

**Minutes from the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at
7.00 pm on 28th June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Cwmdauddwr Community Centre.**

0322/01	<p>ATTENDING Chairman: Cllr David Davies (DD)</p> <p>Councillors attending: V. Jones-Davies (VJD); C. Walton (CW); W Davies (WD); C. Hamer (CH) R Thomas (RT);; Lisa Lloyd (LL); J. Stuart (JS); David O Evans (DOE); County Cllr. A. Davies (AD)</p> <p>Attending Remotely: There were no member or public requests to attend remotely.</p> <p>APOLOGIES: D. Thomas (DT); D Lloyd (DL); C. Evans (CE)</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.20 pm</p>
0322/02	CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS : (notes to be completed)
0322/03	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CH ref 0322/16 overhanging tree at Derw Estate. CH declared a personal and prejudicial interest.
0322/04	<p>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: raised since the issue of the agenda. Chairman agreed to discuss the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water supply in Rhayader (CW) - Bridge (CW) - Tree Derw Estate (RT)
0322/05	<p>MINUTES:</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd May 2022 were amended as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take VJD off the events committee • CH added to Smithfield Trust • Elan links - maintain contacts • Take JS of the toilets and add to the Events committee <p>The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were then agreed and signed (WD/RT)</p> <p>b) The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd May 2022 were amended:</p> <p>022/06 XXX amended to CH 0222/06 amend to ‘Claire Evans had sourced boundary plans on line, which she showed on her phone, she agreed to email the link to the clerk’ Page numbering for 2022-23 was corrected. It was noted that the minutes circulated at the meeting were still annotated as Draft A set of minutes marked draft were approved and signed (AD/RT)</p>
0322/06	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.
0322/07	COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS:
0322/08	PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

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Date

Chairman: Councillor D Davies _____.

	<p>a) Broadband: Broadband: AD gave an update. A recent meeting called by Broadway partners had not been attended by RTC members. It was understood that there were insufficient sign ups from Rhayader for a scheme to go forward but Broadway partners would be progressing projects in Nantmel and St Harmon. There had been some additional registrations received by post clerk to scan and send to Reece Simmons. It was generally felt that the project marketing not very well set up /targeted and more pro-active action may by Broadway Partners may be beneficial.</p>																
0322/09	<p>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS: PCC Matters</p> <p>a) CAT Noted that RTC did not ask for clock but agreed to accept it. Dolgerddon still of interest with ground if the insurance and fire damage sorted out awaiting update from PCC since Heads of Terms returned. Contact PCC Portfolio holder and brief about the project and issues.</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon Update: Members would continue to press PCC to address the issues associated with Dolgerddon, when appointed the new PCC Portfolio Holder to be appraised of the history of concerns.</p>																
	<p>PUBLICITY and MARKETING: New Clerk appointed EVENTS updates</p>																
0322/11	<p>PLANNING: No planning applications had been received. Noted that the application to replace railing at the Smithfield Trust had been approved.</p>																
0322/12	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p>a) To receive and approve the current balance of income and expenditure, together with invoices for payment. Balance sheets were circulated and explained. It was confirmed that that recycling account held the ... raised from the community for a community centre/community resource. It was noted recycling payments from PCC now quite small assumed to be for cardboard RT advised in the past there had been some fly-tipping due to lack of recycling facilities. It was uggested press to be asked to publish info about how recycling can help to raise funds for community projects.</p> <p>The following balances and invoices were noted and approved (CH/WD)</p> <p>BALANCES Available at 23/05/22</p> <table> <tr> <td>01/05 Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 52,474.84</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Recycling Account</td><td>£ 55,688.55 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 15,379.28</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Allotment Account</td><td>£ 467.21</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 12,494.34</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Internal Transfers to approve:</u> None</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk June 2022 as approved by chairman</td><td>553.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>RFO June 2022 as approved by chairman</td><td>1,228.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC June 2022</td><td>848.97</td></tr> </table>	01/05 Rhayader TC (Precept)	£ 52,474.84	06/05 Recycling Account	£ 55,688.55 (inc Ringfenced balances)	06/05 Public Toilet Account	£ 15,379.28	06/05 Allotment Account	£ 467.21	06/05 Bryntitli Fund Account	£ 12,494.34	Clerk June 2022 as approved by chairman	553.80	RFO June 2022 as approved by chairman	1,228.60	HMRC June 2022	848.97
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D Hilliard (singer) from Jubilee budget	INFO	100.00
Freedom Leisure from Jubilee budget	INFO	335.90
Caerfagu Products: hardwear seats/racks		42.00

Additional (for info) P Marples invoices presented at meeting May £35.00 June £35.00

Invoices for payment: TOILETS

JAT (June) excludes HMRC	413.96	
bank	8.00	
BG triangle	18.52	dd
BG hyb	15.86	dd
BG DL	59.02	dd
Adcocks	309.94	

Invoices for payment: ALLOTMENTS: None

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- b) General funding requests received: none
- a) Applications for Community Funding: None
- b) Internal Audit Report was noted and an action plan was agreed to be set to address points raised. The Internal Audit section of the governance statement was explained and accepted.
- c) Annual Governance Statement. Noted re-statement of 2021 figures - adjusted by £50 the 2022 Finance Figures were explained noted as approved. The Annual Government Statement was agreed. (JS/RT) and signed.
- d) The audit notices had been posted as required and the accounts were available for public inspection.
- e) Noted that bank account has spending cap which could sometimes delay payments because this was in respect of cumulative value of all accounts.
- f) A business bank or Credit card to make essential payment, A Recent need to buy office licence form Microsoft needed payment but only Paypal or card payments accepted. Short discussion of the possibility of a council bank card/credit card for payments subject to careful use policy and multi approvals. RFO noted would ask WAO when speaking to them on 29/6/22 regarding 2019/20 + 2020/21 Audits
- g) Bank accounts to be reviewed and changed - report to next meeting

0322/13	<p>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) See correspondence items e,f and g. b) Co-option Notices to be posted.
0322/14	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:. The following correspondence was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) POWYS LDP Settlement Audit b) Community Ownership Fund announcement of further funding c) Audit Wales national survey of town and community councils. – pass comments to Clerk to collate and submit. d) National Lottery Heritage Fund - Local Places for Nature – reopening of fund. e) Statutory guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 f) 2022 version of the Good Councillor’s Guide. g) The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils – agreed to set an action plan to review governance needs to align with the good practice set out in the tool kit. h) Radnorshire wildlife trust – survey increase understanding about opportunities for SME and community growing of local provenance i) Care and Repair Powys Mamwlad Project j) PCC re Devil’s Gulch changes to the temporary closure of bridleway LC247 Rhayader (Devil’s Gulch.) The current closure expires on 28th July 2022 k) WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL Young Traders Market
0322/15	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Jubilee projects: See Announcements. b) Oak tree – Green Gardens. No comments had been received from PCC regarding the recommendations made by Andrew Mills (Tree Surgeon) in respect of the tree. AD agreed to follow up with Neal Parry the PCC officer dealing with the issue.
0322/16	<p>URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA to include items received between the date of this agenda and the date of the meeting and also those proposed to and approved by the Chairman at the start of the meeting:</p> <p>CW - Water supply to Town . The School had been closed due to water supply issues. This had been raised before with Welsh Water but there had been no adequate response to RTC questions. Agreed to again contact Welsh Water and also advise Press of the RTC actions.</p> <p>CW – advised Cwmdauddwr/Town Bridge stone work in poor repair and lighting below bridge broken. Contact PCC to ask about maintenance and repair (Bride Ref No. 1129).</p> <p>RT – Advised that a Derw Estate tree was overhanging the highway. CH had declared an interest and excluded himself from the discussion. It was advised that it had been brought to the attention of members that damage had been caused to vehicles/trailers of road users because a tree was overhanging the highway. It was understood that vehicle owners affected would need to contact PCC to advise the incidents in order that this information could support PCC to request that the tree owners take action. If no remediating action was then taken PCC could take legal action against the owners to enforce this. There was a short discussion about how RTC might help resolve the problem.</p>

	Cllr AD agreed to contact the land owners to alert them of the problem as it was felt that if aware they would instruct their land agent to address the issue.
0322/17	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS <i>under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it was resolved to exclude members of the public during discussion of the following agenda items: Clerk recruitment discussed as an agenda item, no other issues/no public attending. No items to consider</i>
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the held at 7.00 pm on 26th JULY 2022 at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting)..
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 10.15 pm