

## RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

#### THOSE PRESENT

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

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. J. Narborough, A. Davies, L. Price, J. Jones and Clerk J. Davies

**1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Cllr. J. Stuart had opened the Rhayader Vintage Show held prior to Carnival Week. His wife Alys selected the articulated vehicle winner which was Lloyds of Ludlow. Cllr. J. Stuart stated, with his wife Alys, what a privilege it was to be Mayor on Carnival Day in Rhayader.

**Action** – Clerk to send letter to Carnival Committee congratulating them on yet another successful carnival.

**1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr. R. Thomas – Industrial Estate

Cllr. J. Stuart – Terms of Reference for the Assets and Project Management Sub-Committee

**2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED**

All Agreed

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Town Road Signs to be deferred till next meeting
- Memorial Benches – Cllr. J. Stuart has not managed to follow-up the issues concerning the benches. Deferred till next meeting

**Action** - Cllr. C. Walton to arrange moving the Memorial Benches to a new site.

**4: REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Cllr. J Narborough had circulated three reports by email prior to the meeting for Council information.

- Rhayader 2000 Board meeting (2.7.19)
- Rhayader Health Focus Group Meeting (2.7.19)
- Rhayader Town Council Meeting with St. Harmon Council and Ventient Energy (1.7.19)

Cllr. A. Davies had circulated several reports by email prior to the meeting for Council information.

- Meeting with Rhayader Town Council and Rhayader Primary School Pupil Voice Committee (22.5.19)
- Meeting of the Rhayader Town Council Asset and Project Management Sub-Committee (25.6.19)
- One Voice Wales information. Cllr. A. Davies's proposal to invite OVW to a Council Meeting with a view to Council considering re-joining OVW. (24.7.19)
- Allotment - Brief report on allotment issues, which will be addressed at an Allotment Sub-Committee Meeting in September 2019. (24.7.19)
- Brief report on Rhayader Primary school year 6 leavers presentation. (24.7.19)

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Cllr. C. Walton reported back on the Pump Track. Cllr. C. Walton is to become Claimant Officer. The additional 20% payment has been agreed and the Pump Track should be completed within 6 weeks.

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. R. Thomas and C. Evans 6.6 - Asset Management Committee Report

Cllr. C. Walton 6.8 – Fishing at Wyeseide Caravan Park

## 6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Best Kept Garden - Cllr. V. Jones Davies announced the winner of the Best Kept Garden, Margaret and Tony Jones, Cae Glas, Rhayader. Mayor asked Cllr. V Jones Davies to arrange presentation of award and requested Clerk, Mayor, Midway Nursery and fellow judges to be present with the winners at a suitable date and time, with Press to take photographs for the local papers.

**Action** – Cllr. V. Jones Davies to discuss with Clerk and organise presentation.

6.2 Street Scene Grass Cutting/ Riverside Walk – Council would like to ask Bryan Price to attend a meeting with RTC Portfolio Members to discuss grass cutting in Rhayader. Cllr. C. Walton has arranged for the Riverside Walk work to be completed this week.

**Action** – Clerk to write to Bryan Price and PCC Portfolio Member to arrange meeting.

6.3 Devils Gulch Bridleway – A site meeting was suggested with Mark Stafford Tolley and Welsh Water, also continue pressing Welsh Water.

6.4 Health Active Outdoor Footpath Volunteers Project – Cllr. D. Thomas had circulated via email prior to the meeting, his concerns regarding signing any forms connected with this project at this time. Cllr. C. Evans would not encourage anyone to sign any forms connected with this project at this time as it could cause unlimited liability. However, Council would support the project.

6.5 Bryntitli – Council agreed on an available date for the Bryntitli Site Meeting as Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm.

6.6 Asset Management and Project Sub-Committee – Cllrs. R. Thomas and C. Evans left the room. Cllr. J. Stuart circulated Terms of Reference for the Asset and Project Management Committee. Cllr. D. Davies reported back to Council. The Group had decided not to go ahead with the purchase of the Old Mill. Access was an issue. Group would look at further schemes on the Wierglodd for an income stream. Loans are available for Town Councils, but some schemes would need a business plan depending on the amount of borrowing required.

6.7 Domain/GDPR/Xero and Hosting – Cllr. D. Thomas gave a brief insight in to this item. Explained that one online banking and finance package would alleviate pressure on the Town Clerk and would provide Councillors with ready made finance reports relating to the bank accounts and end of the financial year procedures.

He also stated for £7.99 per month Hosting would give us much better control over RTC website.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. R. Thomas. All agreed.

6.8 Fishing at Wyeseide Caravan Park – Cllr. C. Walton left the room. Cllr. R. Thomas reported that the signs regarding fishing at the site are incorrect. The Clerk was asked to find out about fishing rights on the camping field. Cllr. C. Evan thought there was no right of way for walkers.

**Action** – Clerk to seek clarification on the angling rights on that piece of river.

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6.9 Parking at Maesyderi – This is in hand and quotations are being asked for.

6.10 Elan Valley Trust – Cllr. C. Walton expressed concern at the lack of local representation on the trust. Suggested a letter be written to the trust to ask for an RTC representative to join the committee as they would be in a position of understanding the local area.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Walton seconded by Cllr. R. Thomas.

**Action** – Clerk to write to the Elan Valley Trust

6.11 Skip/Bin Hire for Green Waste – Cllr. C. Walton still investigating this issue. Suggested that this be discussed with Bryan Price and the PCC Portfolio Holder when meeting to discuss grass cutting.

6.12 Clock War Memorial Plaques – This information was circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Council in agreement to 2 plaques being installed by the Clock War Memorial. An application can be downloaded on to mobile phones/tablets which will give visitors information on the people remembered on the Clock Tower.

6.13 Dolgerddon – No update, however Cllr. K. Curry is to request a site meeting with Phil Davies, PCC Portfolio holder to discuss the issues of concern.

6.14 Cambrian Mountain Map – Cllr. R. Thomas is investigating this item and has emailed Chris Davies MP

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 Preferred Strategy Consultation  
**Action** – Clerk to email to Council, local Development Plan
- 7.2 Martins Way – Letter received by Clerk regarding the condition of Martins Way.  
**Action** – Clerk to send a letter to PCC regarding the condition of Martins Way as a health and safety issue and future maintenance.
- 7.3 Wales Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks received by the Clerk for RTC donation. – noted
- 7.4 Chester Masters Chartered Accounts letter re access request Dderw Estate. – Matter resolved.
- 7.5 Ventient Energy – Letter regarding Bryntitli Fund – noted for information.

## **8. PLANNING**

8.1 19/1072/FUL Claerwen Valley, Elan Valley, Rhayader. Installation of underground cable and associated work

Cllr. C. Walton wanted to know how the cable was going to be supported from the Foel Tower to Nantgwyl? Otherwise no other objections

8.2 19/0991/TRE St. Brides, Rhayader. Proposed work to trees in conservation area.  
No objections passed as agreed.

## **9. FINANCE**

## **10. URGENT BUSINESS**

- CAT
- Library
- Town Clock
- Dolgerddon Land

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Cllr. C. Evans gave an informative report at this point on these issues (allowed by Council due to late attendance to the meeting) and will forward her more detail report to the Clerk for attachment to the minutes.

Industrial Estate – Cllr. R. Thomas – Letter to be sent to Ken Skates, Welsh Office Minister, asking what is being done to promote Rhayader.

Cllr. R. Thomas congratulated the new auctioneers at the Smithfield. All Councillors expressed their delight to see the market return to Rhayader.

Cllr. J. Stuart, Chairman of the Rhayader Carnival Committee, agreed that the committee had a lot of help this year for carnival and it was much appreciated.

Cllr. J. Stuart present to Council a draft copy of the Terms of Reference for the Assets and Project management Sub-Committee.

Resolved by Council that these Terms of Reference be accepted and adopted by RTC as a working document.

## **11. PRESS RELEASE**

Best Kept Garden

## **12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 12.1 Bryntitli Fund
- 12.2 Dolgerddon Update – Cllr. K. Curry
- 12.3 Road Signs Update – Cllr. R. Thomas
- 12.4 Cambrian Mountain Map – Cllr. R. Thomas
- 12.5 Email/Council Web page/IT Issues Update – Cllr. D. Thomas
- 12.6 Grass Cutting – Meeting with Bryan Price and Portfolio Member
- 12.7 Martins Way
- 12.8 Clerks Role/Development Officer

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

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