

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.30PM
AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR
Speaker PC Sara Evans Community Police

PC (92) Sara Evans was invited to address the Council, on issues which have been brought to her attention in Rhayader and surrounding areas. Attention was given to Data Protection. Issues discussed were:

- A drugs management programme is in place in Rhayader, and surrounding areas. Point made that Rhayader isn't the only area where drugs are an issue. People are urged to not take matters in to their own hands, and report anything they see or hear which will be dealt with in strict confidence.
- Steal and be banned in shops.
- B.O.B. (Behave or be Banned) Police intend to visit local landlords to reintroduce B.O.B. were a person will be banned from all public houses if they do not conduct themselves in a orderly manner. Also, to discuss drug related issues and how to tackle these issues i.e. WD40 on surfaces in toilets to deter drug users.
- Councillors suggested more police presence at events and around the town.
- Traffic issues in Rhayader, plus cars speeding through and around the town. Section 59 is a warning that can be issued on cars and cars that people drive, which lasts for 12 months and is used as a deterrent to those who do not control their vehicle in the correct manner.
- Rural crime and what can be done to help prevent it. Ideas such as CCTV, ring the police, dashboard cameras were discussed.
- Go Safe, (www.gosafe.org) which is a safe, secure, and confidential on-line reporting system which the public are encouraged to use to report anything they deem to be suspicious or law breaking. Share information campaigns are to be introduced, where police and public can work together.
- RTC will circulate contact details for Community Police, and Clerks details will be on police sites.
- Police wish to attend meetings every 6 month with updates. Agreed by Council.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor J. Stuart (Deputy Mayor)				
Councillors	G. Williams	D. Davies	C. Evans	J. Narborough	C. Walton
	A. Davies	D.O. Evans			

Observer: County Cllr. K. Curry

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. V. Jones-Davies, L. Price, W. Davies, J. Jones and R. Thomas

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RTC would like to send their sincere condolences to Cllr. L. Price and Cllr. R. Thomas at this sad time.
 - Licencing Service for the town's new vicar, Reverend Lance Sharpe 13.2.19. This event was very well supported. Reverend Sharpe has agreed to do the Remembrance Service this year.
- Action** - RTC to invite new vicar to a future Council meeting.

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- Police Liaison Representative from Council
- Sporting cutbacks in Powys
- 3G Pitch

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- Tri-Town

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Amendments –

- 6.5 – Identify
- Representatives Report – Smithfield Trust – Secretary not Clerk
- Finance – Insert Requested Precept Figure for 2019/20
- 6.14 – Insert list of the policies RTC have produce and now use.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 6.13 Lawnmower – Arrangements have been made to obtain parts for lawnmower, (Cllr. C. Walton updated) RTC will receive the invoice on completion of the repairs.
- 7.3 Teenage Cancer Trust - £50 has been donated from RTC from the Recycling Account.

4: REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS

- Toilet/Asset Sub Committee – Cllr. C. Walton informed the Council of the upgrade to be done to the public toilets at the Cemetery.
- Bike Park – Cllr. C. Walton suggested that there be a special meeting of the Council called to discuss finances related to the Bike Park
- St. Harmon and Rhayader Joint Council Meeting – Cllr. C. Walton and Cllr. D. Evans attended. Items discussed included: Tri Town meetings and shared activities between towns, Rhayader Library, and possible contributions to funding the Library provision, from other local Councils, Sub Station planning at Bryntitli (Ventient Energy), Compulsory 20 mile an hour speed signs out side Rhayader School, Powys Lottery Grant.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 8.1 Cllr. C. Walton – Log Cabins. Cllr. Left the room at appropriate time when item was being discussed.

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Library Consultation/Assets - Update

Cllr. C. Evans reported a good turnout of Councillors and public, to a very useful consultation meeting. Spreading, and sharing the cost of running the Library with other local Councils, is an option to be explored. Claiming rate relief from PCC, is another option to keep running costs low. Investigate further, the possibility of charitable status through PAVO.

Action – Cllr. C. Evans will now liaise with Adrian Foulkes Solicitor regarding the Library.
Cllr. C. Evans will also write on behalf of RTC, to PCC, formally accepting ownership of Rhayader Library. (saving PCC £13,500 a year).

6.2 Public Toilet Draft Strategy and Feedback Survey –

Action - Clerk to redirect survey paperwork, to the Toilet/Asset Sub Committee for discussion and completion.

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6.3 Dolgerddon Hall, Rhayader – Update

County Councillor K. Curry provided Council with information which he received from PCC regarding Dolgerddon. The tenant has contacted PCC for the first time recently, stating financial issues have been settled, and that a project manager has been appointed to oversee the restoration of the building. The tenant intends to restore the building and continue with his existing lease, according to the requirements of the lease. He hopes for some cooperation from PCC in this, and he will be in touch with PCC with more details soon.

Action – Clerk to provide monthly updates at Council meeting.

6.4 Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee – Inquiry into Allotments.

Action – Clerk to redirect paperwork to the Allotment Sub Committee

6.5 One Voice Wales membership renewal

It was agreed by Council, after discussion, that RTC will not renew their membership with OVW.

Action – Clerk to monitor the situation once membership is cancelled.

6.6 Land Registry – Update

Cllr. J. Narborough has been searching for the deeds or any documents, about land registry on Cwmdauddwr Car Park and the two pounds. No information found yet.

Action - Cllr. D. Evans to liaise with Cllr. J. Narborough to share knowledge of where papers might be.

6.7 Mid Wales Growth Project – Update

No further update at this time, however, RTC have been promised an update for the March meeting.

6.8 Reporting Crime (www.gosafe.org)

Cllr. A. Davies reiterated the importance of encouraging the public to report crime. The Gosafe website and 101 phone number, have been set up as a method of reporting crime in a safe and confidential way. Contact details of the Police Crime Commissioner given to Clerk.

Action – Clerk to put the Gosafe website, and 101 phone number, on RTC website and Facebook page.

6.9 Cambrian Mountains Project – Signage (Logo) on Rhayader street signs for Cambrian Mountain.

Action – Clerk to provide Council with the cost of the signage for the meeting in March

6.10 Rhayader Street Signs

Cllr. R. Thomas was not present at the meeting but is heading this task. After discussion, RTC have decided that they would like to see the right type of logo/decoration on the street signs. RTC are all in favour of black on white background. There was a suggestion of daffodils in 2 of the sign's corners, and if Cambrian Mountains Project would provide us with quotes, there is a suggestion of putting their logo on the bottom smaller part of our street signs.

Action – Clerk to feedback to Cllr. R. Thomas the finding of the Council regarding Rhayader Street Signs.

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6.11 Council Walk Around Town

Clerk circulated the report of the RTC Walkabout Town which identified areas in town that required attention, such as grass cutting, lighting, Cemetery upkeep etc.

Cllr. G. Williams suggested Bryan Price, Penybont, would be the best point of contact at this time for grass cutting and offered to contact him on behalf of the Clerk.

Action – Cllr. G. Williams to contact Bryan Price regarding grass cutting. Clerk to work through the list of areas that need attention, when able to do so as an ongoing task, and to share pothole and lighting contact number with the public on the Council website and Facebook.

6.12 Allotment Sub Committee Meeting 4.12.18

Discussion on future work at the allotment site (Weirglodd) Allotment plots need to be individually identified, and those available to rent require digging over. Further update at March meeting.

Action – Clerk/Chair to write to plot holders, regarding regular meetings of plot holders and allotment committee members, and to inform them of a forthcoming open day to be arranged to attract future plot holder. Clerk/Chair to contact Eli Jones to see if he would dig over available plots.

Site meeting to be arranged, to identify allotment work to be carried out by committee and plot holders.

6.13 Bike Park – Update

Cllr. C. Walton reported that a letter has been received from Kirsty Williams, stating that the grant is in place for the Bike Park, but it has a deadline. Lease acquisition and planning from PCC behind time but hoping for an extension.

Action - Update at March meeting.

6.14 Planning

Cllr. J. Narborough, Cllr. A. Davies and Clerk Julie Davies have a meeting with Gemma Buffton at the Planning Department PCC, on 7th of March 2019 at 10.30. This is meeting forms part of the Clerk training, and to update us on the recently developed planning system.

Action - Feedback at the March meeting.

Cllr. A. Davies will be attending free planning training in March 2019 in Llandrindod Wells

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Funding for School Breakfast Fund

Noted by Council – This item has been poorly communicated to the public, as there will be no change to the funding. Confirmed by County Councillor K. Curry and Cllr. A. Davies.

7.2 Noah's Ark Hospital Children's Hospital Wales, Fun Run.

Cllrs. A. Davies, J. Narborough, G. Williams and Clerk Julie Davies, met with fund raising staff, who came to Rhayader to promote the event, and will be running through Rhayader on Monday 13th of May 2019. They would like the Council to promote the event. They have the local schools involved and hope to generate interest in the run which will take 7 days from Machynlleth to Cardiff Bay.

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Action - Cllr. A. Davies agreed to inform local running clubs, who could take part in a section of the route of the run, and Cllr. J. Narborough, Cllr. G. Williams and Clerk Julie Davies agreed to run a cake stall on the day. Clerk will also circulate information via press release and on Facebook near the time.

7.3 Donation for Educational Trip to Zambia

Letter received, however not appropriate for RTC.

Action - Clerk to speak to Mayor, and reply with advice and possible application suggestions, for example The Edward Taylor Fund, Rhayader 2000.

7.4 Cambrian Mountain Signs

Discussed earlier and noted by Council.

7.5 Wales Air Ambulance donation request.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Williams to send a cheque for £50 to the Wales Air Ambulance Fund. Seconded by Cllr. Narborough. Council in full agreement. Donation will be given from the Recycling Account.

Action – Clerk to send a cheque for £50 to the Wales Air Ambulance Fund

7.6 Carnival Judging – Request from Carnival Committee

Action – Clerk to pass invitation on to new Mayor when elected in May 2019

7.7 Fund Raiser Appeal for Eisteddfod

Noted as received by Council.

7.8 Tenovus Cancer Care Donation Request

Action – Clerk to respond to request. Noted by Council who will consider again in the future.

7.9 Play Area Catalogue

Noted as received by Council.

Action – Clerk to file for future use

7.10 Councillor P. Darks Resignation Letter (signed email)

Noted as received by Council

Action – Council advised Clerk to respond to Cllr. P. Dark's resignation. Cllr. Dark has been on RTC for 5 years, and the Council would like to thank him for his contribution during that time. Clerk also ask to start formal Councillor recruitment procedure. Discuss with Mayor and Electoral Dept. PCC.

8. PLANNING

8.1 18/0835/DIS Wyeseide Camping and Caravan Club – Update

Cllr. C. Walton left the room. Cllr. C. Evans reported to Council that conditions have been discharged so the planning has been approved.

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8.2 19/0112/FUL Dolymynach Reservoir Dam Nr. Llannerch Cawr, Construction of Hydro Electric Scheme and Associated Grid Connection, Pipeline etc.

Council agree it looks ugly, no sympathy has been shown for the surrounding area. Would it be possible to go under ground with the planned work? Aesthetically unappealing.

8.3/190102/HH Penrally House, Erection of Garage

Council have no objections to this planning other than there could be access issues.

9. FINANCE

9.1 BACS/Internet Banking – Cllr. J. Narborough, Cllr. G. Williams and Clerk Julie Davies have an appointment with the HSBC, Friday, 22.2.19 to discuss BACs/Internet Banking for Council accounts.

Action – Feedback at March meeting.

9.2 Precept Agreement – Update

Clerk confirmed agreed Precept figure for 2019/20 of £43,000 (agreed at special Precept Meeting of RTC) had been sent in to PCC before deadline of the 25th of January 2019. All Precept payments for 2018/19 have been made, or in the process of being paid.

9.3 Audit – Preparation has begun for the forthcoming audit of RTC finances. Clerk is working with previous Clerk Carl Baker, to get all accounts ready for internal and external auditing. This exercise will be ongoing throughout February, March and April 2019. Internal audit has been arranged with accountant Mr. Paul Roberts. This was agreed by Council.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. C. Walton - Police Liaison Representative from RTC will be Cllr. J. Narborough. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans seconded by Cllr. C. Walton

Cllr. C. Walton – Sports Cutbacks – Cllr C. Walton proposed a letter of support go to the 560 Group, in support of the service they offer. This was seconded by Cllr. A. Davies.

Action – Clerk to send letter of support to 560 Group.

Cllr. C. Walton – Fly tipping Waun Capel Parc, behind the Pavilion – Public are encouraged to report fly tipping to PCC. Take photos is necessary.

Cllr. D. Davies – 3G – Cllr. D. Davies has circulated email to the Council, regarding a meeting on the 13.3.19 about 3G Pitch. He will feedback at the March meeting.

Cllr. D. Evans – Tri Towns. Council representative is required on the Tri Town Committee and Tri Town Steering Group. Nominated Cllr. R. Thomas with Cllr. D. Evans and as additional support at meetings Council as Clerk to speak to Bill Stow to see if he would be a third representative on both committee/group

Action – Clerk to contact Bill Stow and ask about Tri Town representative.

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11. PRESS RELEASE

- Safeguarding at Dolgerddon
- Noah's Ark Fun Run
- Gosafe website and 101 phone number.

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 5-year Plan
- Weirglodd Lease
- Bike Park
- 3G
- Dolgerddon Update

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of RTC will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19th March 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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