

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026
HELD AT EAST RADNORSHIRE DAY CENTRE, SCOTTLETON STREET, PRESTEIGNE
AND ALSO VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. D. Edwards, (Mayor), C. Ross (Deputy Mayor), B. Baynham, W.L. Poulson-Haynes, T. Owens, C. Kirkby MBE, N. Rogers, A. Ramsay, L. Harling-Bowen, J. Ramsay.

Apologies: Cllrs. F. Preece, F.H. Fleming.

Absent: Cllr. M. Price

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal:

Cllr. D. Edwards, Trustee of Norton Community Trust Hub, re. grant to Norton Community Hub Trust. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Cllr. L. Harling-Bowen, Presteigne Dark Sky Co-Ordinator, re. budget for dark skies project. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Cllr. C. Kirkby, member of Judge's Lodgings, re. grant to Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Cllr. T. Owens, former Chairman and President of Presteigne YFC, re. grant to Presteigne YFC. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Cllr. A. Ramsay, Trustee Sheep Music, re. grant to Sheep Music for Bonfire/Fireworks event. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Cllr. C. Ross, Trustee Sheep Music, re. grant to Sheep Music for Bonfire/Fireworks event. (Blanket Dispensation applies)

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. B. Baynham, employee of East Radnorshire Care, re. grant to East Radnorshire Care.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr. Poulson-Haynes: This was duly completed and witnessed by the Clerk.

MIN 4570 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December, 2025 were approved (subject to the correction of two typing errors) as a true and accurate record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 4571 PLANNING

Cllr. Edwards left the room due to her position on the County Council Planning Committee and Cllr. Ross took the Chair.

Applications: The following applications were considered –

25/1809/LBC Grid Reference: E:331228 N: 264639 Proposal: Alteration to curtilage of Bell House, in association with outline planning application for proposed residential development Site Address: Taylors Development Site, Bell House, Scottleton Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2BG. Resolved no objections be raised.

26/0005/HH Grid Reference: E:330218 N: 267405 Proposal: Creation of new access Site Address: Oxenbrook, Norton, Presteigne, LD8 2EN. Resolved to object to the application due to the lack of visibility given the proposed high fence and lack of visibility splay.

Cllr. Edwards returned to the room and re-took the Chair.

MIN 4572 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Mrs T.A. Price (refund stamps)	£21.01
Mrs T.A. Price (pay)	£1668.24
HM Revenue & Customs	£733.41
NEST	£155.40
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£469.96 MEADOW ACC
British Gas (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£14.18
R. Price	£402.00 MEADOW ACC
T. Lloyd-John	£468.49
N. Close	£8.00
N. Close	£160.00 MEADOW ACC
Cllr. C. Kirkby (annual allowance)	£208.00
Cllr. L. Harling-Bowen (annual allowance)	£208.00
Defib Shop	£76.74 (debit card)

(2) Donations: The donation requests from national/larger organisations were considered and decided as follows - URDD Eisteddfod – Refused. Donation would possibly be considered in future as the event was due to be held in Powys.

Cerebral Palsy Cymru - Refused.

(3) Receipts: The following receipts were noted -

Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£25,351.00
Sheep Music (storage building)	£233.47 MEADOW ACC

(4) Notification of S.137 Limit for 2026/27 as £11.60 per elector: Noted.

(5) Budget and Precept for 2026/27: Members then considered the budget for 2026-27.

Review of Income: Noted that the allotment rent for the coming year had been previously set at £30 per plot. Members were reminded that the new website could no longer accept adverts and so this small amount of income would no longer be received.

Members received the quarterly budget update and an analysis of the projected year end position for both free and allocated Council reserves. It was noted that free reserves at the year end were expected to be above the minimum three months expenditure considered reasonable.

Members considered each budget line in turn and made adjustments as appropriate.

Cllr. Baynham left the room during the discussion and decision on the grant to East Radnorshire Care.

Cllr. Baynham had obtained additional information on the grant applications from the Memorial Hall, the Youth Project and Mid Border Arts and reported this information to Members. It was noted that the Youth Project used a large proportion of its monies to run the actual building rather than specific youth activities.

Organisations allocated grants for 2026-27 were as follows –

Donations and S137s	
Air Ambulance	250
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	75
East Radnorshire Care	2000
Memorial Hall	1500
Mid Border Arts	2000
(Presteigne and) Norton Community Trust (Norton Community Hub Trust)	2000
(Presteigne and) Norton Community Trust (Fireworks)	400
PACDG	300
Presteigne Festival	1500
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500

Presteigne & Norton Community Support	0
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000
Powys CAB	250
The Samaritans	250
Youth Project	1200
Presteigne YFC	750
Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club	200
Miscellaneous	500
	15,675.00

The Clerk was asked to again request that, if possible, the Leg Club operate in Presteigne a few times a year.

New projects included were –

New Projects 2026-27	
Norton War Memorial Renovation	1000
Pump Track - contribution	300
Storage Container for Nature Reserve	3000
Car Parks - 'free Saturdays'	750
Telephone Kiosk Set Up Costs	300
Community Consultation	250
	5,600

It was agreed that should the potential pump track project proceed quicker than planned then £6000 could be used from reserves initially and the amount included in the budget for 2027-28.

Ongoing projects allocated further monies were –

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Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125
Toilet Blocks (2)	12000
Devolved Services (inc Town Library Service)(reserve also held)	0
Presteigne Christmas Lights (installation)	1300
Christmas Trees (24) and Lights	200
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts - 2025 & 2026 via sponsorship	120
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0
Climate Crisis Project Grants	0
Street Cleaning Arrangements	1000
Christmas Lights, Norton	0
Christmas Lighting (purchase, plus projected January cost increase/fitting adjustments)	3000
Dark Skies Project	600
	18,345.00

Administration costs were agreed as £38,796 and the amount for the maintenance and running of Went's Meadow £14,050.

This produced a budget of £92,466. It was agreed to use £4086 from free reserves and £5000 towards the cost of running the public toilets from the allocated toilet reserve and therefore set a precept requirement of £83,379.68. This would result in a precept of £61 per Band D property, an increase of £5 per year from that required in 2025-26.

The full budget would be placed in the Council Accounts section of the Council website.

MIN 4573 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

None.

The meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.