

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

Before the meeting PCSO Gareth Morris came to introduce himself to the Council. He will be based in Rhayader Police Station and can be visibly seen around the town at different venues and events. If he isn't at the station you may find him at the Arches where you can join him for a "cuppa with a copper!" Allocated police time in Rhayader is now 40 hours a week. Although there is no direct line to Gareth, if people wish to speak to him or need assistance, dial 101 and ask for Gareth.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman	Vice Chair Cllr. J. Narborough				
Councillors	D. Thomas	D. Davies	C. Evans	R. Thomas	G. Williams
	A. Davies	D.O. Evans	J. Jones	V. Jones-Davies	L. Price

Observer: County Cllr. K. Curry

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. J. Stuart, W. Davies and C. Walton

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements as Chair absent from meeting

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- **Action** – Clerk to write to the owner of the caravan parked on Cwmdauddwr carpark and request it to be moved as soon as possible.

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Minutes agreed by Council

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Map identifying walkway surrounding Wyese Caravan and Camping Park** – It was suggested by Cllr. C. Evans that Council apply to claim for their own right of way surrounding the Caravan and Camp Park. It has been used for many years and we can provide witness statements to back the claim. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans and seconded by Cllr. R. Thomas with full agreement from Council.
Action - Item for next month's agenda
Action – Cllr. C. Evans to provide forms to Cllr. Thomas to obtain witness statements in readiness for our claim.
Action – Cllr. C. Evans to investigate how RTC can apply to PCC to claim their own right of way around Wyese Caravan and Camping Park.

4: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- Dementia Training at Crosfield House 19.11.19 – Cllr. J. Narborough attended – Very good training and of benefit to all reported Cllr. Narborough.
Action – Clerk to investigate if dementia training can be delivered to Council before any future meetings.
- School Report – Cllr. A. Davies told Council that Rhayader School had not been refunded for the flood that took place earlier in the year and the cut in budget.

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- Smithfield Market – Cllr. J. Jones reported that the Smithfield Livestock Markets are bringing financial support to the economy in the area and this is most welcome.
- Cllr. D. Thomas reported back on the presentation evening at the Elan Hotel with Calum Carr (PCC) regarding the Healthy Outdoor Project. It had been circulated to attract attention of those who wanted to volunteer for the project but there was little or no support on the night. Other avenues will now need to be followed in order to get the project off the ground.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Information Technology/Website Update – Cllr. D. Thomas confirmed that the website address is www.rhayader.gov.wales and will be launched early to mid-November 2019. All Councillors need to be using the new generic email address by 1.11.19 for GDPR reasons. Those Councillors who haven't swapped over yet and need some help, contact Cllr. D. Thomas.

6.2 Promoting Rhayader Industrial Estate/Site – Clerk still waiting to hear from Welsh Government on this.
Action – Clerk to update at next meeting.

6.3 PCC work at Maes Y Deri – Cllr. K. Curry reported that while work is going on in Maes Y Deri, cars can be parked at the Dark Lane carpark and payment fees claimed back from PCC. Contact PCC for details.

6.4 Weirglodd land dispute – Cllr. K. Curry had a meeting with PCC re legal position and is awaiting a report. There is a meeting scheduled for 30.10.19 with all parties to discuss the matter further.

6.5 Remembrance Day Sub-Committee Meeting 17.10.19 Report by Cllr. G. Williams. The programme of events is in hand. Music will be provided by Peter Phillips co-ordinated by Cllr. D. Thomas. The Rev. Lance Sharpe will be in attendance to provide the service. Stewards have been organised and Councillors attending service will be handing out service booklets. After which the church service will be in St. Clements Church. Extra load speakers have been provided and placed in the Castle pub so those in North St. can hear the service.

Extra poppies are now required for the fire service to place around town as numbers are dwindling. They are £3.50 each poppy.

Action - To be discussed at next meeting.

6.6 Allotments – Cllr. A. Davies required a date from those Councillors on the Allotment Sub-Committee for the forthcoming AGM. It was agreed that the Allotment Sub-Committee would be held on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 6.30pm, Cwmdauddwr School, Council Chambers.

Action - Cllr. D. Thomas was co-opted on to the Allotment Sub-Committee at tonight's meeting. Agreed by Council.

6.7 FOI Dolgerddon Hall – Clerk informed Council that the Information Compliance Department at PCC had apologised for not complying with RTC request for information on Dolgerddon Hall by stated time of 4.10.19. They required more time.

Cllr. R. Thomas has submitted a petition with over 500 signatures regarding the building to PCC via County Councillor Kelvin Curry.

Action – Clerk to write a strong letter of complaint to the Compliance Department suggesting enough time has lapsed, and RTC require the information that had requested. Send a copy of the letter to the portfolio holder also.

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Action – Clerk to write to the I.C.O if Compliance Department cannot give the information requested and email a copy of this letter to the Chief Executive. Arrange a meeting at County Hall with RTC and portfolio holders if no information is forthcoming. Report back at next meeting.

6.8 Monks Trod and Devils Gulch Bridleway – Jen Newman and Mike Booth from the Elan Valley attending the next meeting with an update.

6.9 Rhayader Road Signs – Deferred till next meeting.

6.10 BT Phone Box Removal – Stage 2 of the consultation to start soon with letters of support requested by 30.10.19. Cllr. K. Curry also recommended a letter to Ofcom to see if there are any plans to extend their mobile signal in the area.

Action – Clerk to write second letter to PCC in support of the BT phone boxes staying in and around Rhayader.

Action – Clerk to write to Ofcom regarding extending mobile phone signal in the area.

6.11 Clerks Letter Log – Circulated by email to Council prior to the meeting for update on correspondence

6.12 Bryntitli Fund Application – process still ongoing closing date 11.11.19

6.13 Car Parking Policing Restrictions in Rhayader – Deferred for another meeting

6.14 Llanbadarn CC Proposal to share costs of Mobile Speed Indicators – Discussion took place. Cllr. K. Curry was able to cover some details of the proposal with Council; however, it was agreed to contact Llanbadarn CC and ask for more information before a decision to partially finance the scheme was made.

Action – Clerk to write to Llanbadarn CC and speak to Derek Price for more information on the proposal, and report back at next Council meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Donation request

Action – Clerk to write and that the young person for contacting Council and refer them to R2000 and the Ted Taylor Fund which is available for such activities.

7.2 Invitation to Rhayader Under 5’s Open Afternoon Friday 25.10.19 4pm Cricket Pavilion.

Action – Cllrs. R. Thomas, J. Narborough, J. Jones and D. Davies will attend.

7.3 Elan Valley Trust – Letter regarding additional RTC representation on the trust committee. No vacant trustee positions at present.

Action – Clerk to contact EVT to suggest RTC’s interest in joining the trust would be of a more casual role than that of a trustee.

7.4 One Voice Wales meeting with Chief Executive 15.11.19, 4pm Cwmdauddwr School, Council Chambers. Meeting will be to discuss what OVW can do to support the Clerk and RTC in the future.

Action – Cllrs. D. Davies, J. Narborough, G. Williams, J. Jones and J. Davies (Clerk) will attend

7.5 Report on War Memorial Survey

Action – Clerk to circulate to Council for their information

7.6 Letter of request from a local transport manager wanting local services to be promoted to Ventient Energy.

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Action – Clerk to send correspondence to Ventient Energy.

8. PLANNING

8.1 19/1589/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to camping site. Elan Valley – No objection from Council to this planning application

8.2 19/1607/HH – Erection of first floor extension. Brynheulog, Rhayader – No objection from Council to this planning application.

8.3 19/1685/FUL – Change of use from Public House (The Bear) to bed and breakfast. Rhayader – Council opposed to this planning application. Council wish to encourage as many public buildings to stay in use as they are in the town to attract more visitors to Rhayader.

Action – Clerk to contact Planning Department with comments from RTC

9. FINANCE

9.1 RTC 2018-2019 Audit – Clerk was able to inform Councillors that RTC have complied with financial regulations and successfully completed and passed the 2018-2019 financial audit.

Action – Clerk to display all financial documentation on website and other relevant documentation as suggested by external auditor.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Council would like to congratulate Cllr. L. Price and Cllr. R. Thomas on their recent achievements.

11. PRESS RELEASE

Dolgerddon Hall

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

5yr Plan update

Cemetery and work that needs completing at the cemetery by PCC

Action – Clerk to write to PCC about items that need attention at Rhayader cemetery

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Speaker and presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award will take place before full Council meeting which will start at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

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