

<b>MINUTES of the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at 7.00 pm on TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 202@</b> in Cwmdauddwr Community Centre. There were no public requests to attend remotely.	
0921/01	<p><b>ATTENDING</b></p> <p>Chairman: Cllr. L. Price (LP);</p> <p>Councillors attending: C Walton (CW); A. Davies (AD); R Thomas (RT). D Davies (DD). V. Jones-Davies (VJD); Attending: County Cllr. K. Curry;</p> <p>Attending remotely: C. Evans(CE); D.O. Evans (DOE); : J Narborough (JN); J Stuart (JS); D Lloyd (DL); G Williams (GW);</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> W Davies (WD); D Thomas (DT);</p> <p>The meeting started at 7.00 pm</p>
0921/02	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> DD ref 0921/12d
0921/03	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to the Luncheon Club for the Christmas Lunch</li> <li>• Thanks to Cllrs R Thomas and County Cllr K Curry for the organisation of the installation of the Totem</li> <li>• Thanks to the Christmas Lights Committees in both Cwmdauddwr and Rhayader Town and to the Fire Service for their support.</li> <li>• Best wishes to Georgia Morgan, a resident who had pursued a career in acting and was now performing in London's West End.</li> </ul>
0921/04	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS:</b> raised since the issue of the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-seeded tree in Dark Lane Car Park.</li> </ul>
0921/05	<p><b>MINUTES:</b></p> <p>a) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. )821/065 typing error amended. The minutes were approved. (AD/VJD)</p> <p>b) the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Page 3 re 21/2125/REM 'XX' amended to read DL and RT amended to CW. The minutes were then approved. (DD/RT)</p>
0921/06	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Allotments Polytunnel ordered from Five star Polytunnels (20% deposit agreed to be paid) (AD/VJD)</li> <li>b) Broadband Partnership (BP) – see 0921/08</li> <li>c) LP had contacted Ian Mills (PCC) – a date for site visit awaited.</li> <li>d) Tillhill tree – for a Jubilee project. CW had viewed trees for a project. Agreed to publicise a 'call' for ideas of how to use this – e.g a sculpture, plank and build seats. An events group meeting needed to plan for the Jubilee.</li> <li>e) CATS – see 0921/09</li> <li>f) Dolgerddon see 0921/09 (JN left the meeting at 8.05 pm) Totem see 0921/09</li> <li>g) The Bryntitli Fund see 0921/12</li> <li>h) 2022/23 Precept see 0921/12</li> <li>i) funding request from Marie Curie was noted for future consideration</li> </ul>

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	<p>j) Insurance cover for 2022-23 the Gallagher insurance premium had been paid. The Clerk advised that the insurer had been instructed to add the Totem to the assets insured – confirmation and any premium adjustment was awaited.</p> <p>k) model informal resolution protocol see 0921/13</p> <p>l) FUNDING projects through Arwain an application had been made but had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>m) 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. See 0921/15</p> <p>n) 21/1904/FUL Land At Rhydoldog – see notes planning meeting 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021. There was a brief discussion about the progress of the ‘calling in’. KC had been updated by PCC planning officers and advised that the barn conversion application had yet to be scheduled for consideration by the PCC Planning Committee and the holiday lodge application was awaiting further submission information from the applicant. DOE noted that it is not unusual for negotiations and amendments to address comments to take place to amend an application for re-submission. Members had been advised that Highway representatives had visited the road access and there had been some discussion regarding improving the access and its impact on neighbouring land. Members noted the updates and felt that it would be important to monitor the progress of the applications and prepare for further comment if necessary.</p>
0921/07	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>No updates other than linked to agenda items and matters arising.</p>
0921/08	<p><b>PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</b></p> <p>a) Broadband: KC attended meeting with BP and Nantmel CC 10/01/22 a 2<sup>nd</sup> and third mail out about the project proposed likely that BP would fund this. It was reported at the meeting that the RTC/Nantmel CC project was on the BP Senior Managers Agenda. Reece Symonds (ex PCC now working for Broadband Partnership) to do a press release of progress. It was agreed this was important to update those that had expressed an interest – there had been 49 online and 36 paper forms received from Rhayader residents. <b>Reece had also been spoken with about Town wi-fi (as in Llandrindod Wells) and had recommended registering an interest with PCC Regeneration Team in the event of a second Phase of support for this – clerk to contact.</b> KC reminded members to continue to promote the need for registration of interest from residents.</p>
0921/09	<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) Road repair scheduled dates had been advised but these clashed with events including the round the lakes race. LP to contact Derek Price in order to advise and allow him to have discussions to enable the race and attending vehicles to be unaffected.</p> <p>Other PCC Matters</p> <p>a) CAT update: Wierglodd Lease documents had been received via MJJ solicitors. Cllr LP signed these on behalf of RTC.</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon Update. KC advised that PCC legal action was progressing.</p> <p>c) Covid Grants Work. The Totem was in place and operating. KC and CW to follow up fitting lamppost brackets for banners, it was also agreed to progress ordering the Banners. Claims to be made to PCC/WG for Project costs. Clerk and RT</p>

0921/10	<b>PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Bryntitli Fund – award outcomes</li><li>• Braodband Partnership project progress</li></ul>																																																		
0921/11	<b>PLANNING:</b> see <b>0821/11a</b> there were no additional applications.  Rhydoldog House , Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HB – see 0921/06n above																																																		
0921/12	<b>FINANCE:</b>  a) To receive and approve the current balance of income and expenditure, together with invoices for payment. <b>BALANCES AT HSBC</b> <table><tr><td>Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 57,585.52</td></tr><tr><td>Recycling Account</td><td>£ 55,605.88 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr><tr><td>Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 17,213.87</td></tr><tr><td>Allotment Account</td><td>£ 2,297.66</td></tr><tr><td>Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 28,159.94</td></tr></table> <b><u>Internal Transfers to approve</u></b> <table><tr><td>None</td><td>0.00</td></tr></table> <b><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></b> <table><tr><td>Clerk Jan 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract</td><td>(IB)</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC JAN 2022</td><td>(IB)</td></tr></table> <b><u>Invoices for payment: TOILETS</u></b> <table><tr><td>JAT (cleaning Jan 22 excludes HMRC ass per contract</td><td>(IB)</td></tr><tr><td>For Information: British Gas DL</td><td>107.83</td></tr><tr><td>For Information: British Gas HyB</td><td>16.03</td></tr><tr><td>For Information; British Gas Triangle</td><td>29.87</td></tr><tr><td>Adcocks inv 204726</td><td>80.35</td></tr></table> <b><u>Invoices for payment: ALLOTMENTS</u></b> <table><tr><td>Five Star Polytunnels 2361 (inc 20% order deposit)</td><td>1,293.50</td></tr></table> <b><u>Invoices for payment: RECYCLING</u></b> <table><tr><td>None</td><td></td></tr></table> <b><u>Invoices for payment: BRYNTITLI</u></b> <p>Funding agreed in respect of November 2021 applications</p> <p>To be issued</p> <table><tr><td>Blood Bikes Wales</td><td>1,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader Christmas Lights</td><td>5,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Cwmdauddwr Christmas lights</td><td>336.60</td></tr><tr><td>Waun Capel park</td><td>850.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader C in W Primary School.</td><td>1,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader Scouts</td><td>632.00</td></tr><tr><td>The Groe Trust</td><td>250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader Junior Football Club</td><td>700.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader Bowling Club</td><td>5,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rhayader Young Farmers</td><td>300.00</td></tr></table>	Rhayader TC (Precept)	£ 57,585.52	Recycling Account	£ 55,605.88 (inc Ringfenced balances)	Public Toilet Account	£ 17,213.87	Allotment Account	£ 2,297.66	Bryntitli Fund Account	£ 28,159.94	None	0.00	Clerk Jan 2022 time sheet to be approved by DD/LP as per contract	(IB)	HMRC JAN 2022	(IB)	JAT (cleaning Jan 22 excludes HMRC ass per contract	(IB)	For Information: British Gas DL	107.83	For Information: British Gas HyB	16.03	For Information; British Gas Triangle	29.87	Adcocks inv 204726	80.35	Five Star Polytunnels 2361 (inc 20% order deposit)	1,293.50	None		Blood Bikes Wales	1,000.00	Rhayader Christmas Lights	5,000.00	Cwmdauddwr Christmas lights	336.60	Waun Capel park	850.00	Rhayader C in W Primary School.	1,000.00	Rhayader Scouts	632.00	The Groe Trust	250.00	Rhayader Junior Football Club	700.00	Rhayader Bowling Club	5,000.00	Rhayader Young Farmers	300.00
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	<p>Cambrian Mountains Initiative CIC – declined</p> <p>b) 2022-23 Precept update: The precept request (£47.77 per household) had been submitted.</p> <p>c) To Consider unresolved applications received for Bryntitli funding.- see 0821/17b. Bowling Club application (DD left the room as had recently joined the club committee, GW and VJD confirmed no interest as only involved as Council Liaison reps) the application was discussed.</p> <p>a) The full amount £5000 requested was proposed for support (AD/VJD) an amendment made b) to reduce the award to £3000 to fund only the shed was proposed (JS/CW). A vote was taken on both proposals a) 6 + chair for the proposal no abstentions. b) 3 votes for the proposal no abstentions. An award of £5000 was approved. Preliminary discussion in November had noted that project should comply with any relevant planning restrictions and building regulations.</p>
0921/13	<p><b>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY</b></p> <p>a) An amended version (One Voice Wales) of the model informal resolution protocol adoption: the amendment had been noted but it was agreed that the full document be part of a policy review aligned with the 2022 Annual meeting and induction of potential new Councillors after the May elections.</p> <p>b) Agree Clerk job description, interview panel and recruitment timetable. A job description for a clerking role had been circulated and the key points (job title, hours, salary) were reviewed. It was agreed as Rhayader Town Clerk with hours based on 15 per week, home based but attending meetings as required. The current clerk who would continue as the Responsible Financial Officer advised that she would be happy to step down if a suitable applicant as both Clerk and RFO came forward. Noted. It was agreed that an interview panel of 3 be selected from those who had been members of the job description task group in December, this would be chaired by DD, the current clerk would be deemed to be a member. The job would be advertised immediately with a closing and interview dates (to be agreed by the interview panel). <b>The interview panel would make recommendations to the Council to make an appointment. Agreed DD to take forward.</b></p>
0921/14	<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) Quarterly meetings between Powys CC and Town &amp; Community Councils – revised dates</p> <p>b) PCC PROJECT: Care Provision and Micro-Enterprises</p> <p>c) Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn, regarding his public consultation: <i>‘Do you feel safe in your local area?’</i></p> <p>d) Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill</p> <p>e) Subsidised Home Energy Audits</p> <p>f) Quarterly meetings between Powys CC and Town &amp; Community Councils. – Dates</p> <p>g) Welsh Government Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales - reports</p> <p>h) The Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) – replacement preparation</p> <p>i) Welsh Government: draft budget for 2022-23.</p> <p>j) Recruiting for Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)</p> <p>k) Welsh Government Sustainable Futures Division: Shaping Wales' Future programme.</p> <p>l) Opportunities to join the Board of the Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care</p> <p>m) Groe Trust – request for support with costs of new equipment.</p>

0921/15	<p><b>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:</b></p> <p>a) 3G application for Y Weirglodd (DD). Members had been circulated by email to advise that a submission of interest for FAW funding had been called forward to bid. However the deadline for application (27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022) and for the completing of project and claim of any funds awarded (end June 2022) meant that it was unlikely that an application could comply with the large amounts of supporting evidence needed at award agreement stage (10<sup>th</sup> March), including planning permission, ready to go tenders and match funding. The success of the Rhayader and District Sports Association(RDSA) EOI was commended by all. It was agreed that the Town Council would work closely with the RDSA and <b>act as the lead body to progress the project</b> in respect of this application and further match funding bids. Members noted that this was an 'ambitious project' and would have multiple benefits: improved community health and wellbeing opportunities, community pride and resilience and along with other sports facilities, parks, leisure centre and pump track it would add towards creating Rhayader as a Sport Hub for Mid Powys. It was agreed to submit 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. (AD/VJD)</p> <p>b) River Wye designated for bathing and as a result subject to water quality regulation. AD reminded members of a proposal from Hereford Town Council to other River Wye riparian Councils to encourage them to request that the Wye be designated for bathing with the result that water quality be monitored and reported in line with regulation requirements for that status. Members noted with concern the poor water quality of the Wye and many of its tributaries and that the river is an important natural assets of the Town both as an habitat and a recreational resource including those who use it for swimming. It was also noted that the enforcement agencies such as NRW were poorly recourse to implement regulatory action. It was agreed to follow the format of the Hereford City Council resolution asking PCC to seek bathing designation on the Rivers Wye and Elan and that Fay Jones and Kirsty Williams be asked to seek increased funding for NRW to enforce water quality legislation (AD/CW).</p> <p>c) Groe Trust: (see correspondence ) An email seeking support for the Groe Trust was included in correspondence but had been temporarily withdrawn by the sender. This was noted by members as the Trust had indicated it may contact the Council again in the future.</p>
0921/16	<p><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: Self-seeded tree in Dark Lane Car Park (RT). A self-seeded evergreen was growing close to the bench at the top end of Dark Lane Carpark. Now obscuring the both the view from the bench and making those seated 'out of sight'. <b>It was agreed to remove the tree for public safety and visual amenity.</b></p>
0921/17	<p><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: no issues/no public attending</i></p>
	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> The next ORDINARY MEETING will be held at <b>7.00 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021</b> at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting).</p>
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 9.12 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>

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**Action Points**

- Town wi-fi (as in Llandrindod Wells) register interest with PCC Regeneration Team in the event of a second Phase of support for this – clerk to contact.
- A site visit to Dark Lane with PCC traffic. LP
- Road repairs closures - LP to contact Derek Price
- Claims to be made to PCC/WG for Project costs. Clerk and RT
- Clerk Recruitment – advertise and shortlist
- 3G pitch - It was agreed to submit 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. (AD/VJD)
- Wye and Elan Rivers – ask PCC to seek bathing designation on the Rivers and that Fay Jones and Kirsty Williams be asked to seek increased funding for NRW to enforce water quality legislation
- Tree Dark lane carpark - It was agreed to remove the tree for public safety and visual amenity.

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