

<b>MINUTES of the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at 7.00 pm on TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b> in Cwmduddwr Community Centre. There were no public requests to attend remotely.	
1021/01	<b>ATTENDING</b>  Chairman: Cllr. L. Price (LP); Councillors attending: C Walton (CW); A. Davies (AD); D Davies (DD). V. Jones-Davies (VJD); W Davies (WD); D Thomas (DT); J Stuart (JS); County Cllr. K. Curry;  Attending remotely: C. Evans(CE); D.O. Evans (DOE); :  <b>APOLOGIES:</b> J Narborough (JN); R Thomas (RT); G Williams (GW); D Lloyd (DL).  The meeting started at 7.00 pm after the presentation of cheques to representatives of projects awarded funding from the Bryntitli Windfarm Trust.
1021/02	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> none
1021/03	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b> Thanks to emergency services for action during the recent storms.
1021/04	<b>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS:</b> raised since the issue of the agenda. None raised
1021/05	<b>MINUTES:</b> a) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021. 821/065 typing error amended, were approved. ()
1021/06	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A site visit to Dark Lane with PCC traffic. LP</li> <li>• Road repairs closures - Derek Price had been contacted regarding the impact of road closure on the round the lakes race.</li> <li>• Claims to be made to PCC/WG for Project costs. Clerk and RT to be progressed</li> <li>• Clerk Recruitment – applications to be considered for interviews by Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk with recommendations to Council for approval of appointment.</li> <li>• Wye and Elan Rivers – letters to be sent</li> <li>• Tree Dark lane carpark – removed</li> <li>• Planning Rhydoldog – Cllr KC advised by planning that Highways are awaiting further information in order to reconsider travel numbers/road use. Councillor had received no advice that there had been any contact between the applicant and neighbouring land owners regarding the planning proposals and amendments to the submitted plans. It was thought that the applicant may withdraw the proposed change of use as a wedding /events venue in favour of the use of the Permitted Development 28 Day Rule which, for example, allows a landowner to use land for tented camping only without formal planning permission for 28 days in a calendar year.</li> </ul>
1021/07	<b>COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been a working group meeting to consider ideas for Jubilee celebrations a programme of activities was to be developed and circulated.</li> <li>• It was anticipated that the Polytunnel would be erected in the next few weeks. It was noted</li> </ul>

	<p>that some dangerous, storm damaged fencing (close to the proposed polytunnel site needed to be repaired) before this could take place. Allotments group to arrange repair iro public safety and to avoid damage/injury during the erection of the polytunnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CW advised that a new power supply for the Dark Lane carpark ticket machine and lighting had been agreed with PCC.</li> </ul> <p><b>COMMITTEE PROJECTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members had agreed to ask the clerk to draft the 3G pitch application which had been submitted (see 1021/15a)</li> <li>The location of bike racks was discussed. Martins Way, beside toilets/bus shelter in Cwmdauddwr, grass area beside gents toilets – dark lane carpark were suggested as locations.</li> <li>Grass cutting – set up meeting to discuss needs and plot on map.</li> </ul>
1021/08	<p><b>PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</b></p> <p>a) Broadband: KC advised: current registered interest from Rhayader was below the 25% target number of households required. (100 signed a further 262 needed). A Zoom event was to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March to promote the project and answer questions. Cllrs were asked to promote this to the community. It was noted that the representatives of the Town Council attending the project development meetings with Broadway Partners was important. It was agreed to post the meeting info on face book and the website.</p>
1021/09	<p><b>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS:</b></p> <p>Highways:</p> <p>a) Roadside parking – see 0821/06a. A site visit to Dark Lane with PCC traffic.</p> <p>b) A470 resurfacing work. Welcomed by all but there were concerns that this could increase speeds on the Northern side of the town as the current poor road surface had a ‘speed reduction effect’, the means to plan now within the work to accommodate the potential future 20mph speeds in built up areas was discussed. It was agreed to contact Highways about integrating speed management with the resurfacing work. DT to lead.</p> <p>a) CAT update: No updates. CE noted to follow up with PCC contacts in April.</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon Update. There had been significant damage to Trees including 2 and a part tree falling during the recent storms. Cllr KC had been in touch with PCC regarding tree safety (noted that he had raised the issue some years ago). A site meeting had taken place and PCCC had indicated a willingness to undertake a tree survey using an independent arboriculturalist. With a view to remedial safety work</p> <p>c) JS reported a meeting with PCC about the intended improvements to the cycle path. Intended changed junction and gateway priorities were of some concern and in view of the recent changes to highway code regarding the priority given to cycles by drivers it was deemed urgent. It was agreed to contact PCC for a written timetable, schedule of works and drawings for the intended work and wordings for signs. Correspondence to be copied to Sustrans. (JS)</p>
1021/10	<p><b>PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:</b></p> <p>Bryntitli Awards and Jubilee plans.</p>
1021/11	<p><b>PLANNING: see 0821/11a</b> there were no additional applications.</p> <p>Update: Rhydoldog House , Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HB – see 0921/06 above.</p> <p>21/2034/HH: Construction of a conservatory and decking to the rear of the property. Site Address: 36</p>

	<p>Maes Brenin, Rhayader, LD6 5EP No Objections</p> <p>22/0143/FUL: Formation of car parking area, erection of sign and removal trees Site Address: Land At Elan Village , Elan Valley , Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HP and any other planning applications received after the publication of this agenda. No objections but recommendation that parking remain 'free of charge'.</p> <p>22/0206/HH: Erection of extensions and a balcony, 16 Penmaes, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5PN. No objections</p> <p>Planting plan for a Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme for Cartref farm community consultation as part of WG funding application ref Coed Cymru. No comments had been received by the council from members of the community. No comments were made by the Council.</p>																																						
1021/12	<p><b>FINANCE:</b></p> <p>a) To receive and approve the current balance of income and expenditure, together with invoices for payment. The following balances and invoices were noted and approved.</p> <p><b>BALANCES AT HSBC</b></p> <table><tr><td>Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 56,325.99</td></tr><tr><td>Recycling Account</td><td>£ 55,681.56 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr><tr><td>Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 16,744.13</td></tr><tr><td>Allotment Account</td><td>£ 2,075.96</td></tr><tr><td>Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 28,143.94 (before 2021 awards)</td></tr></table> <p><b><u>Internal Transfers to approve</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>None</td><td>0.00</td></tr></table> <p><b><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>Clerk February 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract</td><td>(IB)</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC Feb 2022</td><td>(IB)</td></tr><tr><td>Signs and Labels (approved Sept 21) for info</td><td>339.62</td></tr><tr><td>Fastnet</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>NEST pensions (Clerk pre 2021 a/c)</td><td>1,026.30</td></tr></table> <p><b><u>Invoices for payment: TOILETS</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>JAT (cleaning FEB) excludes HMRC</td><td>389.19 (IB)</td></tr><tr><td>For Information: British Gas (DL)</td><td>174.52 (DD)</td></tr><tr><td>For Information: British Gas (HyB)</td><td>16.03(DD)</td></tr><tr><td>For Information; British Gas (Triangle)</td><td>43.22 (DD)</td></tr><tr><td>Dwr Cymru (triangle)</td><td>170.40</td></tr><tr><td>Dwr Cymru (hyb)</td><td>46.25</td></tr><tr><td>Dwr Cymru (DL)</td><td>1,643.30</td></tr></table> <p>NB. Dwr Cymru DD to be reconfirmed IB payments to be paid if required.</p> <p><b><u>Invoices for payment: ALLOTMENTS</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>Dwr Cymru (North Street)</td><td>18.13 (DD)</td></tr></table> <p><b><u>Invoices for payment: RECYCLING</u></b></p>	Rhayader TC (Precept)	£ 56,325.99	Recycling Account	£ 55,681.56 (inc Ringfenced balances)	Public Toilet Account	£ 16,744.13	Allotment Account	£ 2,075.96	Bryntitli Fund Account	£ 28,143.94 (before 2021 awards)	None	0.00	Clerk February 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract	(IB)	HMRC Feb 2022	(IB)	Signs and Labels (approved Sept 21) for info	339.62	Fastnet	30.00	NEST pensions (Clerk pre 2021 a/c)	1,026.30	JAT (cleaning FEB) excludes HMRC	389.19 (IB)	For Information: British Gas (DL)	174.52 (DD)	For Information: British Gas (HyB)	16.03(DD)	For Information; British Gas (Triangle)	43.22 (DD)	Dwr Cymru (triangle)	170.40	Dwr Cymru (hyb)	46.25	Dwr Cymru (DL)	1,643.30	Dwr Cymru (North Street)	18.13 (DD)
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	<p>None</p> <p><b><u>Invoices for payment: BRYNTITLI</u></b></p> <p>For info: total 2021 awards approved 15,068.60</p> <p>b) Applications for funding had been received from: Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – declined. <b>Wales Air Ambulance general appeal – awarded £50 (JS/AD)</b></p> <p>c) Accounting System. Clerk gave an overview of the suppliers listed by SLCC. It was advised that Rialtas and Scribe are both widely used and also offered supplementary services at extra cost. Costs for both had been sought 1st year set up cost similar ongoing annual subscription likely to be higher with Rialtas (both set fees against precept) . <b>It was agreed that it was timely to have a bespoke system and agreed that the Clerk sign the Council to either Rialtas or Scribe based on value for money and user simplicity (DD/CW).</b></p> <p>d) DD advised that he had on several occasions attempted to make a pay-over to NEST for the pension contributions due in respect of the JD the previous clerk. This had not been possible because no access was available to the scheme. <b>Clerk to correspond with NEST.</b></p>
1021/13	<p><b>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY</b></p> <p>a) Elections. noted that all members wishing to stand again for election to the Community Council in May would be required to complete forms, PCC were encouraging these to be completed online although paper packs could be available at a cost (info awaited from PCC). Cllr LP formally announced her intention to stand down at the next election and confirmed this was the intention also of Cllrs JN and GW. JS proposed a vote of thanks for the commitment and time given by all three to the work of the Town Council and the community, He noted the wealth of experience and local knowledge that they brought which would be missed. Best wishes for the future were given and supported by all attending.</p> <p>b) Recruitment – the date for applications to the post of clerk had passed. <b>It was confirmed that the interview panel would be the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk and that subject to final appointment by Full Council they be delegated to make a provisional offer</b> if a suitable candidate was interviewed. It was agreed that the interviews take place asap and that a successful candidate be invited to attend as an observer clerk in waiting for the rest of the next meeting if approved as Clerk by the council under an early agenda item at that meeting.</p>
1021/14	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> To consider the following items of correspondence received before the meeting. The following correspondence was noted having been circulated previously with no comments made at the meeting</p> <p>a) Audit Wales – Fee scheme 2022-23 Noted</p> <p>b) PCC Planning – Phosphate target information. Noted</p> <p>c) Queen's Platinum Jubilee – PCC requesting list of local events. Noted programme under development.</p> <p>d) A470 resurfacing – see 1021/09b</p> <p>e) Broadway partners Public Zoom meeting – see 1021/08a</p>
1021/15	<p><b>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:</b></p> <p>a) 3G application for Y Weirglodd (DD). a 'marker application' to the FAW round 1 grant with a view to receiving their support to submit a fully developed project in round 2 had been submitted. DD thanked the Clerk for taking a lead on preparing the application and also preparing a further small development application for submission to the Jenour Foundation – the focus of which was project development and community consultation based on sport for health and wellbeing - outcome will be advised later in the year.</p>

	<p>b) RT – had advised joint projects with RTK had now been completed and recommended the release to them as general support of the residual funds set aside in the 2021-22 precept. <b>Approved to transfer balance to R2K – clerk approved to contact R2k for their banking details.</b></p> <p>c) Signs project progressing – sign for pump track approved by PCC, awaiting Highway agency approval of signs.</p> <p>d) Late correspondence had been received regarding the Monks Trod and it was proposed that a meeting be arranged (AD to progress) and that <b>Sian Barnes from PCC be invited to attend the next meeting to provide an update and receive questions. (DOE/AD)</b></p>
1021/16	<b>URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA</b> 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:
1021/17	<b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS</b> <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.</i>
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> The next ORDINARY MEETING will be held at <b>7.00 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b> at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting).
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 9.15 pm
	<p><b>CERTIFIED AND SIGNED as a true record</b></p> <p><b>Chairman: Councillor L Price</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Date</b></span></p>

#### Action Points

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