

Minutes from the ORDINARY MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at: 6.30pm on the 21 st October 2025 in the Old School Community Centre, Cwmdauddwr.																							
0725/01	The meeting opened at 6.35pm with a presentation delivered by Lyn Parry, Powys County Council ATTENDING: Cllr C. Walton (CW) Chairing. Cllrs A. Davies (AD), D.O. Evans (DOE), D. Lloyd (DL), P. Roberts (PR), C. Hamer (CH), J. Davies (JD), R. Smalley (RS), H. Hill (HH), Finance Officer S. Lipscomb (RFO) and Clerk J. Stephens (Clerk) C. Evans (CE) and K. Compton (Press) attended remotely. APOLOGIES: R. Thomas (RT), J. Stuart (JS) and O. Harries (OH),																						
0725/02	GUEST SPEAKER(S): Lyn Parry, Senior Highways Operational Manager, Highways, Transport and Recycling, Powys County Council. Lyn delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the scale of the work undertaken by his team which includes the inspection, upkeep and repairs of over 5,000km of surfaced roads, 15,000 street lights, 1,700 bridges and culverts and more than 2,200 Salt Bins. He went to on to share information on a number of initiatives that help focus the teams resources where they can be most effective. These included a new system for recording the locations and condition of ditches and culverts and the development of new partnerships with Farmers to allocate and distribute sufficient winter salt supplies. The Chair thanked Lyn on behalf of the Council for an excellent presentation.																						
0725/03	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None																						
0725/04	CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chair passed on congratulations to all those involved organising the Diwali Festival Celebrations. Congratulations were also extended to the organisers of the excellent dedication service at the Elan Valley Visitor Centre for the unveiling of the new memorial to the WW2 Halifax Bomber.																						
0725/05	MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: a) Clerk – Request from young volunteers (see 0725/16a) b) Clerk – Possible grant fund for St Davids Day events (see 0725/16b)																						
0725/06	MINUTES: a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 30 th September 2025 were reviewed and approved.																						
0725/07	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: a) <i>Road Sweeper:</i> Purchase is outstanding, to follow up with RT and The Town Caretaker. Clerk to action b) <i>Pump Track, MoU Review:</i> Revised MoU has been re-circulated. Cllrs to advise the Clerk by Monday 27 th October if any further comments. Agreed allowance from the Precept would be allocated in the next financial year. Clerk to action c) <i>Cwmdauddwr Car Park working group:</i> Add CH to the group. Clerk noted																						
0725/08	FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE: a) The account balances to 17/10/25 and payments to 21/10/25 were circulated for approval. <table><tr><td>Account</td><td>Bank Balance</td><td>Cost Centre Balance</td></tr><tr><td>Current</td><td>£10,857.66</td><td>£98,629.81</td></tr><tr><td>Toilets</td><td>£5,006.56</td><td>£5,006.56</td></tr><tr><td>Allotment</td><td></td><td>£2,160.42</td></tr><tr><td>Bryntitli</td><td></td><td>£28,917.45</td></tr><tr><td>Investment</td><td>£163,691.70</td><td>£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>£5,235.65 (Earned income)</td></tr></table> Total in Bank Accounts: £179,555.92		Account	Bank Balance	Cost Centre Balance	Current	£10,857.66	£98,629.81	Toilets	£5,006.56	£5,006.56	Allotment		£2,160.42	Bryntitli		£28,917.45	Investment	£163,691.70	£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund)			£5,235.65 (Earned income)
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Invoices/ payments to approve:**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

Clerk salary, Oct 25, as contracted 20 hours per week

RFO salary, Oct 25, as contracted 9 hours per week

HMRC, Oct 25

Powys CC, RoSPA Pump Track Inspection £78

Powys CC, (DD) Green Waste Collections £17.44

Ruth Rees Photography session & 3 prints £99

Pixelhaze new monthly DD for website £29.99

Note; In addition to the report already circulated:

Michael Byrne Grass Cutting £30

BT (DD) broadband in Chambers Oct Sep 25 £38.63

Powys CC cost to re-hang Banners £403.13

Milwyn Jenkins Solicitors, Land Registry Copy fee £17.60

TOILET ACCOUNT

Caretaker salary, Oct 25 14 hours as contracted

HMRC, Oct 25

Waltons, replacement hand dryer in gents, Dark Lane £109

Nayax Turnstile processing fee Sep 25 £27.85

Nayax Turnstile monthly card service fee Sep 25 £24

EE Broadband, payment made on account £19.06

HSBC (DD) bank charges for the period 30/08/25 – 30/09/25 £9.77

British Gas (DD) Dark Lane Electricity Bill M/E 01/10/25 £49.79

British Gas (DD) Triangle Electricity bill ME 01/10/25 £21.75

Dwr Cymru (DD) Dark Lane DD £100

Dwr Cymru (DD) Cwmdauddwr DD £55.50

Dwr Cymru (DD) Cemetery monthly £18

Note: Dwr Cymru (DD) Dark Lane, increased monthly DD £225

Note: Dwr Cymru (DD) Cwmdauddwr increased monthly DD £125

ALLOTMENTS

Dwr Cymru, Llangurig Road £62.17

Income:**TOILETS**

Card Payments via Nayax Sep 25 £781.60

Cash Banked 17/10/25 £686.15

INVESTMENT

Monthly gross interest earned to 05/10/25 £209.62

The RFO highlighted the increase in the level of Direct Debits for Water charges and the monthly fee now set up to pay for the website hosting.

The balances and payments were approved.

- b) Budget review and preparation:** The RFO shared a new report compiled from the Accounts software showing expenditure to the end of Quarter Two with forecast expenditure to the year end. Items to note: There are still funds available for new assets and town improvements. **Cllrs to consider ideas.** The Clerk is getting quotes for Display Boards that would be a useful resource for Community Events. **Clerk to follow up.** The Town Project Development Fund will be utilised for the Weirglodd/Rugby Club development. DOE asked that the Council Meetings were more widely advertised, Clerk to ensure a copy of the Agenda

	is shared via Facebook. Clerk to action. All Cllrs to consider and share ideas for any additional expenditure for the next 6 months and for the next financial year to enable the Clerk & RFO to budget/plan accordingly. All Cllrs. c) <i>Budget; Cwmdauddwr Car Park:</i> Works to the Car Park were discussed, the working group to take comments and ideas on board and prepare a proposal for the Council. Actions agreed: Clerk to ask Highways for a quote for Road Planings, send PR a copy of the resurfacing quote and arrange a meeting of the working group. Clerk to action. d) <i>Governance, review of RFO reconciliation processes:</i> In line with the Financial Regulations it was agreed PR would carry out a review of the RFOs reconciliations. RFO to provide access to records and arrange a meeting date with PR. RFO to action Cllrs thanked the RFO for an excellent report, the RFO then left the meeting.
0725/09	COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS. None to report.
0725/10	INFORMATION AND UP-DATES FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER. In addition to the monthly report, AD highlighted the following: a) <i>Marches Forward Partnership:</i> Information has been circulated on this initiative encompassing food, tourism and the economy within rural counties. b) <i>Questionnaire from Cultivate:</i> Details have been circulated, Cllrs encouraged to complete.
0725/11	PROJECTS, COMMUNITY ISSUES AND MEMBER DISCUSSIONS a) <i>Transforming Towns Shop Frontage Scheme:</i> It was agreed the scheme would be advertised inviting potential participants to an open meeting to explain how the scheme would operate and gauge the level of interest. Meeting to be held Tue 4th November 6.30pm, venue to be decided. AD and RS offered to assist. Clerk to action b) <i>Weirglodd / Rugby Club CAT Update:</i> The Clerk provided a short update, it was agreed to submit a request to PCC for written confirmation of the intention to transfer to RTC to support potential grant requests. Clerk to action. AD, DL and CW expressed interest in joining the onsite meeting to compile an initial list of works required. Noted, Clerk to organise. c) <i>Bowling Club Proposal:</i> The proposal outlining suggestions for the future development of the club was reviewed. In order to address the queries raised it was agreed the Clerk would invite representatives from the Bowling Club to attend a meeting on the 18th November to discuss in more detail. Clerk to action. d) <i>Community Solar Energy Scheme:</i> AD and the Clerk provided an overview of the scheme explaining we have registered our interest in being included. If successful Rhayader would be one of five towns supported with a full grant funded feasibility study. The Community Renewable Energy Manager from the Severn Wye Energy Agency will be visiting Rhayader to discuss the project; AD, CW and PR have asked to participate in the meeting. Noted, Clerk to arrange. e) <i>Dog Fouling:</i> Welshpool Town Council will be lobbying Powys CC to introduce a county-wide Public Spaces Protection Order covering all designated sports grounds in Powys prohibiting dogs (except assistance dogs) from entering such areas. Welshpool have asked all Town and Community Councils to support their initiative. It was agreed RTC would add their support. Clerk to notify Welshpool. f) <i>The Tanners Row Council Pound Repairs:</i> The Clerk advised the information at the Land Registry had been confirmed, RTC hold an Absolute Title for the Pound. The site has been inspected by the Town Caretaker and significant repairs are required. Prior to any decisions being made it was agreed Cllrs would visit the site and quotes for repairs obtained. Clerk to check access from the Vicarage side of the plot. Clerk to action g) <i>Clock Chains and Posts:</i> CW asked Cllrs to consider the future of the chains and posts that surround the Clock given their condition. Options include removing them completely, leaving the existing posts and chains which remain the responsibility of PCC or for RTC to take responsibility and replace with heavy duty posts and chains. There were a range of views so

	before making a decision it was agreed CW would obtain a quote for the replacement and likely ongoing maintenance costs. CW to action h) <i>Railings</i>: AD confirmed the issue with the Railings on the A470 junction with St Harmon Road remain unresolved despite chasing Welsh Government and the Trunk Road Agency i) <i>Remembrance Service</i>: Outstanding actions were discussed. CE is to print additional leaflets, CW to speak to the Clergy re the service and arrange a practice run through; it was noted timings should go by the Town Clock . Clerk to ask the Scouts to put up the lamp post poppies asap. Actions noted by all
0725/12	HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS: None
0725/13	PUBLICITY and EVENTS: Remembrance Service covered above
0725/14	PLANNING: None
0725/15	CORRESPONDENCE: In addition to items already circulated: a) <i>Sustainable Powys Quarterly Meeting</i>: Meeting 26th Nov 7pm. The Chair is already at another meeting. Clerk to ask RT or JS b) <i>PAVO Community Conversations</i>: Reminder, 18th Nov at the Leisure Centre. Noted by all
0725/16	URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA: a) <i>Request from young volunteers</i>: 2 young people have asked if they could volunteer to carry out litter picking as part of their Welsh Bacc. After discussion it was agreed PR would arrange for Waun Capel to take responsibility for them and include them within their existing voluntary group. PR to organise b) <i>Grant fund for St Davids Day Events</i>: Information has been circulated re the new grant; up to £5k to deliver a St Davids Day event for the community. AD to ask the school to consider taking the lead.
0725/17	UPDATES FROM THE CLERK: No further updates
0725/18	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS <i>under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it was resolved to exclude members of the public during discussion of the following agenda items:</i> None
0725/19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Ordinary Meeting; Tuesday 18th November 7.00pm at the Cwmdauddwr Old School.
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 9.20pm

ACTION POINTS: Actions from the meeting and carried forward from previous meetings:

Clerk	• Road Sweeper: Follow up with RT & the Town Caretaker re purchase • Pump Track MoU: integrate any final revisions then circulate to the Sports Association. • Display Boards: Obtain quotes • Cwmdauddwr Car Park: Obtain quote for Road Planings, send copy of resurfacing quote to PR and set up a working group meeting. • Shop Frontage Scheme Grant: Invite businesses to the meeting 4th Nov 6.30pm. • Weirglodd/Rugby Club: Organise meeting with W. Lloyd to compile the list of remedial works to include D. Connelly, AD, CW and DL. • Weirglodd/Rugby Club: obtain a letter of intent from PCC • Bowling Club Proposal: Arrange for the Council to meet with Bowling Club representatives to consider proposal • Community Solar Energy Scheme: Arrange meeting to include AD, CW and PR • Dog Fouling: Confirm RTC support of the proposal from Welshpool TC • Council Pound/Garage Repairs: Arrange a site meeting for all Cllrs. • Lamp Post Poppies: Ask the scouts to put up poppies as soon as possible. • Agenda: Share via Facebook • Sustainable Powys Meeting: Ask RT or JS to attend 26th Nov 7pm
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	• Water Harvesting System: arrange meeting with CW and RT • PCSO: Invite to a future meeting
RFO	• Reconciliation: share access with PR and arrange date to review
RT	• Road Sweeper: Liaise with Town Caretaker on purchase • Water Harvesting System: To meeting with CW and the Clerk • Solar Panels on Toilets: Follow up on Feed in Tarriff
CW	• Clock Posts and Chains: Obtain a quote to replace and likely ongoing maintenance and repair costs • Water Harvesting System: Meeting with RT and the Clerk
PR	• Young Volunteers: Arrange for the volunteers to join the Waun Capel Park volunteers.
AD	• St Davids Day Event Grant: Ask the school if they will consider taking the project lead.
JD,CW, CE & AD	• Remembrance Service: Complete agreed actions
All	• Budget: Consider ideas and proposals for next year budget and expenditure for Q3/4
DL	• Memorial Stones, North Road Roundabout lettering: DL progressing
CW/DL JS/PR & CH	• Cwmduddwr Car Park Working group: Group to include CW, DL, JS, PR & CH to explore options and present a proposal to the full Council

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