

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Gwyn Davies and in his absence, the Vice Chairman Cllr Stephen Davies took on the role as Chair.

At the start of the meeting, Cllr Stephen Davies thanked all the Councillors for the Sympathy Card he had received on the death of his Father.

There were no Declarations of Interest

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read and Councillors agreed that it was a true record and were signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 123-2016

Highways

Reference Minute 113-2016. The Clerk informed the Committee that Julie Lloyd had left Boughrood Depot and Mr Eric Johnson was now the new contact. The Clerk had thanked Julie for all the help she had given to this area and on behalf of the Community Council wished her all the best for the future.

Minute 124-2016

Councillors'
Allowances

Reference Minute 118-2016. A return showing Councillors expenses for 2015-16, even if it's a nil return, has to be displayed on our website first and then confirmation sent to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by 30th September.

Minute 125-2016

Speed Watch
Scheme

An update on this scheme was given by Cllr Alan Pryce. He had spoken to PCSO Helen Scott and had been told that only a couple had completed and returned the application form and ID needed. The Clerk agreed to chase up all the volunteers so that this scheme could get started.

Minute 126-2016

Toilets – Erwood

Cllr Alan Pryce stated that Debbie Dixon was owner of the retaining wall at the back of the toilets but Powys County Council Highways would be responsible for the maintenance of it. The Pit Stop Trust had received the £5,000 grant. 70% of the painting has been done. Cllr Stephen Davies thought that they should be able to get more funding. Cllr Pryce stated that the outgoings were quite low, rates free and there has been good support from all users. Proceeds from a raffle at Erwood Show were to be shared 50/50 between the Pit Stop Trust and Erwood Show.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 127-2016Cwm Farm,
Crickadarn

Notification of a Planning Application had been received from Powys County Council for Conversion of Barn to a Residential Unit and Installation of a septic tank at Cwm Farm, Crickadarn for Mr Robert Davies. Ref P/2016/0740. It was agreed by all Councillors that this be supported.

Minute 128-2016Speeding of
Traffic – Erwood

The Clerk had written to Mr Ken Skates who has taken over Edwina Hart's role as Cabinet Secretary of Economy at Cardiff and he confirmed that he has all the relevant files on the speeding problem through Erwood. He stated that Erwood is currently being assessed against criteria for a speed indication device which should be completed by this autumn, It was noted that strips had been laid in Erwood recently.

Minute 129-2016One Voice
Wales

Motions were read out which had been received from other Councils for discussion at the OVW Annual General Meeting in October. No Councillor is able to attend the AGM. One Voice Wales forwarded a list of members and non members of the organisation and are asking Councillors to encourage non members to join.

Minute 130-2016New Financial
Regulations

New Financial Regulations had been received from OVW and Community Councils are asked to adopt this revised document. Cllr Stephen Davies thought he should check with the Legal Department at Powys County Council first and to leave until next meeting before signing it.

Minute 131-2016

Dyfed Powys
Police

PC 181 Jeff Cahalane, Dyfed Powys Police, has asked if a police representative could attend our Council Meetings in the future. It was agreed that they be informed of all meetings and request that they attend at least annually, The Clerk was to advise him of our intention to set up a local Community Speed Watch Scheme and to ask that we be sent their monthly reports as had previously been received.

Minute 132-2016

PAVO

The welcoming pack for new members of PAVO has been received. Cllr Elizabeth Williams agreed to look through the details and report back..

Minute 133-2016

Planning Reports

Powys Planning Dept now intend to send all Clerks fortnightly reports on planning decisions which will save the Clerks searching the website for an update on applications in its area.

Minute 134-2016

Highways

No response has been received from Mr Eric Johnson yet on highway matters in this area so the Clerk agreed to chase a reply.

Road passed
Tregare

Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that the roads up past Tregare really needs attention. The sides of the roads are all cracking up between the two Alltmawr Farms. No verges have been cut and the fern on the road sides have dropped due to the rain & affecting visibility on these narrow roads. Grass is growing in the middle of the road too.

Road to Ramah
Chapel

The road down to Ramah Chapel has quite a few pot holes that need filling and the sides of the roads are cracking away. There is a local wedding due to take place soon so it is hoped that this work will be carried out soon.

Cattle Grid –
Twmpath

Cllr Haydn Powell reported that the cattle grid appears to becoming loose as it now rattles when travelling over it. He thought it should be looked at for safety reasons as soon as possible.

Cllr Stephen Davies said he would contact Mr Eric Johnson on the above issues and the Clerk was asked to send a letter as well.

It was reported that the pothole opposite The Willows in Erwood had now been repaired.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 135-2016

New T4

Bus Stop Review

Mr Nick Townsend has forwarded his proposals on the new locations for bus stops in Erwood Village and offered to meet Councillors in the Village to discuss these proposals. It was agreed at the meeting that the safest location was next to the Erwood Inn as previously decided and not near The Holmes which has been suggested by Mr Townsend. Cllr Stephen Davies & Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to meet him at a convenient day & time. The Clerk to arrange.

Minute 136-2016

Community

Website for

Erwood Area

The Clerk had been asked whether the Community Council website could be expanded to include news and local topics etc. for the area's use. It was agreed by all Councillors that this website should be kept specifically for Community Council's use but Cllr Stephen Davies stated that he'd be happy to supply a website for the area free of charge but someone would have to take responsibility of it.

Minute 137-2016

Cheques

Cheque paid out since last meeting:
XMA Ltd – Multipack Ink Cartridges - £36.39

Minute 138-2016

Bank Balances

	£
Community Account – 1 st April 2016	897.35
Cheques out – XMA Ltd.- Ink Cartridges	28.82
AON Insurance 2 nd year	187.42
Erwood M.H.Donation	5.00
Money In – Precept Direct Debit	966.00
VAT rebate	74.19
Balance at 30 th June 2016	<u>£1716.30</u>
	£
Business Premium Account – 31 st March 2016 -	4499.61
Interest	.56
Balance at 9 th June 2016	<u>£4500.17</u>

Minute 139-2016

Date of Next

Meeting

To be decided by Chairman and Clerk

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING