

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

6.30pm Speaker Rachel Palmer, Keep Wales Tidy, National Spring Clean Campaign

Rachel will take the lead with the Rhayader clean-up and was pleased that Rhayader Town Council had approached her to join them in this project. She also has a completed risk assessment for the project. The clean-up takes place between 20th March and 13th of April 2020. Rachel brought with her some of the equipment volunteers would be using. Red bags for the litter which are easy to identify as part of the exercise. All age groups are welcome. Children will be in small groups with 1 adult. Adults groups of 2 or 3. Items RTC will need to discuss and get back to Rachel with are, numbers, list of groups to invite to take part, areas to work in, where to leave bags for collection, and date, time and meeting place.

Action – Clerk to advertise on social media and in local press and ask for volunteers when details are finalised.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman	Chair Cllr. J. Stuart				
Councillors	D. Thomas	D. Davies	C. Evans	R. Thomas	G. Williams
	A. Davies	D.O. Evans	J. Jones	V. Jones-Davies	L. Price
			W. Davies	J. Narborough	C. Walton
Observer:	County Cllr. K. Curry				

1. APOLOGIES: No apologies

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No event announcements this month
- Chair would like to acknowledge the success of this year's pantomime. It was an excellent production and enjoyed by all.
- Chair would also like to acknowledge the flood communities. RTC's thoughts are with them.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Trees falling in the Elan Valley
- Pump Track Sub-Committee
- 5yr Plan

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

- Amended and agreed by Council

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Cllr. J. Narborough spoke to Practice Manager at the local chemist – There has been issues recruiting Pharmacists. Situation to be monitored.
- Cllr. J. Narborough reported back from her visit to the Council's solicitor. The lease information has been applied for from PCC. When all the information is received, Council can discuss further.

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4. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- Report from Cllr. A. Davies regarding the recent Allotment Sub-Committee Meeting. All is in hand and full report will be given at the next Council meeting.
- Report from Sports Association: Pump Track insurance is in place. Confirmation of Council ownership of the Pump Track. Sports Association, Pump Track Sub-Committee and Rhayader Riders run and maintain the track. There is a maintenance group which requires a Council representative. Cllr. C. Walton was proposed by Cllr. C. Evans and seconded by Cllr. L. Price.
- Cllr. G. Williams reported back on Waun Capel Parc. The MUGA will be resurfaced in the next few weeks. Thanks, was given to the work of Alan Samuel for obtaining the grant for the project.
- 3G is now back on the agenda Cllr. D. Davies will report back at future meetings with an update when required.

Action – Clerk to write letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Alan Samuel

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.1 Cllr. D. Evans

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Meeting with RTC and PCC re Asset Transfer and Dolgerddon Hall 24.1.20 – Cllr. A. Davies had taken notes which had been circulated to Council prior to this meeting. Portfolio Holder and Legal Representative from PCC did not turn up. PCC representatives that did attend David Micah and Neil Clutton, knew nothing of the FOI's that the Council had registered for Dolgerddon, nor the petition that Cllr. R. Thomas had been instrumental in with 500 signatures. A list of bullet points for PCC to address was produced and feedback was promised via David Micah.

Library – PCC have asked RTC for a decision on a cleaner for the Library. There are TUPE issues to be considered. Cllr. C. Evans contacted OVW for advice. She was asked to prepare a statement for OVW who will send it to their legal department. Council will wait for feedback from OVW legal team before entering any further discussions with PCC regarding Library issues

Action – Clerk to write to David Micah and ask for an update on the action point list that Cllr. D. Davies had produced and sent to them. Copy of letter to be sent to CEO.

Cllr. C. Walton proposed to report the current situation to the local press and inform them with a detailed account of \rtc's efforts, seconded by Cllr. D. Thomas.

Action – Cllr. J. Stuart and 1 other to compile report for the press release.

Action – Cllr. C. Evans to prepare a statement for OVW

6.2 V.E. Day Celebrations and Related Matters – Report from V.E. Day Group included discussion that took place re: street party on Friday 8th of May 2020, application to be completed for road closure for street party, home coming parade on Saturday the 9th of May 2020, and sports events. Fireworks were suggested but the quote was too much £2000. Update to be given at next Council meeting in March.

6.3 Road Signs – Update – Clerk had been in touch with PCC re road signs as part of the follow-up procedure from previous letter log. PCC had come back with a suggestion which is: the remaining Welsh part of the sign is removed from the A44, still leaving a gateway sign on the nearside of the road. They will design and order a matching Welsh sign (green on white) and erect them both as a single sign on the St. Harmon road. Cost will be borne by PCC. This will mean there will be at least 1 gateway sign on all main approaches to Rhayader. Anything else suggested by Council will be considered but Council will have to pay. Cllr. L. Price proposed that Council agree to this, seconded by Cllr. J. Jones.

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6.4 Keeping Wales Tidy National Spring Clean – See notes above from speaker Rachel Palmer. Cllr. J. Narborough to be RTC contact for the project. Possible dates for Rhayader exercise Sunday 22nd of March 2020 or Sunday 29th of March 2020.

Action - Cllr. J. Narborough to contact Rachel to discuss.

6.5 Keeping Rhayader a Tidy Town – Cllr. G. Williams reported that the grass cutting schedule will be available in the next few weeks. Cllr. C. Evans suggested that RTC pay for the removal of grass cuttings after the first cut in Rhayader. RTC have a lawnmower that can also be used for grass cutting. Cllr. G. Williams reported that Mid Wales Benches will collect the benches when they have availability.

6.6 Rhayader Cemetery – Site visit arranged for 3.3.20 10.30am with Angela Protheroe from PCC. Update for next Council meeting in March.

6.7 Letter Log – Update. To be circulated when required at future meetings.

6.8 Powys LDP Consultation – Closing date for comments 28.2.20. Noted by Council

6.9 Transforming Education in Powys Strategic Review – Closing date for comments 24.2.20. Noted by Council.

6.10 Pre-consultation Proposed Base Station Installation – Elan Valley. Noted by Council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 OVW – Sustainable Drainage System – Letter. Acknowledged by Council

7.2 Noah's Ark Charity Walk 16th-22nd May 2020 – Request for RTC to hold a cake stall in support of the charity.

Action – Clerk to contact Noah's Ark to find out what date they will be coming through Rhayader.

8. PLANNING

8.1 20/0180/FUL Construction of a building to house a compost loo to be used in conjunction with approved observatory shelter. Cllr. D. Evans left the room. Council have no objections to this planning application.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Play Area Inspection – Form and Payment Slip closing date 9.4.20 – Not relevant to Council forward to Groe Trust

9.2 Children's Wales Air Ambulance Donation Request – Cllr. L. Price proposed £100, seconded by Cllr. G. Williams.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

- Cllr. J. Jones reported the fell trees at the Elan Valley are now falling trees. Matter is in hand.
- Proposed by Cllr. A. Davies that 6.30pm before the next meeting in March we discuss RTC 5yr Plan – Agreed by Council
- Weirglodd Boundary issue had been sorted.
- Fence in Dark Lane Carpark has collapsed.

Action – Clerk to write to owner of the fence and ask for it to be repaired.

11. PRESS RELEASE

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12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Update on Precept spending to date.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. 24th March 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Julie Davies

Clerk

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