

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY 2016 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Gwyn Davies (Chairman)
 Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Mrs Anne Nicholls
 Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
 Cllr Alan Pryce
 Cllr Goronwy Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Karen Laurie-Parry & Mrs Sandra Price

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Haydn Powell

There were no Declarations of Interest

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 106-2016

Planning Application Ref Minute 64-2016. The Clerk had visited the PCC website and found Old Saw Mills, that the planning application Ref. P0/2016/0189 had been refused as Erwood insufficient information had been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not have a detrimental impact on protected species. The applicant is able to object to this decision.

Minute 107-2016

Planning Application Ref Minute 65-2016. The Clerk reported that this planning Cefnyrallt, application had now been withdrawn.
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Minute 108-2016

Amendment Ref Minute 91-2016. Mr Andrew Jones is Chairman of Gwernyfed Community Council and not Clerk as stated. This to be amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 109-2016

Audit Return The Clerk explained to the members that the new External Auditors, Grant Thornton, required copies of all Minutes and a covering letter

to support all the figures on the annual return, each one to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. All the eight items on the Annual Governance Statement (Part 1) and three items on (Part 2) were discussed and the Councillors confirmed that the Community Council follow all the practices required and the Clerk was to complete each item as YES. The risk assessment form was also discussed and items agreed upon and Cllr Anne Nicholls, last year's Chairman signed both these forms. The Annual Return has to be sent back next week to Grant Thornton, Cardiff.

Minute 110-2016

Community Speed Watch Scheme

The Clerk had now received the application forms for the 7 volunteers to complete and return to PS Helen Scott with their ID in the next few weeks. She informed the Clerk that the equipment is not available yet. Mr Keiron Gomme has removed his name from the list due to University and work commitments. Details of the Dyfed Powys Community Messages scheme were also handed out to anyone interested in registering for this.

Minute 111-2016

Speeding of Traffic in Erwood

Kirsty Williams, AM had e-mailed the Clerk to say that Edwina Hart AM stated she had asked her officials to consider Erwood in line with their criteria on Speed Indicator Devices. The new Minister of Economy now is Mr Ken Skates. It was decided that the Clerk write to him to make him aware of our concerns of the speeding traffic through Erwood village. The speed van had been seen twice recently in Erwood Village which was good news.

Minute 112-2016

Gwernyfed High School

The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Mr Andrew Jones, Chairman of Gwernyfed Community Council. Copy of his previous letter of objection to the Closure of Gwernyfed School was circulated to all Community Councillors. He stated that he has now been told that some responses to the consultation have been marked as Key Submissions by the panel which he thought unfair. The Clerk was asked to send in an objection to this proposal and also ask that the reply on behalf of the Erwood Community Council be included in the key submissions. About 1,000 locals had attended the meeting in Gwernyfed in April including the majority of Erwood Community Councillors. The replies given by the Panel on the Top Table were very poor. A request has been made to the cabinet of Powys County Council that this proposal be put to the full council of 73 instead of just the Cabinet members. Consultation closes on 1st June 2016.

Minute 113-2016

Highways.

Cllr Stephen Davies and Julie Lloyd had travelled around the Erwood area this week.

Subsidence by
Ciliane Uchaf

Cllr Davies was told that there had been no movement since it was last inspected by the Council but they hope to put curbing on the river side on one part. Councillors thought that it would be better to trim off some of the top side and Cllr Davies agreed to let Julie know their thoughts.

Tregare Road

This road is still in a very dangerous condition and Councillors suggested that a hedge or trees be planted along the side of the road nearest to the bank. Taking some of the ground from the top side would also be beneficial. The road is cracking in several places. The Clerk was asked to write to Julie on these items.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSMinute 114-2016

AON Insurance

The Clerk reported that payment of the sum of £187.42 for the second year of the 3 year agreement had been acknowledged.

Minute 115-2016

OVW - A.G.M.

One Voice Wales has asked if the Council wish to take any motions to the A.G.M. but the Councillors agreed not to.

Minute 116-2016

PAVO

An application form for free membership to PAVO had been received. Everyone was in favour of joining.

Minute 117-2016

Training

Two training sessions were offered by One Voice Wales. Chairing Skills and The Council Meeting. No Councillor was able to attend.

Minute 118-2016

Councillors
Allowances

It is now a statutory requirement that all Councils publish and report annually to the County Council and to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales all allowances and expenses payable to Councillors, including Nil returns, by 30th September 2016 this year..

Minute 119-2016

Proposed Park on
Bronllys Hospital
Site.

The Powys Health & Well Being Action Group are holding Community Land Trust Launches to take over the grounds at Bronllys Hospital. Councillors took details of the three meetings, 9th June – Talgarth, 13th June – Hay School & 14th June at Bronllys Hall.

Minute 120-2016

Erwood Toilets

Cllr Alan Pryce updated the Council on the toilets facilities in Erwood. A new draft lease is being looked at by Brecon Legal Dept and Powys County Council, Llandrindod. The query is at present who owns the retaining wall behind the toilets. Their Insurers, Zurich, covers any landslides. Cllr Gwyn Davies said he would ask Mr Graham Davies who sold the house above the toilets many years ago. When this is sorted out, the contract between the Trust and the Community Council could be signed.

Minute 121-2016

Cheeky Monkeys

A request for a donation was received from Cheeky Monkeys After School Club. This letter to be kept with the other requests and looked at later in the year.

Minute 122-2016

Cheques

Cheque signed since last meeting:

Aon – Insurance - £187.42

The following cheque to be signed by the two Treasurers:

XMA – Multipack of Ink cartridges - £28.82

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING