

MINUTES of the MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL. held at 7.00 pm on TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022 in Cwmdauddwr Community Centre.	
1121/01	<p>ATTENDING</p> <p>Chairman: Cllr. L. Price (LP);</p> <p>Councillors attending: C Walton (CW); A. Davies (AD); V. Jones-Davies (VJD); W Davies (WD); D Thomas (DT); J Stuart (JS); J Narborough (JN); R Thomas (RT); County Cllr. K. Curry</p> <p>Attending remotely: D.O. Evans (DOE); D Davies (DD). G Williams (GW); Lloyd (DL); C. Evans(CE) from 7.15pm</p> <p>There were no public requests to attend remotely.</p> <p>APOLOGIES: had been received from Jen Newman and Sian Barnes who had been invited to give short presentations on Elan Valley (Dwr Cymru) and Monks Trod respectively before the meeting. It was agreed to arrange future dates for their attendance.</p>
1121/02	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</p> <p>1121/12b</p>
1121/03	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences were given to Cllr Lloyd and his family for their recent bereavement • Thanks given to emergency services for action during the recent storms. • The Round the lakes race had been a great success and the Chairman thanked all those involved but particularly Cllrs DD and JN. • Thanks to the ongoing support to the Town from County Cllr Curry especially for his recent work to follow up legal and practical issues regarding Dolgerddon.
1121/04	<p>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: raised since the issue of the agenda. Chairman agreed to consider an application for funding that had been circulated after the agenda had been set but before the meeting under 1121/12b</p>
1121/05	<p>MINUTES: the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd February 2022 were amended to note DT joined the meeting remotely during agenda item 09. The amended minutes were approved.</p>
1121/06	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to Dark Lane. LP to chase PCC for dates and update members. • Invoice PCC to claim grant funding for Transforming Towns Adaptation Grant. Clerk to contact PCC regeneration officer. • The poor communication between contractors during road resurfacing had added to local disruption and confusion prior to and during the work being undertaken. The disappointing quality of work was also discussed. Cllr JS to advise the issues to be included in a letter of dissatisfaction to be sent to Highways Agency • Rhodoldog planning application. Cllr Curry to circulate recent email correspondence with PCC. KC and Clerk to contact PCC too noting that updated documents for planning comments had not been share with the Town Council by PCC. He advised that PCC had yet to set a date for the consideration of the application.
1121/07	<p>COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets: CW advised that a new power supply for the Dark Lane carpark ticket machine and lights had been put in place and taken over by PCC from 16 March supply from the Toilets was now disconnected. Clerk requested photographs of meter readings to check against estimated bills for water and electricity. CW to liaise with RT to forward these. • AD gave a verbal report of the Broadway Partners Zoom meeting. Clerk to forward further 'sign

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	<p>up enquiries to Broadway Partners. DT, AD, CW and WD to attend next development meeting 11/04/22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AD had circulated an allotments report. It was also advised that there were issues with fences. AD to contact neighbouring landowners. <p>COMMITTEE PROJECTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass cutting – a programme for grass cutting had been drawn up, was circulated and discussed
1121/08	<p>PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband: Additional Welsh Government funding was to be withdrawn, however, registered schemes under development would still be supported. See also 1121/07 Elan Valley Social Club to be undertaking fundraising to support Ukranian refugees. WI to run a cake stall. AD had supported the Orchard Planting project in the Elan Village. She advised that the Lord Mayor of Birmingham would be visiting the Village on 14th April to continue the project. Vandalism at Dark Lane toilets – there had been damage to glazing and lights.
1121/09	<p>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS:</p> <p>Highways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs and road works – The poor communication between Highways Agency and contractors during road resurfacing had added to local disruption and confusion prior to and during the work being undertaken. The disappointing quality of work was also discussed. Letter of dissatisfaction to be sent to Highways Agency Pavements: poor condition reported PCC had repaired by the Arches, Noted North street pavement requires upgrading. <p>Other PCC Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CAT update – no progress to date. CE to re circulate emails from PCC. It was advised that a new lead officer, William Beddoes had been appointed. It had been confirmed that TUPE would apply to Library staff; the District Valuer would need to undertake valuations. Dolgerddon Update: Concerns that the building was accessible and lights indicated that it may be being occupied. PCC Homelessness Team to be contacted. If the lessee contact details can be obtained a letter of concern to be sent. Noted that Steve Gealey (PCC) had contacted Ian mills to deal with wind blown trees.
1121/10	<p>PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:</p> <p>To advise the press of the Council discussions regarding Dolgerddon and vandalism at Dark lane toilets.</p> <p>Cllrs noted care needed regarding the purdah period before the May elections in order to ensure that sitting members wishing to stand again did not gain a competitive advantage over others who may seek election.</p>
1121/11	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>Update: Rhydoldog House , Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5HB – see 1121/06.</p> <p>22/0325/REM Section 73 application to vary condition no. 8 attached to planning approval P/2017/0119 Wyeside Caravan Park, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5LB. This was not approved because the application had been for temporary permission while repair work was undertaken on the previously designated warden</p>

	<p>accommodation site. It was further noted that that variance of the condition could have implications on the ongoing use of the site at the end of the overall lease.</p> <p>21/2250/FUL engineering works at development of Hobbit Houses near Llwyngwilym. For information only RTC not a consultee community. No comments</p>																				
1121/12	<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 the following balances and invoices were noted and approved (RT/DT)</p> <p>BALANCES AT HSBC</p> <table> <tr> <td>Rhayader TC (Precept)</td><td>£ 54,561.45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Recycling Account</td><td>£ 55,673.56 (inc Ringfenced balances)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public Toilet Account</td><td>£ 15,014.91</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allotment Account</td><td>£ 1,703.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bryntitli Fund Account</td><td>£ 20,249.34</td></tr> </table> <p><u>Internal Transfers to approve</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: PRECEPT</u></p> <p>Clerk Mar 2022 to be approved by DD/LP on receipt of timesheet</p> <p>HMRC Mar 2022</p> <p><u>Invoices for payment: TOILETS</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Adcocks</td><td>87.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>JAT (cleaning) ex HMRC.</td><td>389.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>British Gas (DL)</td><td>95.44</td></tr> <tr> <td>British Gas (cem)</td><td>13.46</td></tr> <tr> <td>British Gas (Triangle)</td><td>22.50</td></tr> </table> <p>b) An application for funding had been received from Team Rhayader. It was agreed to award £550 for the purchase of gazebos. (JS/AD)</p> <p>c) Agreed to appoint Mrs T Price as the internal Auditor for 2021-22 (CW/RT)</p> <p>d) 2022 Annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (Wales) in respect of payment to members had been circulated by email on receipt. It was noted to agree payments and opt outs at the Annual Meeting</p>	Rhayader TC (Precept)	£ 54,561.45	Recycling Account	£ 55,673.56 (inc Ringfenced balances)	Public Toilet Account	£ 15,014.91	Allotment Account	£ 1,703.40	Bryntitli Fund Account	£ 20,249.34	Adcocks	87.19	JAT (cleaning) ex HMRC.	389.19	British Gas (DL)	95.44	British Gas (cem)	13.46	British Gas (Triangle)	22.50
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1121/13	<p>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY and POLICY</p> <p>a) Elections. Dates noted. Purdah restrictions noted</p> <p>b) Recruitment – an applicant for the post of Clerk had been interviewed. The post had been offered and accepted. However, the applicant had been in touch to withdraw acceptance in order to take u a post with their previous employer. It was agreed to re-advertise the post immediately and that the interview panel be the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. Clerk advised members that she was unable to offer additional hours over those currently worked to provide cover for the clerking vacancy. It was also noted that the focus of work would now be the end of year reports and accounts.</p> <p>c) A governance bulleting outlining Purdah and the reporting and training plan requirements of the Amended Local Government Act due to be implemented from April was circulated and noted.</p>																				

1121/14	CORRESPONDENCE: To consider the following items of correspondence received before the meeting. Various email correspondence was noted having been circulated previously with no comments made at the meeting
1121/15	COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSIONS: a) Jubilee: A budget of £5,000 was approved to be ringfenced for use as required. The funds to be drawn from the agreed precept budget £2000 and a further £3000 from either the recycling or Bryntitli funds. b) Grass cutting, a schedule/ site list for grass cutting was discussed. It was agreed to amend this by removing the pump track for the site list and adding Cae Glas play area. The quoted budget of £825.68 plus VAT was agreed. c) There was a vote of thanks to GW and VJD for placing daffodils at the clock on St David's Day.
1121/16	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: See 1121/12b
1121/17	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.</i>
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next ORDINARY MEETING will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 25th April 2022 (tba by the Chairman) at Cwmdauddwr School (subject to remote access arrangements and prevailing COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting). The Annual Meeting to be held on 23 rd May 2022.
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 9.27 pm
	CERTIFIED AND SIGNED as a true record Chairman: Councillor L Price Date

Action Points

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