

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Minute 96-2015

Standing Orders

At the start of the meeting Cllr Stephen Davies stated that he wished to propose that the Council pass a resolution in accordance with standing orders to allow members of the public to speak at a meeting for a maximum time of five minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Goronwy Davies and agreed by all Councillors. It was also agreed that any member of the public, who wished to speak on an agenda item, must contact the Clerk prior to the meeting. This to be written on the bottom of the Agendas which should prevent what has happened in previous meetings.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was given by Cllr Stephen Davies on Agenda Item 6(a) Planning Application P/2015/0833 for an extension at Craig Mawr, Erwood.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 97-2015

Speeding - Erwood Village Reference 91.2015.No further information has been received from Edwina Hart so the Clerk was asked to chase up a reply.

Minute 98-2015

OVW Bursary Reference 92.2015. The Clerk informed the meeting that the 50% offered by One Voice Wales for the Finance Training in Builth only applied to Councillors. The bursary available from Society of Local Council Clerks cannot be claimed in retrospect so this time the cost would be £35.

Minute 99-2015

Erwood Toilets Cllr Alan Pryce informed the meeting that progress is being made on the setting up of a trust to run the toilet facilities in Erwood. He is the Chairman, with Laura Shewring Secretary and Sarah Bowen Treasurer.

There are 7 trustees and about 15 members at present who are all willing to help. They have a cleaner in place and hope to get free legal assistance. The Powys County Council are prepared to give them about £2,500 up to next April. The chosen name is Erwood Pit Stop Trust. A meeting is scheduled to take place with Julia Williams from the Welsh Assembly shortly. Cllr Pryce was thanked for the update.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 100-2015

Planning Application A planning application has been received for the Erection
Craig Mawr, Erwood of a two storey extension to form annexe for aged relative
to reside at Craig Mawr, Erwood for Mr Jason Bowen. All the
Councillors agreed to support this application. Ref P/2015/0863.

Minute 101-2015

Road Sign by Mr Ian Mills, PCC Highways had written to state that an order
Minyrafon, Erwood has been placed for the sign and installation will take place soon and
he also hoped to bring forward the re-instatement of the SLOW sign.

Minute 102-2015

Daffodils – Mr Derek Price, PCC Engineers has agreed to remind the contractors
Erwood Commons who did the footpath on Crickadarn Road to replant daffodil bulbs in
place of the ones destroyed when the work was carried out there.

Minute 103-2015

Community County Councillor Barry Thomas, Executive Leader of Powys
Delivery County Council had written to explain the approach in the way that
delivery services have changed over the past 12 months and has
agreed to write again in November with clear guidance on the
funding available so that Councils are able to make a decision on
their precepts for 2016-17.

Minute 104-2015

Village Hall Grants A letter was read out from Paul Griffiths, Powys Strategic Director
regarding reshaping the way Powys will deliver services over the
next 3-5 years and that many services will now be run by Community
not County Councils. This will also affect the current Village Hall
grants, it will be reduced by 50% in 2016-17, remaining 50%
provided for 2017-18 and will cease altogether from 2018-19. It was
agreed that this will put great financial restraints on the running of
Erwood Market Hall.

Minute 105-2015

Waste collections

Information on the new three weekly waste collection services has been received from Powys County Council with a 12 month calendar of collection dates for the non-recycling rubbish.

Minute 106-2015Highways

- a) Gwenddwr Village Signs The Clerk was told that the majority of the residents of Gwenddwr village preferred having white signs with black lettering on, so Ian Mills had been told of this.
- b) Road Sweeping It was agreed that the Clerk write to Julie Lloyd asking for the roads around Erwood Village, from Crickadarn to Llaneglwys and road from Alltmawr towards Tregare to be swept but not until all the leaves had fallen in a few weeks time. This should include the cleaning of the drains.
- c) Salt Bins Cllr Gwyn Davies requested that two salt bins be installed on Llaneglwys to Brecon road, one near the village sign on the approach from Brecon and one on the top of the pitch out of the village. The Clerk to write to Julie.
- d) Road by Ciliane Uchaf, Gwenddwr Cllr Haydn Powell stated that it has been many years since the Community Council reported the dangerous stretch of road by Ciliane Uchaf with the edge of the road cracking away to the river edge. Cllr Stephen Davies stated he and Julie Lloyd had visited this site recently and it was suggested that the Clerk find out from Julie what the current position is regarding this work as this road is very dangerous in its present state.

Minute 107-2015

Finance Training

The Clerk reported that the Financial Training she attended was very informative although parts of the training were geared to much larger Councils. Model Financial Code of Conduct and various other documents were handed out at the meeting for future reference.

A few points that need action:

- (a) Each invoice and each cheque stub should be signed by the two Treasurers.
- (b) Bank balances of the Current and Saving Accounts should be included in the Minutes every quarter.
- (c) A report should be received on a six monthly basis from the Internal Auditor.

- (d) Budget to be looked at prior to precept request
- (e) Risk assessment form to be reviewed

Minute 108-2015

Bank Balances Balance of Current Account on 30th June 2015 - £2100.81
Balance of Current Account on 30th Sept 2015 - £3067.81
£967 – Precept
Balance of Saving Account on 30th June 2015 - £4497.93
Balance of Saving Account on 30th Sept 2015 - £4498.49
56p – Interest
Cheques paid out of Current Account since 30th September 2015
BDO – Audit fee - £96.00
XMA - Ink Cartridges - £45.27
One Voice Wales – Training Fee - £35.00

Minute 109-2015

Date of Next Meeting To be arranged between Chairman & Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING.