

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE HELD BY TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021

PRESENT

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors G Jones, L V Corfield, L George, D R Jones, M J Jones, F H Jump, H Lewis, D R Price, P C Pritchard, G Pugh, D Selby, K S Silk, G I S Williams, D H Williams, J Williams and R Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors E Durrant, EM Jones and E Vaughan and from County Councillor J Wilkinson who was on other Council business.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April, 2021.

Planning

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) There were no declarations of interest.
- (b) The Committee noted that no Member requested that a record be made of their membership of a Community Council where discussion had taken place of matters for the consideration of this Committee.
- (c) The Committee noted that no Member (who is a member of the Committee) would be acting as 'local representative' in respect of any application on the agenda.
- (d) The Committee noted that no Member (who is not a member of the Committee) would be speaking as the 'local representative' in respect of any application on the agenda.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection (copies filed with the signed minutes).

4.1 Updates

There were no updates.

4.2 20/1582/HH Cwm Gwalley, Old Radnor, Presteigne, Powys, LD8
2RP

Grid Ref: 20/1582/HH

Valid Date: 09/10/20

Community Council: Old Radnor Community Council

Applicant: Mr E M Jones

Location: Cwm Gwalley, Old Radnor, Presteigne, Powys, LD8
2RP

Proposal: Erection of an extension and porch

Application Type: Householder

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the application as recommended by the officer.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
that the application be granted consent, subject to the conditions set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.	As officer's recommendation as set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.

5.	DECISIONS OF THE HEAD OF PROPERTY, PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ON DELEGATED APPLICATIONS
-----------	--

The Committee received for information a list of decisions made by the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection during the period between 30 March 2021 and 20 April 2021. The Professional Lead – Planning would contact Councillor G Williams regarding a query he had on the former livestock market, Llanidloes.

6.	APPEAL DECISION
-----------	------------------------

There were no appeals decisions.

Taxi and other licensing

7.	ANIMAL LICENSING FEES
-----------	------------------------------

The Committee was advised that objections to increases in Animal Licensing fees approved in January 2020 had not been brought back before the Committee

for consideration. Instead, the increased fees were charged from 1st April 2020 and were later the subject of complaint from one of the licensees. At this point the error was highlighted and legal advice sought on the matter, the result of which, was that the increased fees relating to the categories of licences objected to as part of the consultation reverted to the previous year's fee and refunds issued where the increased licence fee had already been charged.

A number of Members contended that as the mistake had been made by the council, then all fees should be repaid regardless of whether or not objections had been made. It was moved and seconded that the fees should be held at the rates prior to increase in January 2020 and not reviewed until April 2022.

The Committee was advised that it would need to take into account the implications of not increasing fees for 2021/22 and repaying fees for the previous year for the service and its budget. The Senior Enforcement Officer offered to bring a report setting out the budget implications for the service, the legal basis on which full cost recovery is relied upon and details of full costing calculations used and associated processes. An amendment was moved and seconded that consideration of the report be deferred for this additional information to be included.

RESOLVED	Reason for Decision
To defer consideration of the report to the next meeting.	To provide the Committee with additional information on the implications for the service and budget in relation to a refund of all licence fee increases from 2020 to 2021; an explanation as to the legal basis on which full cost recovery is relied upon; and details of full costing calculations used and associated processes.

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)