

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR MRS ANNE NICHOLLS
 CLLR GWYN DAVIES
 CLLR MRS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 CLLR HAYDN POWELL
 CLLR GORONWY DAVIES
 CLLR ALAN PRYCE

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Stephen Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Kate Lewis, Mr Rob Green

There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The meeting commenced with a Presentation given by PC 602 Andy Pole and PCSO 8057 Helen Scott of Dyfed Powys Police on the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

They were welcomed by the Chairman. The Clerk explained to the meeting that Kirsty Williams A.M. had suggested that the Community Council contact PS 960 Adele Pitt, the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for Breconshire and ask if she'd be able to attend our next meeting to explain the new scheme which involves the Community in monitoring the speeds of vehicles travelling through Erwood. The Clerk had recently written a letter to Mr Richard Williams, Welsh Assembly on the Road Safety Review stating the Council's concern over the speeding of traffic through Erwood Village over many years and listed the various requests the Community Council had made to many different bodies in the past with no success.

A report on the speed strips provided in Erwood Village by GoSafe, the All Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership from Swansea showed that between 2nd and 8th November 2015 the average eastbound traffic travelled at 33 m.p.h., the average westbound was 29.4 m.p.h. . The average number of vehicles per day was 5681 and the two-way average was 31m.p.h with 85% travelling an average of 35.8m.p.h. and 96% at 39.4 m.p.h.

It was reported that the Speed Indication Device installed in 2012 worked very well in Erwood with traffic slowing down on seeing their speed flashing up before them and most of the local residents wanted to have them installed in Erwood again. The police in attendance explained that there are only 2 sets in Powys, but Community Councils had the option of purchasing their own for approximately £1,300 for 1 set of cameras and 3 sets of brackets which could be moved around or the Council could join with a neighbouring Council to share the cost.

PC Andy Pole and PCSO Helen Scott spoke of the Community Speed Watch scheme being an opportunity for the local community and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to get together to address the concern of vehicles travelling too fast on the roads in this area.

A Community Speed Watch group could be set up with at least 6 volunteers required over the age of 18 who are willing to contribute a short amount of time to the scheme. The aim of the scheme is about raising awareness, addressing local concerns and gathering evidence to identify the extent of the problem but is not about prosecution or issuing fines.

A safe place in the Village will be identified and the Dyfed Powys Police will provide the equipment (speed guns) and instructions needed. The information will provide awareness amongst the drivers who chose to speed and will be used as evidence for increasing police resources at the location with more traditional speed enforcement measures. It would also support applications in agreement with the Local Authority for Road Safety measures such as increased/or flashing signs and other road calming measures.

It was suggested that the local Young Farmers Club become involved with the Community Council and the Neighbourhood Policing Team would welcome discussions with the Club or any other organisations or schools in the area.

The Police were thanked by the Chairman for a very interesting and informative presentation, and it was agreed that all present were very keen to start up this scheme as soon as possible.

A letter from one of the residents of Erwood Village was read out and comments noted as being very similar points to the letter the Clerk had written to the Welsh Assembly. Another resident enthusiastically agreed to speak with the Club Leaders of the Young Farmers' Club to encourage them to request a presentation of this Scheme to be made to the Club and to encourage the members to get involved.

The meeting then followed:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman signed them as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 20-2016

Community Speed Scheme	Following the above presentation, it was agreed to ask for rumble strips each end of the Village but to state that there should be sufficient space between curbs and the start of the strips to enable cyclists to ride and avoid the strips. It was also agreed to ask PS 960 Adele Pitt Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for Breconshire for increased presence to be made in Erwood using their cameras on a more regular basis.
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Minute 21-2016

Planning Applications Reference 3-2016. The Clerk had received details of how to find any future planning applications on the Powys website. Notifications will be e-mailed to the Clerk giving the necessary planning reference for consideration in our area.

Minute 22-2016

SLCC Subscription Reference 11-2016. At the last meeting, the Clerk had given Councillors the wrong cost of renewing the SLCC subscription - this had remained at £65.00.

Minute 23-2016

Defibrillator Reference 15-2016. Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that Anthony and Sherilyn Hamilton-Shaw from Llanelli, Carmarthen set up Cariad in 2012 following the discovery that Mrs Hamilton-Shaw had a heart abnormality and together have helped install more than 200 defibrillators across Wales. They have recently been given a Point of Light award by the Prime Minister in recognition of this work. Mr Hamilton-Shaw is the contact for Cariad. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he checks the defibrillator regularly.

Minute 24-2016

Meetings – Erwood Reference 17-2016. The number of meetings to be paid for 2014/15 is 9 and not 10 so £90.00 had been paid to Erwood Market Hall and the invoice amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 25-2016

Planning Application - Court Gwenddwr A Planning Application has been received by Powys Planning Department for change of use of agricultural land to extend domestic curtilage at Clear View, Court Gwenddwr for Mr D. Higgs. It was agreed by all that this application be supported.

Minute 26-2016

Planning Applications Full Planning Permission has been granted for the following two applications:
 (a) Two Storey Extension at Craig Mawr, Erwood for Mr J. Bowen
 (b) Change of use to Private Dwelling at Trericket Mill, Erwood for Mr Alistair Legge.

Minute 27-2016

Section 137 A letter from the Welsh Government informed that the expenditure limit for using Section 137 to spend on activities which has no other specific powers has risen from £7.36 to £7.42 per elector for 2016/17 which was noted.

Minute 28-2016

Powys Citizens Advice, Newtown Details of the services carried out during the last 9 months at this Advice Centre states that 2,723 new enquiries were open for Powys residents, dealt with 3,963 client assessments, 16,178 individual advice issues, gained £1.7 million in welfare benefits for clients, £684,195 in debt written off for clients and negotiated £2 million of client debt. All this advice is provided free.

Minute 29-2016

Dog Fouling A survey on dog fouling is taking place and the public are asked to report any issues in their communities to Powys County Council. This poster was put on the Erwood notice board with details of contacts.

Minute 30-2016

Highways

Salt It was reported that Llaneglwys still has not received the salt bins.

Road Sweeping Most roads in the area have now been swept with gutters and drains cleaned. This work has still not been carried out up the Tregare Road.

Survey of Roads Cllr Stephen Davies had informed the Clerk that he hopes to travel with Julie Lloyd around the area to inspect the roads next week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 31-2016

Queen's 90th Birthday A letter was read out from One Voice Wales stating that Birthday Beacons will be lit in many Communities on 21st April to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and enclosed a guide for taking part. Erwood Social Committee had discussed this and thought to arrange an event around her official birthday in June as it would be a warmer time of year and a BBQ at Wheelwrights had been suggested. The Community Council agreed with this.

Minute 32-2016

Subscription – The One Voice Wales subscription was due for renewal and remained at One Voice Wales £65.00 for this year. It was agreed by all that this be paid.

Minute 33-2016

New Refuse Collections New details were supplied and dates given for this three week collection.

Minute 34-2016

Fish & Chips Supper A poster was received asking communities to hold a fish & chip Supper on 30th May in aid of the Spinal Injuries Association. It was agreed that it be put up in the Wheelwright Arms.

Minute 35-2016

Cheques Cheque signed at close of meeting:
£65.00 – One Voice Wales – Subscription

Minute 36-2016

Date of Next Meeting The next meeting would be arranged at the beginning of April to sort out the accounts before end of year.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING.