

**Minutes from the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at
7.00 pm on 26th July 2022** in the Council Chamber, Cwmdauddwr Community Centre.

0422/01	<p>ATTENDING</p> <p>Councillors attending: V. Jones-Davies (VJD); C. Walton (CW); D Lloyd (DL); W Davies (WD); Ms Lisa Lloyd (LL); J. Stuart (JS); D. Thomas (DT);</p> <p>Attending Remotely: D O Evans (DOE); Cllr A Davies (AD). There were no public requests to attend remotely.</p> <p>APOLOGIES: C. Evans (CE); R Thomas (RT); David Davies (DD) C Hamer (CH): Acting Clerk: V L Garwood (Clerk)</p> <p>As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had given apologies JS was proposed as Meeting Chairman (LL/DT)</p> <p>JS opened the meeting at 7.10 pm</p>
0422/02	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting.</p> <p>Planning 22/1085/FUL: Cllr A Davies - member of PCC Planning Committee and family interest in application site. Planning 22/110/FUL: Cllr. D O Evans - Trustee of applicant organisation</p>
0322/03	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS noted that the Chairman had attended a number of community events and meetings since the last meeting. • There was a general discussion regarding the success of the Carnival and unanimous support given to the Carnival Committee.
0422/04	<p>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: raised since the issue of the agenda. Chairman agreed to consider the following: water leak in Elan Village</p>
0422/05	<p>MINUTES:</p> <p>a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th June 2022 were approved. (VJD/DL)</p>
0422/06	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATS see 0422/09 • Devil's Gulch – email correspondence with Welsh Water (WW) had been previously circulated. Noted that responsibility for correspondence regarding this had now been transferred away from the Visitor Centre/ Elan Valley Rangers officers to XXXXXX. AD reported that WW had advised that work at the Dams would not affect the progress of work at Devil's Gulch. • Speedwatch. Ad reported that 2 more community volunteers had come forward to participate in a speed watch project which she would continue to support to develop.
0422/07	<p>COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS: None reporting formal meetings.</p>

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Chairman: Councillor D Davies _____.

	Allotments: The Polytunnel installation was complete. There had been some comments regarding overgrown hedges. AD and VJD to arrange trimming. Allotment Holders had been contacted with dates for a meeting in August – to be confirmed.
0422/08	<p>PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <p>a) Broadband: there had been no additional registrations. AD reported that Broadway partners had advised that there had now been 10% of resident registrations (25% required) however, they had registered the scheme for funding support and development.</p> <p>b) Green Gardens Oak Tree: AD had contacted Housing officers at PCC for their comments regarding the RTC commissioned tree survey – they had proposed that that the both the PCC and RTC Arboriculturalist be encouraged to meet to discuss the most appropriate remedial action. Members also discussed proposals made by PCC to Asset transfer the tree and the land in which it is growing to the Town Council in order that RTC assume public liability and insurance for it. This proposal was rejected.</p>
0422/09	<p>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS:</p> <p>Highways:</p> <p>a) Bridge – AD had spoken with PCC officers regarding the broken lighting below the bridge and had been advised that this would be addressed</p> <p>b) Trees and hedges: AD reported that she had visited the land owners who were aware of the problem and were working with PCC highways to arrange that the tree be felled.</p> <p>PCC Matters</p> <p>a) CAT update: Cllr AD had met with Cllr Jake Berriman (JB) and email correspondence had been circulated. AD noted that Cllr JB had been appraised of the history of the proposed CAT and proposed that he be invited to meet with members to discuss PCC prioritising the progress of the transfers. The Clerk advised that a precis of some of the frustrations of the CAT process had been noted in reply to the national survey of town and community councils (Audit Wales) question Is there anything else you would like to highlight about your local authority's approach to community asset transfers? It was thought that the solicitor routinely dealing with RTC issues at MJJ solicitors had left the practice. New contact to be advised to PCC officers for information.</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon Update: None</p>
0422/11	PUBLICITY and MARKETING: This was discussed at the end of the meeting.
0422/12	<p>PLANNING: the following applications, previously circulated, were discussed</p> <p>22/1085/FUL Proposal: Installation of a 30m lattice tower supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet, 1 container housing Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil generators, batteries & biofuel tanks, 2 free standing solar panel arrays and ancillary development including 1.1m fence, GPS module & hard standing area Site: Land At Henfron Farm, Craig Dydnant, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HF</p> <p>22/110/FUL Proposal: Installation of a 30m lattice tower supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet, 1 container housing Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil generators, batteries & biofuel tanks, 2 free standing solar panel arrays and ancillary development including 1.1m fence, GPS module & hard standing area and access track for the Shared</p>

	<p>Rural Network project on behalf of Cornerstone. Site: Land to the west of Craig Goch Reservoir, Elan Valley, Elan Valley Trust, Elan Valley, Powys LD6 5HS</p> <p>22/1044/REM Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 2 of planning permission R1425 (agricultural occupancy condition) Site Address: Dollech, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RY</p>																																								
0422/13	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p>a) To receive and approve the current balance of income and expenditure, together with invoices for payment. The Clerk apologised for being unable to issue balance sheet and financial information to all members at the meeting due to a printing problem. The Clerk read out and explained balances at HSBC (21/07/22) and noted payments received. The payments to be approved were listed. Members were content to approve the Chairman to agree the finance sheet and invoices as presented (WD/VJD)</p> <p>BALANCES AT HSBC 21/07/2022</p> <table> <tr> <td>01/05 Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 58,483.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Recycling Account</td><td>£ 53,526.17 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 12,318.14</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Allotment Account</td><td>£ 1,656.93</td></tr> <tr> <td>06/05 Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 27,752.15</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Internal Transfers to approve:</u> None</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk JULY 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract</td><td>553.80 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>RFO JULY 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD</td><td>1214.78 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC JULY 022 as approved by DD</td><td>654.98 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Brighthr</td><td>22.14 (DD)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Refund VLG (purchase windows 365)</td><td>66.94 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>T A Price 2021-22 Internal Audit</td><td>147.00 (IB)</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment: TOILETS</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>JAT (cleaning JULY) excludes HMRC for info</td><td>413.96 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Info BG DI</td><td>58.48 (DD)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Info BG HYB</td><td>14.42 (DD)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Info BG T</td><td>19.84 (DD)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Adcocks 213909</td><td>160.22 (IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>PHS inv 69110312</td><td>1,129.21 (IB)</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment: ALLOTMENTS</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>James White (polytunnel installation)</td><td>560.00 (IBO)</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment: RECYCLING</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Cliff Walton (Arwain Video Conferencing Project)</td><td>450.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Misco Technologies (Arwain Video Conferencing Project)</td><td>2,276.38</td></tr> </table> <p>Orders for additional computer and operating software, screen brackets and other sundry items to complete the Video Conferencing project to be made and paid before the next meeting if necessary to comply with the Arwain Grant terms and conditions and if within application budget.</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: BRYNTITLI:</u> None</p>	01/05 Rhayader TC (Precept)	£ 58,483.19	06/05 Recycling Account	£ 53,526.17 (inc Ringfenced balances)	06/05 Public Toilet Account	£ 12,318.14	06/05 Allotment Account	£ 1,656.93	06/05 Bryntitli Fund Account	£ 27,752.15	Clerk JULY 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract	553.80 (IB)	RFO JULY 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD	1214.78 (IB)	HMRC JULY 022 as approved by DD	654.98 (IB)	Brighthr	22.14 (DD)	Refund VLG (purchase windows 365)	66.94 (IB)	T A Price 2021-22 Internal Audit	147.00 (IB)	JAT (cleaning JULY) excludes HMRC for info	413.96 (IB)	Info BG DI	58.48 (DD)	Info BG HYB	14.42 (DD)	Info BG T	19.84 (DD)	Adcocks 213909	160.22 (IB)	PHS inv 69110312	1,129.21 (IB)	James White (polytunnel installation)	560.00 (IBO)	Cliff Walton (Arwain Video Conferencing Project)	450.00	Misco Technologies (Arwain Video Conferencing Project)	2,276.38
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	<p>b) To note applications for community funding: Brecon Volunteer Bureau general funding application. Noted</p> <p>c) Council Clerk Vacancy: It was reported that the Clerk had tendered her resignation due to taking up full time employment elsewhere. The other interviewed applicant from the last recruitment had been contacted but had not responded. Members recognised that the vacancy created required urgent attention. It was agreed that members be proactive to promote the vacancy and advise the Chairman of any known candidates and that the post again be advertised (DT/CW). It was also noted to look at creating a dedicated work space in the Council Chamber in order to increase the appeal to those unable to work from home.</p> <p>d) Electricity Costs – Cemetery Toilets and Car Park. Clerk to contact PCC again and request settlement of payments for costs. (CW/WD).</p>
0422/14	GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY: None discussed at the meeting
0422/15	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: A summary of the following correspondence was noted to be circulated by email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Voice Wales - innovative practice conference – Wednesday 14 September 2022 • Powys Replacement Local Development Plan (2022-2037) • Defibrillator product recall for attention of: owners of defibrillator manufactured by cu medical systems, inc. Located in the uk. This had been circulated urgently on receipt.
0422/16	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:</p> <p>a) LL/RT and AD had met with a representative from XXX Consultancy. Common links were sought between the potential seven eligible towns. These might include for example: Tourism, Tidy Towns. There is the potential of revenue funding</p> <p>b) Shared Prosperity Fund – UK Government programme – community and places, employment, Education and training. Renewables, Development Officers might be funded. It was noted that Dwr Cymru and the Elan Links project were likely to seek to access this funding.</p> <p>c) Parking at Waun Capel park – there had been public queries about the location of and access to parking at the park. VJD and DT to check.</p>
0422/17	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Leak Elan Village: Members had been advised by residents and visitors of a long standing water leak in the Elan Village which was fenced off in some places. It was agreed to ask Dwr Cymru why this had not been repaired and request a timetable for action (JS/CW). Copy of correspondence to Elan Valley Trust • The Acting Clerk advised that she was unavailable to provide Clerking for Meetings during August and the first 2 weeks of September. This was noted and an August break was agreed. <p>PUBLICITY and MARKETING:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was general disappointment in the lack of press publicity for the Carnival. The general lack of community reporting by press officers from the newspapers was discussed. DOE asked that Press officers should be routinely cc'd into meeting invitations.
0422/18	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>
0422/19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that no meeting would be held during August. The next meeting will be the during September, date to be agreed with the Chairman subject to the appointment of a Clerk. The meeting will be held at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting).
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 20.42 pm