

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Davies.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. D. Jones had represented RTC at the Pont ar Elan Show at which there had been a record entry. He remarked that the new bridge was a superb structure. He attended the Volunteer Week Service and the concert celebrating 30 years of RDCS. The Abba night was tremendous.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

The following were requested: Cllr. Walton - weeds on kerbs etc, Cllr. Narborough – trees at Dark Lane car park, Cllr. Dark – the Sports Hall Fund & Cllr. Price – Best kept Garden & Citizen of the Year.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

The minutes to be agreed were those for the meeting held on 19th May 2015. They were agreed to be a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dyfed Powys Police: New people powered Road Safety initiative: The Clerk reported that Andy Pearson is pursuing the suggestion with the police.

Cycle route by Maes-y-Deri: It was reported that the hedges have /will be cut back to widen the space available & improve safety.

Information on recycling: Councillors were asked to consider the best way to display the information from the fact sheet supplied by the Clerk. **Councillors to send their suggestions to the Clerk.**

Notice board by the Leisure Centre: On-going.

Re-paint the bus shelter: The Clerk had informed the Youth Club that RTC would pay for the paint required.

3a. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr. Walton reported that virtually all School places were filled. Dawn Price is to retire as Secretary.

Cllr. Stuart reported on the progress of the networking group seeking to bring about improvements in the town.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Village Shows

The impact of environmental health regulations on local events was discussed. It was agreed that raising awareness of the issues involved appeared to have resulted in organisers being able to ensure that the regulations were observed & thus events were largely not in danger of cancellation.

4.2 Toilets.

The issue remains ongoing. Further information is being awaited.

4.3 Campsite

Councillors were in receipt of a response (item 5.1) from the CEO of PCC to their letter deploring the County Council's reluctance to offer income generating assets (in particular the Campsite) to local councils whilst they were keen to offer those requiring a heavy funding input. Councillors were not content that the letter answered the suggestion in general terms nor justified PCC's actions in the specific instance of the Campsite. They did note however the invitation to consider entering into a commercial lease & the suggestion that if RTC were so minded, to contact PCC agents Colliers. There was considerable discussion about the consequences of this suggestion and it was resolved to seek further information from Colliers including the proposed lease etc. **Clerk to contact Colliers.**

Cllr. Curry reported that at the June meeting of the Radnorshire Committee, he, on behalf of RTC, had raised their concerns about Community Delivery, particularly in relation to approaches by communities to take over managing the more potentially profitable and attractive assets. Since the next meeting of that Committee is not scheduled until September it was resolved to invite the officers concerned to make a presentation to RTC at the next Town Council meeting. **Cllr. Curry to provide contact details & Clerk issue invitations.**

4.4 Poppy Appeal.

Cllr. Williams stated that presently no "mechanism" existed in Rhayader for organising poppy sellers or the Remembrance Day Service. It was agreed to form a Sub-committee to organise these functions to the future. The Sub-committee to comprise: Cllrs. D. Jones, G. Williams, J. Narborough, L. Price, P. Dark & C. Walton. **The inaugural meeting to be arranged as a matter of urgency.**

4.5 Approval & Certification of Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had now approved the accounts and associated documentation (which Councillors had adopted, subject to his approval, at the AGM). The Annual Return had subsequently been completed and also approved by him & signed by the Clerk as RFO. Councillors approved the return and it was signed by the Chairman. **Clerk to send the Return & related documents to the External Auditor.**

4.6 Register of Interests

Despite the information from OVW (item 5.8 on the Agenda) confusion still remained. **Clerk to contact PCC & OVW to seek further clarification on the Council's obligations.**

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.

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6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2015 0504 For Section 75 application for variation of condition No. 2 of planning approval P 2014 0412 in relation to windows, glazing & chimney at Greenfields, South Street, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to the application.

P 2015 0571 For Householder: erection of a detached double garage to rear of bungalow at Tre Barcud, 6 Hoel-y-Brenin, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to the application.

P 2015 0335 For Full: Alterations to fenestration, to include the creation of new dormer windows, erection of three porches at Minafon and The Forge, West Street, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to the application.

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

7. FINANCE

£120 – George McManus – Planting flower boxes, work on Heather Garden & beds on roundabout. Agreed

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Trees at Dark Lane car park: Cllr. Narborough believed that the trees should be removed as a matter of urgency especially as they appeared to threaten the fabric of the toilets building. The discussion widened to embrace weed spraying and grass cutting. There were so many areas requiring attention that it was resolved to seek a meeting at the car park with Bryan Price to discuss the overall shortfall.

Sports Hall Fund: Cllr. Dark suggested that when the nascent Sports Association was up and running money from the Sports Hall fund should be made available to it. It was remarked that despite efforts by the Town Council to bring local organisations to enter discussions the overall response to date had been disappointing. It was agreed that money from the Fund should only be used for a permanent facility. Councillors further agreed that it was far too soon to consider any form of funding for an association which is not yet properly constituted. It was re-iterated that RTC's normal practice was only to consider granting funding after receipt of applications for specific projects.

Best Kept Garden: Cllr. Price asked if the competition was to be held this year. It was resolved to do so and to ask George McManus to select the garden which he judged to be best. Cllr. Davies agree to ask George to be judge and to drive him around if necessary. **Cllr. Davies to contact George.**

Citizen of the Year 2015: Cllr. Price asked if the competition was to be held this year. It was resolved to do so. **Clerk to advertise & purchase trophies for both competitions.**

9. PRESS RELEASE

PCC's Community Delivery Strategy & Citizen of the Year.

10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Toilets
2. Campsite.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28th July 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

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