

Radnorshire

Meeting Venue
**Committee Room A - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys**

Meeting date
Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Meeting time
10.00 am



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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	RS25-2016
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	RS26-2016
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To receive the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on Wednesday 16th March and Wednesday 11th May 2016.
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3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	RS27-2016
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To receive declarations of interest in relation to matters to be discussed on the agenda.

4.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	RS28-2016
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To receive announcements from the Chairman.

5.	SUPERFAST CYMRU	RS29-2016
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To receive an update in relation to Superfast Cymru – Martin Jones, Superfast Cymru.

6.	COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS/FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	RS30-2016
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- a. To receive an update in relation to the Council's Constitution and determination of Traffic Regulation Orders – Wyn Richards, Scrutiny Manager
- b. To discuss the frequency of meetings

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7.	REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS	RS31-2016
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To receive reports from and to put questions to Cabinet Portfolio Holders:

- a. Councillor John Powell, Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Environment, Sustainability and Human Resources
- b. Councillor Graham Brown, Deputy Leader/Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Commissioning and Procurement/Children's Services

8.	REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES	RS32-2016
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To receive reports from and to put questions to members serving on outside bodies.

9.	CORRESPONDENCE	RS33-2016
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To receive items of correspondence: Presteigne and Norton Town Council.

10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	RS34-2016
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To note the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 12th July 2016.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RADNORSHIRE HELD AT
COMMITTEE ROOM B -
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016**

PRESENT: County Councillor P.J. Medicott

County Councillors G R Banks, J H Brunt, K W Curry, W J Evans, D O Evans, J Gibson-Watt, E M Jones, H Lewis, MC Mackenzie, P J Medicott, W J T Powell, GD Price, K F Tampin, T Turner and GIS Williams.

1.	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	RS21-2016
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Members **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor P.J. Medicott to the position of Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN	RS22-2016
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Members **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor G.R. Banks to the position of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.	APOLOGIES	RS23-2016
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There were no apologies for absence.

4.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	RS24-2016
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The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th May 2016. An item for the agenda would be the frequency of meetings.

**County Councillor P.J. Medicott
Chairman**

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RADNORSHIRE HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016

PRESENT: County Councillor T. Turner – Chairman

County Councillors G R Banks, J H Brunt, K W Curry, W J Evans, D O Evans,
J Gibson-Watt, E M Jones, H Lewis, MC Mackenzie, P J Medicott, W J T Powell,
GD Price and K F Tampin.

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	RS9-2016
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Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor G. Williams and Councillor G.R. Brown – Deputy Leader/Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Commissioning and Procurement/Children's Services.

In attendance:

County Councillor D. Mayor, Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Property, Buildings and Housing,
Tony Caine – Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager and Shane Thomas – Clerk.

2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	RS10-2016
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The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 as a correct record. During discussion particular reference was made to:

- a. **Aveling Roller and Living Van (reg EP3339)** – the matter of confirming the commitment of The Gore Quarry to maintain and store the aveling roller and living van (if the van exists) remains outstanding. The owners had been in situ for well over a year and had been contacted a number of times. In the light of the passage of time and the need to resolve the matter it was agreed to request that legal services be asked to confirm the position. If the matter had not been resolved by the next meeting a legal representative would be asked to attend to brief the shire

3.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	RS11-2016
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The Chairman reported on

- a. **Christmas Lunch** – those members who attended were thanked for joining the Chairman at the Golf Club for a Christmas lunch
- b. **Citizenship** – having conducted two citizenship ceremonies since the last meeting

4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	RS12-2016
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There were no declarations of interest from members in relation to items to be discussed on the agenda.

5.	ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	RS13-2016
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Members welcomed Tony Caine, Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager to the meeting for this item of business. Tony distributed a paper to the meeting which included summary detail in relation to the representations received during the formal consultation period.

5.1 Llandrindod Wells – Parking Review

Having reviewed each plan individually and considered the feedback received during the formal consultation period members **RESOLVED**:

LLW01 – to accept the alterations identified in the plan and implement the restrictions (noting that there was an error and that restriction along Lant Avenue would be extended to a level beyond what had been indicated)

LLW02/LLW05/LLW06/LLW07/LLW08/LLW09/LLW10 – to accept the alterations identified in the plan and to implement the restrictions

LLW03/LLW04 – to recommend to the Welsh Government that the proposals be made as part of a parking review for Llandrindod Wells

The Portfolio Holder: Highways abstained from voting on the above. Members thanked officers for supporting the review.

6.	ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS	RS14-2016
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Members discussed the following issues:

6.1 Proposed School Closures in Radnorshire – Councillor David Evans

The local member for Nantmel outlined his concerns in relation to the impact of proposed school closures in the Radnorshire area which included the wider impact to communities. There are three primary schools, namely Nantmel, Dolau and Llanbister, being proposed for closure and the future of the remaining Radnorshire secondary school is under review. As opposed to losing sites the favoured approach by communities and some members would be to enter into federation arrangements. Having discussed matters it was the general feeling amongst members that unless members sat on the Cabinet they had little influence, involvement or engagement in service delivery matters. In the light of the feeling of members it was agreed to request a special meeting so that the Solicitor to the Council could discuss how members could look to allow for the constitution to be reviewed in order to enable members to have more input into service delivery considerations and outcomes. The Chairman would, through the clerk, arrange a special Radnorshire meeting once advice had been received

6.2 Frequency of Meetings – Councillor David Evans

While noting that Council had determined that shire meetings should be bi-monthly (allowing for the Chair to call additional meetings on need and not as the norm) the Shire felt that this arrangement should be reviewed with a view to permitting the holding of monthly meetings. There are issues with regard to members using meetings for raising issues that would need to be considered, however, it was agreed to **RECOMMEND** to Democratic Services that the current system be reviewed as above.

7.	REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS	RS15-2016
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7.1 Councillor Graham Brown – Deputy Leader/Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Commissioning and Procurement and Children's Services

Having presented apologies for being unable to attend today's meeting members received a written activity update report and were encouraged to discuss any issues relating to portfolio matters with the portfolio holder direct.

7.2 Councillor Darren Mayor – Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Property, Buildings and Housing

Members received a written activity update report and during discussion particular reference was made to:

- a. **Local Disposal/Asset Reviews** – members requested being informed of, or where appropriate being involved with, disposal and asset reviews. As local members they would expect to be advised of matters relating to local facilities. There had been occasion when activities had been progressed without member knowledge. The local member for Old Radnor reported that there had been local concern regarding rumour in relation to the sale of purpose built bungalows for older people. It was felt in this case that loss of the dwellings by sale may not be the best option. The local member for Llanelwedd also reported that there had been a local issue regarding the allocation of garages which she would welcome involvement with
- b. **Strategic Asset Management Policy** – the Authority would be reviewing the management of its assets via. a more strategic approach and by arranging Powys into 11 management areas. Best use of buildings including consideration of co-location to support joint working with the Powys teaching Health Board remain important considerations
- c. **Right to Buy** – the Authority had applied to the Welsh Government to request suspension of the right to buy for five years. Other authorities had also applied. The need for social housing in Powys remains high
- d. **Affordable Housing** – in the light of there being limited affordable housing and the need for smaller dwellings to rent the Council would be entering into an agreement with a partner to build new dwellings (1 and 2 bedroom dwellings are in need). The initial venture would be in the Crickowell area
- e. **Gate Farm Sale** – the portfolio holder would provide an update in relation to progress towards ensuring that planning obligations are met, there are access conditions that have yet to be satisfied as a condition of the grant of permission
- f. **Houses of Multiple Occupations (HMO)** – properties in Llandrindod had been subject to a pilot licensing arrangement. There are requirements to comply with; three properties had been recently required to inspect to ensure compliance with relevant requirements. There had been a 28 day deadline imposed. The local member would welcome being kept advised on the position
- g. **County Farm Estate** – a project to review the estate had been reported as green because it was on-track to undertake a full study and present options for consideration. It's accepted that the estate is in need of investment, the work being undertaken would inform future considerations
- h. **Workshops** – an area approach to reviewing use of the Authority's workshops was being undertaken. A member reported that in his area (Rhayader) there had been some concern because a year had passed since letters had been received advising of change, however, there had been no further contact. A member requested clarification in relation to the budget position i.e. were rents meeting costs (there are conflicting messages)
- i. **Agile Working** – members were informed that agile working would be progressed and that the aim would be to make best use of space/resource to support working arrangements. Other organisations which had introduced arrangements had evaluated them and evidenced that they had proven worthwhile. The portfolio holder agreed to provide copies of relevant reports. There would be more detailed updates to members in due course

- j. **Member Resource Area (Llandrindod)** – members had become more aware of staff using areas of designated member space for general working and the area was being used as a thoroughfare. The space had been provided for member use and access should be appropriately restricted. Staff would be advised accordingly
- k. **No1. High Street (Social Services)** – it was noted that there are plans to move social services teams from No1. High Street (which the Authority leases) to The Gwalia Building. It was agreed to request that officers review the outcome of a Joint Review undertaken some years ago which recommended (for reasons of safeguarding) that social work teams should work from a separate building to that of other Council services. Councillor McKenzie agreed to refer the matter to tomorrow's Scrutiny Committee and the Clerk would refer the matter to Children's Services and the scrutiny lead for Children (Councillor Kath Roberts-Jones)
- l. **Fairview (Llandrindod)** – the Council had identified in excess of £1million to invest in the upkeep and refurbishment of Fairview which is a Council owned dwelling in Llandrindod Wells. A Llandrindod member queried whether this would be best use of the funding. The portfolio holder would report back

8.	REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES	RS16-2016
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- 8.1 **Brecon and Radnor Sports Partnership** – Councillor Keith Tampin accepted the position. The Clerk would notify the relevant officer.

9.	CORRESPONDENCE	RS17-2016
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There were no items of correspondence.

10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	RS18-2016
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The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th May 2016. In the light of the discussions at minute 6.1 a special meeting would be called pending advice.

**County Councillor T. Turner
Chairman**

SECTION 13 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

EXTRACT FROM THE COUNCIL’S CONSTITUTION AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON 20th APRIL 2016

The purpose of this Section of the Constitution is to set out who is responsible for making the various decisions in the Council.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Provision of Act or Statutory Instrument	Delegated to	Sub-Delegation	Conditions and / or Limitations on Delegation and Sub-Delegation
(c) the determination of an amount required for determining an amount for the item mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) above.		Cabinet	The Executive Leader may delegate the function to the appropriate Portfolio Holder.	
2B.(1) The making of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders relating to all highways other than those specified in 2B(2) below.	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984	Cabinet	The Head of Highways, Transportation and Recycling and the Service Manager (Place) or persons authorised to act on their behalf.	Subject to: (i) The period of the temporary traffic regulation order not exceeding 18 months. (ii) Any extensions to the time limit for a Traffic Regulation Order require the permission of the relevant Welsh Government Minister. N.B. Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders are the responsibility of the Area (Shire) Committees in accordance with J 2A below.
2B (2) The making of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 15	Cabinet	The Leisure and Recreation Services Manager (Place) or	Such temporary orders can be given by the Authority for up to 6 months and

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relating to cycle tracks, footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic.			persons authorised to act on their behalf.	extensions require the permission of the relevant Welsh Government Minister.
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	Provision of Act or Statutory Instrument	Delegated to	Sub-Delegation	Conditions and / or Limitations on Delegation and Sub-Delegation
4.	Provision, operation and maintenance of on-street and off-street car parking, including charging.	Cabinet	The Executive Leader may delegate the function to the appropriate Portfolio Holder.	
5.	All matters relating to Municipal Services, namely : (a) street cleaning and litter; (b) verge maintenance; (c) markets (livestock, produce and street), other than regulatory aspects; (d) land drainage; (e) allotments; (f) other minor miscellaneous municipal services	Cabinet	Delegated to the relevant officer with the ability to further sub-delegate.	

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J Area (Shire) Committees	Provision of Act or Statutory Instrument	Delegated to	Sub-Delegation	Conditions and / or Limitations on Delegation and Sub-Delegation
Miscellaneous functions relating to Highways				
Within a framework agreed by the Executive, and within an annual budget to be allocated by the Executive, and subject to an individual project limit of £50,000 :		Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee	
1. All decisions in relation to highway maintenance within the overall plans determined by the Executive relating to : (a) Local Improvement Programmes; (b) The general Highway Maintenance Programme; (c) Non-structural Bridge Maintenance.		Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee	
2A. The making of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders		Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee save for those Traffic Regulation Orders numbered (i) to (ii) specified in column 5 which must be made by Cabinet and to Traffic Regulation Order numbered (iii) in column 5 which are delegated to the relevant Portfolio Holder.	Traffic Regulation Orders relating to: (i) Water Break It's Neck (ii) Moelfre City (iii) car parks and car park charging. N.B. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders are the responsibility of the Cabinet

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				(but subject to delegation) in accordance with 2B(1) above.
3.	Promoting and developing local road safety initiatives.	Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee	
Miscellaneous functions relating to Local Grants				
(i)	the determination of Built Heritage Grants funded from the town specific allocations of Local Regeneration Fund and Basic Credit Approval in accordance with policy and budget set by the Executive.	Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee	
(ii)	administering Built Heritage Grants for Montgomeryshire to the Montgomeryshire Area (Shire) Committee.	Cabinet	the relevant Area (Shire) Committee who in turn have delegated these to the Montgomeryshire Built Heritage Grants Sub-Committee	