

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Anne Nicholls
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Goronwy Davies
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
Cllr Alan Pryce

IN ATTENDANCE: Nichola Davies, Powys CC, Mrs Karen Laurie-Parry and Kate Lewis.

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Gwyn Davies

There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed by all that they were a true account and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 86-2016

Bench on Common Reference 81-2016. The Clerk advised the meeting that the President of Erwood W.I. had spoken to the three graziers of the Common, Mrs Edna Evans, Mrs Margaret Evans and Mr Tony Lloyd, and all were in favour of the bench being put on the Common.

Minute 87-2015

Meeting PtLHB Reference 82-2015. Cllrs Anne Nicholls and Liz Williams had attended the AGM and Staff Presentations organised by Powys Health Board. Lots of information was provided on many different professions. The following statistics were quoted – 19% of people in Powys smoke, 1/3rd of patients are diagnosed with depression. The advice given to all was to take 150 mins exercise each week. They both found the meeting very interesting.

Minute 88-2015

Slow sign on Terrace Reference 83-2015. As the Slow sign by Min-yr-afon had still not been reinstated, the Clerk was asked to chase up Mr Ian Mills on this.

Minute 89-2015

Defibrillator The Clerk and several Councillors had attended the training session in Builth recently together with other interested persons from many

communities around the Builth area. The total of 11 had attended from the Erwood area which was very encouraging and all found the training most useful. PVC signs had been received to erect by the defibrillator but Councillors thought that there was no need for these as the defibrillator is in a prominent enough position on the outside wall of the Market Hall and can be seen from the trunk road.

Cllr Liz Williams had received a copy of the Care & Maintenance Package offered by Cariad and the Clerk agreed to print some copies off for Councillors.

Minute 90-2015

Erwood Toilets

The Chairman welcomed Ms Nichola Davies to the meeting who agreed to answer any questions on the transfer of the toilets. The Chairman stated that the Council appreciated that Powys County Council had agreed to keep the toilets open whilst this is being decided. The Clerk was asked to read out notes from the last Open Meeting. Also the Clerk read out a letter from a member of the community stating that she was happy to be involved in setting up a Charity Trust. After much discussion, and as it was the wish of the majority of the locals at our last open meeting, it was decided that a Charity Trust would be set up to keep the toilets open in Erwood and members of the community would liaise with PAVO and Nichola Davies to help.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 91-2015

Speeding Traffic In Erwood

A reply from Edwina Hart, Minister of Transport, Welsh Assembly was read out which stated that she is considering the appropriate levels of enforcement in liaison with the Dyfed-Powys Police which will be reviewed in considering the need for a Speed Indicator Device in the Village. A further letter was read out from one of the residents of Erwood village who had already received over 100 signatures supporting the need for action to be taken to reduce the speed of the traffic. This letter had been forwarded to Chris Davies, Edwina Hart, Kirsty Williams and Powys CC Highways Dept.

Emma Jackson, PCSO, Hay Division had stated in her letter to the Community Council that the problem with putting a speed reduction vehicle in place in Erwood Village is the actual length that the van legally needs to be able to issue a vehicle with a speed ticket.

It was again stressed that any person who sees vehicles speeding through the Village should ring 101 giving the registration of the vehicle so that a report can be made of the offence.

Minute 92-2015

Audit Report

The Clerk had received notification that the BDO had completed the external audit and had made the following comments:

Appropriate steps must be taken to complete a full risk assessment and a budget to support the precept request. It was suggested that the Internal Audit should make twice yearly checks of the accounts.

Councillors asked the Clerk to get in touch with Mr Alun Clark to discuss this. Councillors accept that the above points must be to adhered to and the Clerk was asked to minute this. A One Voice Wales training session on Finance was taking place on Wednesday 14th October at the Strand Hall, Builth costing £35 with a 50% bursary available. The Clerk asked if she could attend this training and it was agreed by everyone. The cost of the audit for this year was £80 plus VAT - £96 and all Councillors agreed that this be paid.

Minute 93-2015Highways

Road signs for
Gwenddwr

Mr Ian Mills, Powys Highways had written to the Clerk offering to update the village signs in Gwenddwr to the modern signs blue background with white lettering together with erecting a new no through road at the bottom of Cefngarth road. Councillors recalled that new village signs were erected in Crickadarn several years ago but the villagers asked to have the white signs back. It was decided by all present that, in order to avoid the same happening in Gwenddwr, that the residents of the village need to be asked which they preferred. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Cllr Haydn Powell to find out their views and let the Clerk know.

Street Cleaning
Around Victoria
Terrace

Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the roads around Victoria Terrace needed sweeping. Councillors thought that it would be better to wait until all the leaves had fallen and ask for a street clean later on. To discuss again at next meeting.

Replanting of
Daffodils on the
Erwood Commons

As the daffodil bulbs had been damaged when the pavement from Erwood up the Crickadarn Road had been done, it was agreed that Derek Price, Highways be asked to remind the Contractors that they had agreed to replant bulbs when the work was completed.

Minute 94-2015

Cheques

Cheque made out at close of meeting: BDO – External Audit Fee £96

Minute 95-2015

Date of Next Meeting To be arranged between Chairman & Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING