the process of arranging to meet the associated PCC officers, the Headmistress & Cllr Walton on site.

### 3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. C. Evans & D. Evans declared an interest for item 6.2. Cllr. Curry declared an interest in all planning issues. All left the room as appropriate.

### 4. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 4.1 Public Toilets.

The Clerk had spoken with the new Portfolio Holder Cllr. John Powell and subsequently confirmed in writing that if management of public toilets is to be a viable proposition for Local Councils, Councillors consider that the Toilets should not be subject to rates should the Council not be required to accept a fully

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#### 4. AGENDA ITEMS (CONT)

repairing leasehold of the buildings. Cllr. Powell informed that the process of devolution of toilets was to be re-visited at a forthcoming meeting and he undertook to contact the Clerk after that meeting had taken place.

Cllr. Curry understood that subsequently PCC had decided to postpone transfer for a further year.

Councillors held a discussion about the PCC Budget Consultation Document.

As a consequence of the foregoing it was resolved to confirm adoption of the sum of £28,375 (previously discussed at the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014) as RTC's Precept Requirement for the year 2014/15.

The resultant breakdown was:

General Admin	£200	Groe	£1,000
Rent	£350	Xmas Lights	£1,000
Clerk's Salary	£5,000	Cwmdauddwr Community Centre	£500
Mayor's Allowance	£1,125	Community Hall at Leisure Centre	£500
Insurance	£1,350	One Voice Wales	£250
Auditor	£400	EV Social Club Bonfire & Fireworks	£300
Carnival	£1,000	Carad upkeep of Museum	£1,000
Churchyard Upkeep	£400	Unallocated Funds	£9,000
Project Group	£5,000	TOTAL	£28,375

**Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's requirement for the Precept & intentions for Community Halls.**

#### 4.2 WW1 Commemoration.

This item had been dealt with in Matters Arising, see above.

#### 4.3 Bryntirion School Entrance.

Cllr Walton expressed concern about safety when crossing St Harmon Road near to Bryntirion Lane. Councillors did not feel that traffic calming measures would be appropriate, but were convinced that some form of pedestrian crossing was urgently needed at this point. **Cllr. Curry will arrange to meet with Nicky Davies the PCC Safety Officer to discuss the need.**

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

**5.1** County Cllr. Avril York: Rhayader Leisure Centre. Cllr. York offered to meet RTC in April but had since been replaced as Portfolio Holder.

An e-mail response to RTC's letter to Gareth Oldham about Leisure Centre had been received since the agenda was issued informing that it had been passed to the new Portfolio Holder. It was resolved that RTC send an invitation directly to Cllr. Graham Brown, the new Portfolio Holder, inviting him to meet with the Council. **Clerk to write to Cllr. Brown as above.**

An e-mail from Glenda Carter expressed concern at the length of time being taken for their planning application to be processed by PCC. She asked if the Town Council could press PCC for some positive action from the planning department. Councillors agreed that it would be totally inappropriate to intercede on their behalf whilst the application is still passing through the planning process. To do so would preclude the Town Council from considering the application when it came before them. **Clerk to inform Mrs. Carter.**

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**6. PLANNING**

**6.1 P2013 1260** For LBC: Internal alterations to remove internal partitions, block up doorways, form new doorways, install partitions, re-open an existing door opening & install staircase at Greenfields, South Street, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

**6.2 VAR 2013 0014** For VAR: Discharge of section 106 agreement attached to application PR4049/04 to remove the requirement for housing to meet local need at Site adjacent to Cae James, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

Application received since the agenda was issued:

**P2014 0037** For Variation of Condition 2 of P2013 0377 to allow approval of amended plans at Crosfield House, Dark Lane, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments.

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

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr. Curry informed that the Mountain Road would be closed to through traffic between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February whilst essential work is carried out on the culvert near Abergwngu. A temporary footbridge will be provided for the duration of the works.

Cllr. W. Davies expressed concern about the increasing occurrence of dog fouling in North Street. It was noted that other locations were also being similarly affected and discussion ensued about what RTC should do to combat the disgusting practice, probably by only a few dog owners, of consistently not cleaning up after their animals. It was resolved to contact PCC & the local PCSO regarding the problem and in the meantime any if Councillors witness dog owners not clearing up after their dog they should remind them of the law. PCC & the PCSO should be informed of any incident where owner does not comply with the law and of any dog mess found in the Town. Clerk to alert PCC & the PCSO of the increasing problem.

**9. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. WW1
2. R2K

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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