

RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2019 AT 6.30PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL CWMDAUDDWR

Speaker – Calum Carr (Healthy, Active, Outdoor Project)

Visitors: Graham Taylor and members of the Ramblers Association, Alan Austin, Llanwrthwl Community Council

Calum Carr, Powys County Council Community Liaison Officer, has been seconded to set up a volunteer's workforce supported by PCC, for the Healthy, Active, Outdoor Project. It is a pilot project which he will oversee volunteers, in the Rhayader and Llanwrthwl area.

Although mostly the landowner's responsibility, the project will be looking at areas overgrown on to public pathways. Some money is available (up to 25%) and volunteers will be provided with safety boots, a small works tool kit, shovels, and relevant training. The work could be all year round, weather permitting, and at the discretion of the landowners. Work could involve putting up signs, stiles, and gates as well as cleaning and clearing paths. The project will be looking for volunteers and volunteer leaders, though all jobs will be initially, supervised by Calum.

Calum previously worked in Montgomery, Newport, and Newtown setting up volunteer groups.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairman Councillor J. Stuart in the absence of Cllr. W. Davies

Councillors	P. Dark	D. Davies	C. Evans	J. Stuart.	R. Thomas
	A. Davies	D.O. Evans	J. Jones	J. Narborough	C. Walton
			V. Jones Davies	G. Williams	

Observer: County Cllr. K. Curry

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. W. Davies, Cllr. L. Price and Clerk J. Davies

1a. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Chairman announcements

1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

- School Sign
- Broken Kerb
- Information and Display
- White lines leading to the town clock

2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Amendment to 6.5 Council decided not to send letter of support to Abermule re recycling centre at this time.
Amendment to 6.7 noted and agreed.

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3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Loss of Radio 3 signal in the area. No reply to letter sent at this time.
- Allotments – Site Meeting
- Signs
- Library
- St. Harmon and RTC Meeting
- Cemetery Site Meeting. Awaiting date from Carwyn Jones.
- Cabin by The Mace - Planning

4. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Clerks Review 10.1.19 - Cllr. D. Davies

There was an informal meeting with RTC's Clerk, Julie Davies and Cllr. D. Davies, Cllr. A. Davies and Cllr. J. Narborough. The role of Clerk was discussed. RTC need to identify what it requires from the Clerk, and the Clerk to identify jobs and work balance.

There will be another meeting on 7.2.19. Planning was raised by both parties as an area of concern.

Brecon & Radnor OVW Meeting 18.1.19 – Cllr. A. Davies

Report circulated by Cllr. A. Davies. Area of report raising concern was road safety. RTC will consider Community speeding awareness, speed guns, and volunteers. Speed lighting signs can be used in the Area. Possible future meeting with the police.

Councillors walkabout 6.1.19

Action – Clerk to produce a detailed list of action points that will be discussed at the next meeting in February.

Poppy Appeal – Cllr. G. Williams reported that the total raised was £2900. The total included money raised from the Centenary Concert organised by Rhayader Players. Cllr. D. Davies will put this information on Facebook.

Smithfield Trust – Cllr. C. Evans reported from the recent meeting held. There has been a considerable Amount of work done on Bank House and a general tidy up in the Smithfield area.

Groups are wanting to use the Smithfield as a meeting place, or to hold an event. These groups should be encouraged to go through the Smithfield Secretary.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. Walton – Planning item 8.1

Cllr. A. Davies – Planning item 8.3

Both Councillors left the room at the appropriate times

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6 AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1 Assets/Library – Cllr. C. Evans has had discussions with Mr. D. Pritchard PCC, and will be continuing with RTC interest, in going forward.

Action - Reminder to be sent out by Clerk regarding the Library Drop-in Consultation on Friday 8th February 2019

Action – Cllr. C. Evans will send letter to Mr D. Pritchard, PCC continuing ongoing correspondence regarding Rhayader Library. Council all in favour of this.

- 6.2 Dolgerddon – It was reported back that local builders have been asked to put tarpaulin over the building, at the request of the lease holder, no scaffolding was requested.
Action - Cllr. C. Evans will provide County Times with a press release as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans and seconded by Cllr. G. Williams

- 6.3 St Harmon and RTC Meeting 30.1.19.
Agenda items: Terms of Reference, Funding towards Communal Assets i.e. Public Toilets, Library, and War Memorial, Traffic calming on St Harmon Road

- 6.4 Rhayader Road Signs – Cllr. R. Thomas has spoken to sign contractor, and to install the signs will be £700 each. PCC will furnish price for fitting signs (£5950 plus VAT in total for signs)
Action - as a final item on next months agenda Cllr. R. Thomas with give final update.

- 6.5 Traffic and Crossing on St Harmon Road – No more information on this item at present. Concern was raised about the speed and disregard by parents whilst using the roads in and out of the school. Noted – School warning sign needs replacing on Bryntirion Lane, requires further investigation.

- 6.6 RTC Insurance Confirmation of payment – Noted

- 6.7 Play Sufficiency in Powys – Cllr. A. Davies shared information with the Council

- 6.8 Cambrian Futures
Action - Clerk to invite as speaker to a future meeting.

- 6.9 OVW Awards – Noted

- 6.10 Elan Valley Trail – Cllr. A. Davies is concerned about Devils Gulch since the rock fall, with no one department taking responsibility. However, it does belong to Welsh Water.
Action – Clerk to write to Welsh Water Proposed by Cllr. D. Davies and seconded by Cllr. A. Davies

- 6.11 Mid-Wales Growth update – deferred till next meeting as no update at this time.

- 6.12 Bike Park update – Cllr. C. Walton stated money/grant has arrived but now there are issues with the lease from the Rugby Club. Asset transfer has been denied until we agree to all other asset transfers. RTC agreed to take on the lease for the Weirglodd for the site of the new bike park.

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22.1.19

Alan Samuel doing an excellent job with reference to the Bike Park project – Noted by Council.

- 6.13 Lawnmower – Cllr. P. Dark says lawnmower has been dismantled and can be sold as seen for approx. £1000-1500. To get it up and running will cost £700, but then it could be sold for £2500. Proposed to repair lawnmower Cllr. P. Dark and seconded by Cllr. G. Williams.

Action – Cllr. P. Dark to purchase parts, and invoice RTC to claim back VAT

- 6.14 Policies – Safe guarding, Health and Safety, Data Protection, etc. Proposed and accepted by Council. Amendments to be dated and noted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Turning Rhayader Pink

Action – Clerk to invite as speaker to future meeting

- 7.2 Ventient Energy – Confirmation of Bryntitli Fund Amount.
Amendment carried, to accept amount offered.

Action: Clerk to write acceptance of offer letter to Ventient Energy

- 7.3 Teenage Cancer Trust – requesting donation

Action – Clerk to give £50 donation from RTC Proposed by Cllr. P. Dark seconded by Cllr. John Jones

8. PLANNING

8.1 - 18/1206/FUL Land at St Harmon – Cabins

RTC Concerns - Traffic, Water Pressure and Sewage (when at full capacity), Landscape not aesthetically appealing, Outside LDP, and concerns that existing plan has not been started.

8.2 - 18/0858/FUL Round Temporary Shelter in middle of the Elan Valley – Already Passed

8.3 - 18/0884/HDG Gigrin Field – to move gateway – Noted

8.4 - 18/0958/CLE Cabin – Noted

8.5 - 19/0098/FUL Extensions and Alterations to Care Home – Crossfield House

RTC Concerns – Traffic increase, Reduction in parking but would support the application.

8.6 - 18/0835/DIS Wyeside Flood Plain – Cllr. C. Evans has a response formulated and will send it to the Planning Department, PCC

9. FINANCE

Precept figure £43,000 for financial year 2019/20. Resolved that the Precept figure of £43,000 be noted and accepted by Council.

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10. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. P. Dark reported a broken kerb outside the Oak Public House

Action – Cllr. P. Dark will contact PCC with a view to having kerb repaired

Cllr. C. Walton raised the possibility of an electronic display board on the Smithfield market building.

Cllr. C. Evans mentioned the white lines leading up to the Clock Tower in North Street have disappeared. Cllr. L. Price had mentioned that PCC had plans to re-paint the lines on West Street. (The lines on West Street seem to be the best of all).

Action – Clerk to write to PCC and enquire about the white lines leading up to the North Street junction.

11. PRESS RELEASE

Drop in Library Consultation Meeting 8th February 2019

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Councillors walkabout list of action points
- Rhayader Road Signs
- Mid-Wales Growth update

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.