

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Karen Laurie Parry & Mr Rob Green & Mrs Jane Barnes

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Gwyn Davies

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS was given by Cllr Stephen Davies to Agenda Item 5c - Planning Application at Old Saw Mills, Erwood and by Cllr Goronwy Davies to Agenda Item 5e - Payment of Clerk's Salary & Expenses.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 37-2016

Survey of Roads Reference 30-2016. Cllr Stephen Davies reported that he and Julie Lloyd had travelling the Bronllys area and hoped to complete Erwood area in the next week or so.

Minute 38-2016

Fish & Chip Reference 34-2016. Mr David Blenkin, Wheelwright Arms has agreed Supper to hold a Fish & Chip Supper in the pub on 30th May in aid of the Spinal Injury Association.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 39-2016

Speeding in Erwood A letter was received from Edwina Hart, A.M. re the speeding of traffic through Erwood. Her letter stated that the Trunk Road Safety Review was still ongoing, her officials are currently finalising guidance on the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and are still liaising with the Dyfed Powys Police. It was agreed that the Clerk ask her direct if the SID's would be

allowed and if so, when would they be installed. Also to ask if it is feasible for rumble strips to be installed each end of the village.

It was also suggested that Erwood Community Council could consider, if necessary the purchase of SID's and share the cost with another Council. To await Ms Hart's reply.

Minute 40-2016

Community Speed Watch Scheme A reply had been received from PC Andy Pole following our meeting of the Community Speed Watch Scheme:
Names, date of birth & addresses of each of the 6 volunteers are require for low level vetting.
Need to plan a site visit to establish that this scheme is feasible and fulfils the safety requirements.
The Community Council should make enquires about the rumble strips, cost and who will pay.
A PcsO will be visible to conduct speed checks on a monthly basis, at different times/days etc.
Volunteers who have already agreed to be on the Community Speed Scheme, Rob Green, Jane Barnes, Kate Lewis, Stephen Davies and to ask Tony Lloyd, Joy Powell, Rebecca Powell to represent Young Farmers and that Kate Lewis ask for another person out of Young Farmers. To help for up to 2 hrs.at a time. To report to next meeting.

Minute 41-2016

Planning Application - Old Saw Mills Erwood A planning application had been received for the demolition of present buildings at the Old Saw Mills site, Erwood to apply for outline planning permission to build two detached houses with garages for Mrs Gail Morris, Lower Pontgwilym, Brecon.
Councillors were informed that there had been a typing error on the application on the height of one of the garages so the Clerk was asked to have this confirmed. The only other view was that these two houses should share one entrance and not have two as on the application. Councillors agreed to support this application if the proper height of the garage was suitable and to point out that the Community Council feel that one entrance would be more appropriate and safer to approach the slip road onto Victoria Terrace.

Minute 42-2016

Internal Audit Review It was agreed that the Clerk ask Mr Alun Clarke's opinion on this review.

Minute 43-2016

Annual Payment To Clerk It was agreed by all the Councillors that the annual salary of £1,600.00 be paid to the Clerk and also expenses she has incurred throughout the year of £512.37.

Minute 44-2016

Donations Letters of requests for donations were discussed and it was agreed that the following be given £25.00 each – British Red Cross, Teenage Cancer Trust for Wales, Brecon Advice Centre and Wales Air Ambulance.

Minute 45-2016

Builth Building Services A letter had been received from Builth Building Services asking to be considered if the Community Council were proposing to take over the responsibility for maintenance and repairs of local buildings. This was noted.

Minute 46-2016

Talgarth Male Voice Choir Talgarth Male Voice Choir is interested in being asked to perform at any event to support the local community. It was agreed that this information be given to Erwood Market Hall Committee for their consideration.

Minute 47-2016

HIGHWAYS Cllr Stephen Davies was advised that not all the drains had been opened. The urgency of repair to the road below Ciliane Uchaf was again discussed and Councillor Davies agreed to discuss this with Julie Lloyd when they met up as she has not replied to the Clerks request for an update.

Lorry above Tregare Farm It was reported that an Asda lorry had almost tipped over on the stretch of common up above Tregare Farm and was stuck there for most of the day. 2 – 4 men have been working on this road since but more has to be done to make this area safe. Cllr Davies agreed to get an update by next meeting.

Bus Timetable In Erwood Councillor Alan Pryce asked if the Community Council could write to T4 Traws Cymru requesting that the bus timetable be moved from outside the Old Post Office to outside the Bus Shelter as it is positioned in the wrong place since the Shop has closed and is not noticeable where it is at present. It was agreed that the Clerk write on this.

Minute 48-2016

Erwood Website Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to contact the Clerk by the end of the week to discuss adding the agendas and minutes on to the web page.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 49-2016

Bingo Night Erwood Market Hall Committee has requested that all Hall users give £5 towards prizes for their Bingo Night. The grant which they have been receiving annual from Powys County Council has been reduced from £900 to £400. It was agreed to support the Hall on this.

Minute 50-2016

Queen's Birthday It was reported that Erwood Social Committee has decided to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on 28th May and an open meeting has been arranged for 18th April for ideas. The Social Committee to find out if grants are available for the event and also the Clerk agreed to ask One Voice Wales on this.

Minute 51-2016

Toilets Cllr Alan Pryce gave an update on the toilets. Unfortunately they had recently been vandalised and a sink had been torn from the wall and used to break the window. The work done to repair this has kindly been donated. The Ladies toilet had been leaking but has now been fixed.

Minute 52-2016

Cheques Cheques made out at close of meeting:
 Mrs E.G. Davies, Clerk - £1,600.00 - Salary
 Mrs E.G. Davies, Clerk - £512.37 – Expenses
 Donation - £25.00 – British Red Cross
 Donation - £25.00 – Teenage Cancer Fund Wales
 Donation - £25.00 – Brecon Advice Centre
 Donation - £25.00 – Wales Air Ambulance
 Donation - £5.00 - Erwood Market Hall Committee Bingo Night

Minute 53 - 2016

Bank Balance Bank Balances at end of January 2016:
 Current Account - £3368.54 (£400 & £90 – to Erwood Market Hall)
 Business Saving Account - £4499.05

Minute 54-2016

Date of Next Meeting To be decided by Chairman and Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING

