

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

Speaker – Tim Davies – PAVO

Tim Davies works for PAVO and part of his role in the service is to help with setting up groups and resolving issues within groups. PAVO are 3rd sector support, linking with community support. Volunteers within a group or organisation are as valuable as paid workers, if not more so. Statistics show that if all volunteers took a day off in Mid Wales, the economy would come to a standstill. This is how valuable volunteers are to your work force.

PAVO can give help and advice on becoming a charity through charitable status, provide support with paperwork for grants and other funding, and can help with events and consultations when looking into asset transfers.

THOSE PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors D. Thomas and J. Jones

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Pont- Yr- Elan Show – Mayor took part in judging and show was very well supported
- 2) OVO Tour of Britain – Mayor invited to the start of the race in Llandrindod Wells. Nice to see the streets in Rhayader full of local support.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- 1) Surgery – Cllr. C. Walton
- 2) Grass Cutting – Cllr. C. Walton
- 3) Town Signs – Cllr. R. Thomas
- 4) Front Row of Brynheulog – Cllr W. Davies

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Agreed

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1) 6.2 Benches – Slats in benches need replacing – Proposed by Cllr. R. Thomas to buy slats. Seconded by Cllr. V. Jones Davies. Council all in agreement.
Action - Cllr C. Walton to purchase slats.
- 2) Benches purchased for Remembrance Day last year are still missing wording agreed to by Council.
Action – Cllr. J. Stuart to contact Nick Buchan to arrange.
- 3) St. Harmon Road – Cllr. K. Curry stated there is no additional funding to allocate for this year.

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- 4) Under 5's Venue –Cllr. K. Curry states the PCC have received funds to build new Under 5's accommodation. Cricket Pavilion lease is available. Cllr. D. Davies says there has been no communication from PCC over the lease. Possibility of RTC taking over the lease in the interim proposed by Cllr. C. Walton.
Action - Suggested by Council that new Asset Project Management Sub- Committee look at this at their meeting on 25.6.19.

4: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- 1) Cllr. C. Walton -Elan Link – 4 Festivals taking place promoting the area.
2) Cllr. J. Stuart - Bryntitli Wind Farm Trust Apprenticeship providing financial support of up to £250 for young people entering their 1st year of apprenticeships. Applications through the Bryntitli Trust.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.7 – Cllr. C. Walton

6.9 – Cllrs C. Evans and R. Thomas

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Rhayader School Redundancies – Cllr. J. Narborough. Cllrs. C. Walton and A. Davies reported back to Council the situation and the structure concerning redundancies at Rhayader School.

6.2 Cake Stall in aid of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity run by RTC. Cllr. J. Narborough reported that the cake stall raised over £200 for the charity and the cheque was presented to charity representatives as they continued their charity run stopping at Rhayader Leisure Centre. Presented by Cllr. V. Jones Davies.

6.3 Dolgerddon – Lease holder has been in contact with PCC.

Action – Clerk to send letter to PCC requesting an update about the building.

Action – Cllr. K. Curry to speak to Kirsty Williams regarding Dolgerddon and issues surrounding the building, (possible meeting with portfolio holders). and will feedback to Council.

Action – Cllr. R. Thomas has spoken to Chris Davies MP who has said he will look in to the Dolgerddon issue. Cllr. R. Thomas to feedback to Council.

6.4 Litter Picking – No dates yet for litter picking. RTC will support litter picking exercise by Rhayader School.

6.5 Best Kept Garden – Cllr. V. Jones Davies and G. Williams to help with the judging this year with representative from Midway Garden Centre. Winner to be announced at next Council Meeting.

6.6 Report from PAVO Meeting. Circulated to Council prior to the meeting and covered by Tim Davies tonight's speaker.

6.7 Wyeseide Caravan Park – Cllr. Walton declared an interest and left the room.

Letter sent to Caravan and Camping Club by Clerk to ascertain when work would be completed. No reply yet but Council made aware that site opening to the public from 1st of July 2019.

Action – Clerk to write again to Caravan and Camping Club to obtain an update.

6.8 Cambrian Mountains Map – Dafydd from Cambrian Mountains would like to know if RTC are willing to fund Rhayader being on the Cambrian Mountain Map again in 2020?

Action – Cllr. R. Thomas will contact Cambrian Mountains and investigate and feedback to Council at the next meeting.

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6.9 The Old Mill – Cllrs. C. Evans and R. Thomas declared an interest and left the room.

Cllr. C. Walton had made investigations to aid RTC in the purchase the Old Mill. The owners are willing to consider an offer from RTC. Council considered the feasibility of a water turbine and would it generate adequate electricity/income?

Cllr. K. Curry stated that there were loans available through the Welsh Government to Councils with very low interest rates, if they wish to buy buildings that would benefit and generate income to towns.

Action – Plan to obtain feasibility studies and business cases to provide more detailed information to aid decision of purchase.

Action – Cllr. K. Curry to provide information on loan applications from Welsh Government.

6.10 Communications – Cllr. A. Davies stated that future cloud storage can be obtained if Council agree to purchase a program called Xero to aid the Clerk to record financial payments, VAT etc for the Councils accounts. Cost £30 a month. Cllr. D. Thomas has agreed to assist the Clerk in the introduction of the new accounts package.

Cllr. A. Davies proposed the introduction of the new accounts system, which was seconded by Cllr. D. Davies and agreed by full Council.

Action – Xero accounts program to be loaded on a trial period by Cllr. D. Thomas and results to be feedback to Council as an update at the next Council meeting.

6.11 Clerk Email – Council asked to explore the possibility of a WhatsApp group.

Action – Cllr A. Davies to write a policy on this idea.

Out of Office on Clerks Laptop – Cllr. D. Thomas says this cannot be done at present because of they way the laptop programs have been set up.

Action – Cllr. D. Thomas to contact Keith and discuss various computer issues.

6.12 Library – Cllr. C. Evans asked the question how do we promote the Library Service, and how do we propose to keep the service in Rhayader? Some ideas came from Tim Davies PAVO (speaker) which we can explore when required.

6.13 Domain Registration and Data Protection – Deferred till next meeting

6.14 Bike Park Update – Site meetings have taken place and work is due to start next week. Work access needs to be improved. Concerns from PCC that lease is not in place? However, there is a licence in place.

Action – Press release to go out at the weekend.

6.15 Grass Cutting Exercise – RTC have produced a map of all the grass cutting areas to aid grass cutting by PCC in Rhayader.

Action – Clerk to send map to PCC.

Cllr. C. Walton propose a skip/bin to collect green waste from RTC grass cuttings. Seconded by Cllr. R. Thomas. Counter proposal by Cllr. J. Narborough to purchase a trade waste bin for RTC green waste.

Seconded by Cllr. L. Price. Council voted in favour of Skip/bin.

Action – Cllr. C. Walton to contact Simon Price for price of skip/bin hire.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 PCC Resurfacing of South Street – Noted by Council

7.2 Clayton Taylor – Bryntitli – Meeting to be held with St. Harmon Council and RTC. TBA.

8. PLANNING

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8.1 Bike Park Approved

9. FINANCE

9.1 Audit – Agreed as a true record and noted by Council

9.2 Accounts – Noted and agreed by Council

10. URGENT BUSINESS

10.1 Town Signs – Cllr. R. Thomas stated that signs need to be done in reflective paint because they are on a trunk road.

Action – Cllr. R. Thomas will investigate further and feedback to Council at next meeting.

10.2 Brynheulog Parking.

Action - Clerk to write to PCC regarding this issue. Cllr. J. Stuart to help with background contents of letter.

10.3 Surgery – Cllr. C. Walton raised concerns about the amount of time people are having to wait to have their ears syringed now that Rhayader surgery doesn't offer the facility. 3 month waiting list in Llandrindod.

Action – Clerk to write to surgery to see why Rhayader isn't offering this service.

10.4 Website – Request that the video on Council website be updated to that of "Year of Discovery"

Action – Cllr. D. Thomas to look at website and update.

10.5 Rats reported by Cllr. R. Thomas by his home.

Action – Cllr. Price to investigate.

11. PRESS RELEASE

11.1 Dolgerddon

11.2 Bike Park

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

12.1 Elan Valley Trust

12.2 Skip/Bin update

12.3 Domains/ GDPR and Hosting

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30th July 2019.

The meeting closed at 9p.m.

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