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| MINUTES of the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at 7.00 pm on MONDAY 29th November 2021 in Cwmdauddwr Community Centre. There were no public requests to attend remotely. | |
| 0821/01 | <p>ATTENDING Chairman: Cllr. L. Price (LP); Councillors attending: D.O. Evans (DOE); C Walton (CW); A. Davies (AD); : J Narborough (JN); R Thomas (RT). D Davies (DD). D Lloyd (DL); V. Jones-Davies (VJD);</p> <p>Attending remotely: C. Evans(CE);</p> <p>Attending: County Cllr. K. Curry;</p> <p>APOLOGIES: W Davies (WD); D Thomas (DT); J Stuart (JS); G Williams (GW);</p> <p>Members of the public (names and contact details collected for NHS track and treace to be maintained until December 20th).</p> <p>The meeting started at 19.04pm</p> |
| 0821/02 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: See |
| 00821/11a | <p>In view of the public interest in Agenda item 11 PLANNING: to comment on 21/1904/FUL Land At Rhydoldog House , Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HB Proposed development of 4 log cabins, a bath house and associated works and to consider planning applications received after the publication of this agenda.</p> <p>The chairman read aloud emails received form members of the community raising concerns about the application and objecting to its approval. A representative of the planning applicant was attending and was invited to speak. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend and noted the comments. The chairman asked for any additional public comments – concerns over access and road use were emphasised and concerns that a commercial activity was being developed in a residential property. It was agreed that the Town Council should make a site visit. Chairman and applicant to arrange.</p> <p>19.34 pm. Members of the public having left the meeting the Council resumed with agenda items</p> |
| 0821/03 | <p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Councillor JS • Thanks and congratulations to the Remembrance Ceremony group members • Attended the PAVO Awards Ceremony • Congratulations to 3 local members of the St John's Ambulance who have been awarded long service awards • Christmas Charity Fair had been successful with 19 stalls – congratulations given staff at the Arches for organising this. |
| 0821/04 | MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: raised since the issue of the agenda. |
| 0821/05 | MINUTES: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 th October 2021 these were noted and agreed. |

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| 0821/06 | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Curb-side parking in Dark Lane –PCSO to arrange a community meeting. Clerk to advise this as agenda item 2) Standing Orders – Code of conduct for remote meetings deferred to a future meeting 3) AGM -Community Support – update had been circulated by email and noted 4) Remembrance Sunday a Press Release had been issued 5) Dwr Cymry contact - CE passed contact details to Clerk 6) Contact Co-op to thank them for the meeting – letter sent 7) Dog Fouling posters: had been put up around Town 8) Public access to Annual Return- email copy to CE 9) Personnel: Clerk and an RFO job description drafts to be considered at video meeting 1/12/21 10) Rhayader 2000 and TC partnership working – progress had been made on the bedroom browser 11) Cllr AD had followed up concerns about Elan Valley parking and Dwr Cymru had begun to circulate regular information updated. RT reported that he would be meeting with Mike Booth from Dwr Cymru every 6-8 wks. 12) Groe Park Drain: Trustees had been contacted. |
| 0821/07 | <p>COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS: to receive consider and agree minutes, reports and recommendations from these. And to receive updates and information on PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that a letter be sent to Smithfield Trust to confirm the Town Council Contact. • It was agreed to place an order for the Allotments Polytunnel (purchased approved Sept 2021). There was a short discussion about back dated cash payments for hedge trimming at the allotments. It was agreed that the amounts be refunded to Cllr CW on receipt of an invoice. • The sports committee had been looking at grants for improvements (DD) |
| 0821/08 | <p>PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Broadband: Community letters about the Broadway Partners project had been sent. There is some Social media info provided by Broadway but to date this has not been able to circulated to date. KC had spoken with Broadway Partners requesting confirmation of free wi-fi provision for community buildings. It had been indicated that this was possible but number of years needs to be approved KC to continue to negotiate. Town wi-fi (as in Llandrindod Wells) was discussed. Reece Symonds PCC to be contacted. b) Road Signs: KC had received positive response from Welsh Government to progress joint working to enable new trunk road signs. c) CW had been in touch with Tilhill and was advised that timber from the Elan valley trees may be available for a Community Project. It was agreed that CW select a tree to be used – potentially for a Jubilee project. |
| 0821/09 | <p>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS:</p> <p>Highways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Roadside parking – see 0821/06a. A site visit to Dark Lane with PCC traffic engineers was proposed. LP to arrange. <p>Other PCC Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Xx CAT update: CE had been in touch with PCC officers – it was noted that the PCC awaited District Valuer valuations in order set values foregone required to allow PCC to make final approval for the transfer to take place. PCC Officers had confirming that the proposals have already been agreed by the portfolio holder, Cllr Phyl Davies, and the Strategic Asset Board. It |

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| | <p>was noted that RTC could offer to arrange independent valuations if the DV valuation could not be arranged quickly and if this was allowable under asset transfer regulations. CE to email PCC to confirm their conversations.</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon Update. KC had been in contact with Neil Clutton (PCC) who advised: I have taken steps to forfeit the lease and I am currently taking advice from the legal team in this respect. The outcome of this would be that PCC will then be able to take formal action to recover damages directly from the Leaseholder. Noted.</p> <p>c) Car parks – Christmas charges. PCC had been contacted about free local parking and confirmed that free parking had not been available since 2018</p> <p>d) Covid Grants Work. Planning application approved. Banners due to be ordered. LP to contact PCC re connecting electricity supply for Totem.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0821/10 | <p>PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bryntitli Fund had been promoted and it was agreed to promote application outcomes when agreed. • A press release for Remembrance Sunday Ceremony had been issued . • Press to be given general update of meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0821/11b | <p>PLANNING: see 0821/11a there were no additional applications.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0821/12 | <p>FINANCE:</p> <p>a) To receive and approve the current balance of income and expenditure, together with invoices for payment.</p> <p>BALANCES AT HSBC</p> <table> <tr> <td>Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 45,942.97</td></tr> <tr> <td>Recycling Account</td><td>£ 55,613.68 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 18,937.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allotment Account</td><td>£ 2,305.66</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 28,159.94</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Internal Transfers to approve</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>None</td><td>0.00</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk Oct 2021 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract</td><td>(IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Oct 2021</td><td>(IB)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Jones – design work inv 10000466</td><td>200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gallagher Insurance 2022-23</td><td>1,214.81</td></tr> <tr> <td>MWT invoice 7447 (for information) bedroom browser</td><td>558.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>James Stuart (OLB) for information 15.98, 59.90, 24.99)</td><td>100.87</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ref RT bedroom browser printing</td><td>218.62</td></tr> <tr> <td>For info P Marple (IB approved within Ground maintenance budget on receipt).</td><td>125.00</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment: TOILETS</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>JAT (cleaning AUG) excludes HMRC</td><td>389.19 (IB)</td></tr> </table> | Rhayader TC (Precept) | £ 45,942.97 | Recycling Account | £ 55,613.68 (inc Ringfenced balances) | Public Toilet Account | £ 18,937.42 | Allotment Account | £ 2,305.66 | Bryntitli Fund Account | £ 28,159.94 | None | 0.00 | Clerk Oct 2021 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract | (IB) | HMRC Oct 2021 | (IB) | Thomas Jones – design work inv 10000466 | 200.00 | Gallagher Insurance 2022-23 | 1,214.81 | MWT invoice 7447 (for information) bedroom browser | 558.00 | James Stuart (OLB) for information 15.98, 59.90, 24.99) | 100.87 | Ref RT bedroom browser printing | 218.62 | For info P Marple (IB approved within Ground maintenance budget on receipt). | 125.00 | JAT (cleaning AUG) excludes HMRC | 389.19 (IB) |
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| | <p>For Information: British Gas (976599639) DL 25.13 For Information: British Gas (162295881) HyB 16.20 For Information; British Gas (976599640) Triangle 12.33CR PHS 68503107 92.70 Adcocks inv 200468 80.64</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: ALLOTMENTS</u> None</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: RECYCLING</u> None</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: BRYNTITLI</u> Funding agreed in respect of November 2021 applications.</p> <p>b) To review the management accounts and consider and approve a budget for the 2021/22 Precept. Management accounts were discussed and approved. Reserves were noted and budgets reviewed. A draft precept budget was discussed and agreed for the 2022/23 Precept. It was agreed to maintain the household precept at £47.77</p> <p>c) To consider applications for general funding. General funding request from Marie Curie was noted</p> <p>d) To Consider applications received for Bryntitli funding.- see 0821/17b</p> <p>e) To agree insurance cover for 2022-23 – it was agreed to continue with Gallagher insurance. It was noted that there may be increased premiums to cover the totem and buildings if the Asset transfers happened. The precept budget had been adjusted to consider this.</p> |
| 0821/13 | <p>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY</p> <p>a) An amended version (One Voice Wales) of the model informal resolution protocol to be considered for adoption. The amendment made to the protocol is that ‘repetitive low level and frivolous complaints’ should now be considered for informal resolution. There are no other changes included. This was deferred to a future meeting</p> |
| 0821/14 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE: To receive and consider the following items of correspondence received before the meeting. The following correspondence was noted having been circulated previously with no further comments made at the meeting</p> <p>a) Powys Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019 – 2022 Noted b) Police & Crime Commissioner’s Office – consultation on policing priorities. Noted c) Keep Wales Tidy – food growing packages. Noted d) Llanfihangel Rhydithon CP School (Dolau) – closure. The date for comments to PCC had closed. but it was noted that RTC supported the work of the local group to object to the closure. e) Launch of the National Framework for the Delivery of Bereavement Care in Wales – noted f) Survey - Role and remuneration of councillors in Wales – noted g) FUNDING up to £7,000 available to support projects through Arwain, the Powys LEADER programme, The deadline for applications is midnight on 5 December 2021 and any funding received must be spent by 15 April 2022. It was agreed that CE could make an application to support the provision of IT equipment for use in community buildings to enable remote access to meetings.</p> |

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| | <p>h) Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2022-23 - The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2022-23 will be £8.82 per elector. Noted</p> <p>i) PCC Shop Local - Powys County Council will be supporting and promoting the #SupportLocalPowys campaign this Christmas. Noted</p> <p>j) Hereford Council – resolution to request that Town and Community Councils along the River Wye seek to request that it be designated for bathing and as a result subject to water quality regulation. To be discussed in detail at the next meeting.</p> |
| 0821/15 | COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS: None. |
| 0821/16 | 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. None |
| 0821/17 | <p>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:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) OLB – actions complete. 2) Applications to the Bryntitli Windfarm Fund were discussed and awards agreed. However, due to the number of applications received and the lateness of the hour it was felt that the detail of awards and any conditions relating to them and arrangements for handing out cheques be finalised at a further meeting in order that all could be announced at the same time. |
| | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>A planning site meeting would be held when agreed with the applicant to be followed immediately (or as soon as possible thereafter) by a short meeting discuss both planning and finalise the Bryntitli awards.</p> <p>The next ORDINARY MEETING will be held at 7.00 pm on 14th December 2021 at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting). Only urgent items to be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that the clerk would not be available until after 14th January but would attend the planning meeting remotely</p> |
| CLOSE | The meeting closed at 11.24 pm |
| | <p>CERTIFIED AND SIGNED as a true record</p> <p>Chairman: Councillor L Price Date</p> |

ACTIONS

- a) It was agreed to place an order for the Allotments Polytunnel
- b) Broadband Partnership - KC to continue to negotiate. Town wi-fi (as in Llandrindod Wells) Reece Symonds be contacted.
- c) LP to arrange site visit to Dark Lane with PCC traffic engineers.
- d) CW contact Tillhill to select a tree – potentially for a Jubilee project.
- e) CATS - CE to email PCC to confirm their conversations.
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- g) LP to contact PCC re connecting electricity supply for Totem.
- h) The Bryntitli Fund agreed to promote application outcomes when all agreed.
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