

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor J. Stuart				
Councillors	D. Thomas	G. Williams	C. Evans	R. Thomas	C. Walton
	A. Davies	D.O. Evans	J. Jones	J. Narborough	
			V. Jones Davies		

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs: L. Price, W. Davies, D. Davies and K. Curry

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Opening of Crosfield House Fate – Excellent event. Crosfield House staff were praised for the exemplary care given at the home.
- Public Evening at the Pump Track – Well attended and supported by local people and visitors.
- Tour of Bryntitli Windfarm – Chairman and Councillors attended the visit which was excellent and very informative.

Action – Clerk to send letter of thanks to Clayton Taylor for arranging the tour.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Cllr. A. Davies stated she is unable to attend training booked this month and asked if other Councillors were available. No Councillors available therefore course not attended. There was no cost to Council.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

- Minutes from August 2019 agreed as true recording of meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Memorial Benches:
Action - Clerk to contact Nick Buchan regarding upkeep of benches and Cllr. C. Walton to contact Ellie Jones regarding repositioning of benches before Remembrance Sunday 2019.
- Devils Gulch Update:
Action – Clerk to write to Mike Booth, Attractions Manager stating how disappointed RTC are that the bridleway is still not open.
- Map identifying walkway surrounding Wyeseide Caravan and Camping Park:
Action - Cllr. C. Evans will scan map and send it to Clerk in order to write to Wyeseide regarding right of way and access to walkways in that area.
- Removal of Public Phone Boxes
Cllr. R. Thomas reported that Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services will be identifying the issue in their consultation papers. It was also reported that the public phone box in Llanerchcawr had been vandalised and was left in a dangerous condition. Cllr. A. Davies was very concerned that the cost of repair might ultimately result in the removal of this phone box.
- Triangular out of date and damaged metal signs on many of the posts in Rhayader are to be removed. This will be organised by Rhayader 2000.

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4. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- Rhayader 2000 Meeting – Brief feedback from Cllr. J. Narborough. Main item discussed at meeting was that Rhayader 2000 are still working towards charitable status.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.8 Opening of Rhayader Pump Track - Cllr. R. Thomas

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Remembrance Sub-Committee Meeting 27.8.19

Cllr. G. Williams reported back on the meeting. Main points: Cllr. D. Thomas has agreed to help with music on the day of the service at the Clock Tower Memorial, and Cllr. J. Stuart has had information on the 75 Yrs. of VE celebrations that the town will be involved in 8th, 9th and 10th of May 2020. This item to be discussed near the time. Cllr. G. Williams would like £60 to have more service leaflets printed. This was approved by Council.

Action – Cllr. G. Williams to contact stationers and order more service leaflets

6.2 Clerks Review Meeting 2.9.19.

Cllr. J. Stuart discussed Clerks meeting with Council.

Action – Clerk to email Councillors with notes taken at the Clerks Review Meeting.

Noted – Councillors would like letters written by the Clerk to have a response date before the next month's Council meeting, for quicker feedback of information on issues raised.

6.3 Citizen of the Year Award 2019 Selection.

Cllr. J. Stuart read out the nominations for the award and after voting Council agreed on the successful candidate which is Andrew James of Rhayader. His support to the community through his work as a fire man at the local retained fire station raising money with his crew for local causes, and his contribution to the local economy through his organisation of motor bike events, have made Andrew a fitting winner of this award for 2019.

Action – Clerk to write to Andrew regarding his award. Clerk to arrange for presentation of the award from RTC and the Mayor, which will take place in November due to Mayor's absence at the October Council meeting.

6.4 Information Technology

Cllr. D. Thomas reported that the new website is now complete but needs a little padding out with information before it is launched. New website address is: rhayader.gov.wales.

Photographs of Rhayader and surrounding areas are needed for the site. It was suggested that Cllr. D. Thomas contact Jude Bootle as she would be able to provide some excellent photographs for the site. It was also suggested that all Councillors need to start using the new email address rhayader.gov.wales as standard from 30.9.19. Those who have made the change can start using the email address straight away.

Action - Cllr. D. Thomas is to send user guide to the website, to Councillors

6.5 Bryntitli Fund Process 2019

RTC have agreed on the same process and procedure as last year for the Bryntitli Fund Applications.

Action – Clerk to make sure RTC Logo is on all documentation/paperwork, and advertise the fund is now available for applications.

6.6 Land Registry

Cllr. J. Narborough reported to Council that RTC have now obtained possessory title deeds to the section of land known as Cwmdauddwr Car Park

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6.7 Dolgerddon Hall

RTC have requested information from PCC Information Compliance Department, under the Freedom of Information Act for Dolgerddon Hall. The response date is the 4.10.19.

Action – Clerk to monitor the situation.

Action – Cllr. J. Stuart to notify the County Times of what RTC are doing to gain information on the situation at Dolgerddon hall.

6.8 Rhayader Pump Track Opening

Cllr. R. Thomas run through the procedure of events. Recycling bins at the site will be emptied daily, also the bin by the Riverside Walk will be collected daily. Signage and traffic issues have been sorted, and the Rugby Club gate has been re-hung. There will be a counter on the track to see how many people use the facility.

Cllr. R. Thomas left the room declaring an interest in the next discussion point regarding the Pump Track.

Further to last month's meeting, Rhayader and District Sports and Recreation Association (RDSRA) had written to the Council advising that the fence that is required around the Pump Track will cost approximately £7,000. RDSRA requested that RTC contribute 50% (£3,500) towards the cost of the fence, RDSRA providing the other 50%.

Cllr. C. Walton proposed that RTC provide £3,500 towards the cost of the fence, this was seconded by Cllr. V. Jones-Davies. Council was in unanimous agreement to provide £3,500 towards the project which is to be taken from the Council's precept.

Action – Clerk to generate payment when required from appropriate account.

6.9 PCC work at Maesyderi

Cllr. K. Curry not at meeting so deferred till October.

6.10 Clerks Letter Log

Accepted by Council as a working document to be used by Clerk

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Road surfaces in Rhayader dated 21.8.19 (original letter dated 5.8.19)

Action – Clerk to write to correspondent with appropriate response. The matter is in hand with PCC, but RTC acknowledge the issues raised and brought to Councils attention.

7.2 Budget Position Information sent by PCC dated 28.8.19.

Action – Cllr. J. Stuart and Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council

7.3 Monks Trod Byway Update dated 9.9.19. Request for support in long term monitoring of the site.

Action – Clerk to send letter stating RTC are not resourced to monitor the site long-term but would welcome suggestions on how the Council can help in other ways. RTC would also like to recommend that Monks Trod be open as soon as possible.

7.4 FOI Dolgerddon Hall – Timescale and date 4.10.19 – Noted by Council

7.5 Weirglodd Land Dispute letter dated 6.9.19

Action – Clerk to send copy of letter to PCC and ask what they intend to do about the situation. CC to the portfolio holders.

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Possible meeting to be arranged between Cllr. K. Curry, RTC and Rhayader Football Club. Deferred till next meeting.

8. PLANNING

8.1 19/1359/HH Extension and associated work Hill View, Bridge Street, Rhayader

Action – Clerk to write to Planning stating RTC have no objection to this planning application.

9. FINANCE

No Finance issues this month

10. URGENT BUSINESS

10.1 Training Event - Cllr. A. Davies (see Matters for Discussion under Urgent Business)

10.2 Knife Amnesty - Cllr. A Davies informed Council of an up and coming knife amnesty.

Action - Clerk to promote on Council social media sites when required.

10.3 Parking Issue at Cwmdauddwr

Action – Clerk to write to Triangle Pub and Cwmdauddwr Church requesting that customer park responsibly in the area.

10.4 Cllr. R. Thomas asked the question, “What is being done to promote Rhayader Industrial Estate?”

Action – Clerk to write to Ken Skates and investigate this further.

10.5 Green Waste Collection – Cllr J. Narborough

It has been brought to the attention of Cllr. J. Narborough that rubbish collections in town have contained household waste. Situation is to be monitored. Green waste collection is to stay as it is for Council green waste. Green Waste Sacks are to be purchased when required from PCC.

10.6 Email change over by next Council meeting – Cllr. D. Thomas

11. PRESS RELEASE

11.1 Dolgerddon FOI requested by RTC

11.2 Bryntitli Fund Application

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Council Emails

Promoting Rhayader/Industrial Estate

PCC work at Maesyderi – update

Weirglodd land dispute

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22.10.2019.

The meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

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