

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Jones.

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prior to the meeting Councillors held a moments silence in memory of the current Citizen of the Year, the late Dr. Paul Joy.

Cllr. L. Price reported that she had made the presentations to contestants in the 31st Round The Lakes Race. She also informed Councillors that former Rhayader resident Cath Jones had been chosen as Cardiffian of the Year.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Price wished to discuss planters.

Cllr. G. Williams wished to discuss the problem of tidiness at the Dark Lane Recycling Bank.

Cllr. J. Jones wished to discuss parking near the Green Gardens junction with East Street.

The Clerk wished to discuss problems with e-mails to Councillors who are g.mail users.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

The minutes to be agreed were those for the meetings held on 17th February 2015 & 3rd March 2015. Both were agreed to be true records.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17th February 2015:

4.4 Town Council painting Despite efforts no further minutes had been located. Cllr. J. Jones informed Councillors that the painting used to belong to Mrs. Brayshay who was a member of the Lewis Lloyd family. He was aware that she had made a will in 1961 and died in 1967, so he wondered if the will would throw any light on ownership of the painting.

Flower boxes & beds: Cllr. Walton reported that Richard Shaw will measure up & make some new, bigger boxes for use by the town entry signs. Cllr. C. Davies reported that George McManus is willing to do routine maintenance work on the North Street island beds.

PAVO membership: The Clerk reported that RTC had been accepted as a member of PAVO.

R2k: Cllr. Dark reported that, in addition to himself as RTC long term representative, R2K wished to have a further 2 representative from the Town Council to assist in the Town improvements initiative. Cllrs. J. Narborough & C. Davies agreed to adopt the role.

Road marking issues: Councillors had met with Gwyneth Mills & other PCC officers to discuss the speed reduction measures in St Harmon Road. As a result of the meeting PCC agreed to update their proposals in line with the discussions and re-submit them to RTC for comment. Drawings incorporating RTC's comments (as detailed in minutes) were handed to Gwyneth Mills.

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3a: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Cllr Williams reported that RDCS had opened their new furniture up-cycling centre and that the shop was doing well

Cllr. Dark reported that R2K had decided not to install additional finger posts but to ensure that the arms on the existing ones were all pointing in the correct direction. In conjunction with Gwyneth Mills of PCC some extra signage will be provided on existing posts and the "welcome signs" will be updated.

3b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Trees in Dark Lane car park.

It was resolved that all dead trees needed to be removed and that the fence needed to be tightened.

Cllr. D. Jones to progress.

4.2 Public Toilets.

Cllr. Price had written to Mr. Knox listing the actions which he had agreed to progress at the meeting on 3rd March & had received a partial reply which did not give any complete answers and indicated that the actions were still work in progress. There was an indication of a possible extension to the deadline whilst matters are finalised for any takeover. Councillors assumed therefore that the toilets would remain open whilst a mutually acceptable agreement was actively pursued.

4.3 Freedom Of Information.

The Clerk had updated RTC's existing publication scheme documentation in line with the current situation, but suggested it be reviewed to determine what, if any, further actions or documentation was required under the Act.

It was resolved that the Chair & the Clerk should progress the issue.

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.

5.9 Dolymynach Community Trust: Request for copy of minutes. The Clerk had explained to the writer that the minutes requested (those for 3rd March 2015) needed to be ratified by the Town Council before publication. As this had now been done (see Item 2 above) it was agreed to send a copy of the minutes and as the request was from a local charity, in this case to waive the charge which RTC is legally empowered to make. **Clerk to arrange.**

Cllr. D. Evans: Portfolio Holders decisions – Future Management options regarding Wyeside Camping & Caravan Park, Rhayader. Councillors were unanimously alarmed at the decision that if marketing the site for a long term lease is unsuccessful after a six months period, the site will be offered for sale. They noted that the six month period was an unrealistically short time to secure a tenant, PCC had made no contact with RTC to discuss the future of the site and they understood that the facility consistently showed a good level of income.

It was resolved to request a meeting with the two Portfolio Holders concerned (Cllrs. Avril York & Garry Banks) as a matter of urgency. It was also resolved to request a copy of the conveyance document for the transfer of the site from M. Evans to Radnorshire Council. **Clerk to arrange the meeting.**

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5. CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

Cllr. Price informed the Council that PCC Customer Services will move from Rhayader Leisure Centre to the Rhayader Library in West Street.

From Tuesday 7th April 2015 the opening hours of the Library will be :

Mondays – 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 4.30pm

Tuesdays – Closed

Wednesdays – 2pm - 6pm

Thursdays – Closed

Fridays -10am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.30pm

Saturdays 10am – 12 noon

6. PLANNING

6.1 P 2015 0172 Full: Replacement of current ATM with a new model at Midland Bank Chambers, East Street, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

6.2 P 2015 0281 For Householder; construction of balcony at The Beeches, Station Road, Rhayader, Powys. There were no objections to this application.

Clerk to inform PCC of RTC's comments on the above 2 applications.

6.3 Ref CTIL 126995: Proposed upgrade of base Station at Nannerth Farm. Councillors noted that the information had been sent to RTC prior to submitting an application to the local planning Authority. There were no objections to this proposal.

7. FINANCE There were no outstanding invoices.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Williams reported that when she visited the recycling bank in Dark Lane last weekend it was in such a mess that she and her husband felt compelled to clean it up and dispose of it in a proper manner. Whilst members felt that this antisocial behaviour was only caused by a small minority, it appeared to be an ongoing problem. Inappropriate refuse is regularly fly tipped there rather than taken to Llandegley. It was resolved to investigate suitable additional signage (possibly in conjunction with JPR) in an attempt to dissuade improper usage.

There was total agreement with the condemnation by Cllr. J. Jones of the practice of parking close to the junction of Green Gardens & East Street. However it was anticipated that the proposed new road markings should see an end to the problem.

The Clerk reported that he repeatedly gets e-mails addressed to Councillors who use g.mail returned as undeliverable due to being classified as unsolicited messages. He suggested that those affected might wish to contact their service provider to take appropriate action to allow messages to be delivered.

Cllr. Walton reported that when winding the Town Clock he noticed that bits of wood had collected on the floor. He believed it is caused by bird through the wooden grill near the top of the Clock tower. It was suggested that this was a matter for PCC to deal with. **Cllr. Walton to contact Nick Dearden.**

9. PRESS RELEASE

- Services moving to Library
- Caravan Site
- Rubbish & Fly tipping at recycling banks.

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10. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Toilets

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st April 2015.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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