

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr & Mrs Sidney Jefferies, Mrs Karen Laurie-Parry

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Haydn Powell

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was given by Cllr Stephen Davies to Agenda Item 7(a) - Planning Application at Tregare Barns, Erwood as he is serving on the Powys Planning Committee.

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

MATTER ARISING

Minute 158-2016

Councillors Allowances Reference 140-2016. The Clerk reported that Cllr Stephen Davies had entered the Nil Return on the Council's Website as agreed.

Minute 159-2016

Fire Safety Checks Reference 149-2016. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to send the Clerk the link for the Fire Safety Posters.

Minute 160-2016

Tregare Road Reference 152-2016. It was reported that no work has as yet been carried out on the Tregare Road. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to speak to Powys Highways Dept.

Minute 161-2016

Speed Watch Scheme Cllr Alan Pryce gave an update on this scheme. The new lead Co-ordinator for Dyfed Powys Police is Sargeant Ian Price based at Cross Hands, Carmarthenshire and Ms Katherine Lewis has agreed to be the co-ordinator for Erwood. Now waiting for date off PC Helen Scott to start this scheme. Speed strips had recently been put in place in the village.

Minute 162-2016

Defibrillators Cllr Alan Pryce reported that he had recently checked the defibrillator in Erwood.

Frank & Pam Banks are anxious to place the defibrillator in the unused Telephone Kiosk in Gwenddwr but are still waiting to here when this will be allowed. The Clerk to chase up Powys/BT on this. The Chairman reported that Peter Brown, Chairman of Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee intends to get in touch with the Clerk soon to discuss the proposed defibrillator for Llaneglwys.

Cllr Stephen Davies informed the meeting that 32 lives had been saved since defibrillators were installed in the Mid & West Wales Fire Engines.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 163-2016

Planning Application- Tregare Barns A planning application for listed building work to convert barns to residential dwelling including rebuilding of extensions at barns and installation of septic tank and associated works at Tregare, Erwood had been received from Mr & Mrs Sidney Jefferies, Ynyswye. Ref No. P/2016/0962 & 0964. County Councillor Stephen Davies left the meeting as he serves on the Powys Planning Committee. The owners and the tenant of this application were allowed to speak on this application and the tenant read out her concerns. The owner agreed and supported all her comments. She explained the details on their application and confirmed that they have liaised regularly with the Planning Department and with the tenants. They were in full agreement of the provision of passing bays on the road up to Tregare, and offered like to like replacements if there were to be a fire in the future. A bigger shed had been built for shelter and storage for the tenants to continue their farming activities since damage caused by the fire several months ago. They feel it is a sympathetic barn conversion as part of it is a listed building with decking and parking at the rear of the building. The Chairman asked for all Councillors who wished to support this application to vote by a show of hands. Cllr Elizabeth Williams abstained but all others Councillors present agreed to support this application especially as the tenants had no objections.

Minute 164-2016

BT - Removal of Phone Boxes

Gwenddwr & Llangelwys Villagers wish to adopt their kiosks. Cllr Anne Nicholls suggested that as there are new owners at Crickadarn School they should be consulted as the kiosk was situated outside their house and she agreed to do this. It was also agreed that Mr Bernard Davies, Penrheol Bungalow be asked about the kiosk outside his premises and the Clerk to reply to the Powys County Council to this effect.

Minute 165-2016

Proposed New Bus Stops, Erwood

Mr Nick Townsend, from Powys Engineering had written to the Council that the only suitable sites in Erwood to erect new bus stops were opposite the Post Office and outside the toilet area on the other side of the road and that initial work would commence soon. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Townsend stating that the Community Council would like his explanation of a fastway crossing with tactile paving and requested that advance warning signs be erected on each approach to the bus stops. Hopefully the installation of SIDs would be allowed by Welsh Assembly in the near future.

Minute 166-2016

New Code of Conduct

All Councillors had been sent copies of the new Model Code of Conduct and they all signed the necessary form as confirmation of their agreement of the new terms. An advert has to be placed in the local newspaper announcing the Community Council's acceptance of this.

Minute 167-2016

One Voice Wales

All Councillors agreed with the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and the report on the National Conference which was read out detailing the initial eight point action plan for the local councils in Wales made by Mark Drakeford, AM Cabinet Secretary for Finance at the recent AGM. The training courses available locally were also read out but not taken up.

Minute 168-2016

Bronllys Wellbeing Steering Group

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held at Bronllys on Thursday 24th November which was noted by the Councillors.

Minute 169-2016

Community Funding

A letter had been received from Mrs Vicky Morgan, Crickadarn advising the Council of the Rural Community Development Fund which was available. Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that she would ask the Erwood Show Committee about this.

Minute 170-2016

Highways

Parking in Erwood

Cllr Alan Pryce had been asked to raise the awareness of the Council to the prolonged parking of vehicles outside the Post Office and in front of the toilets. Councillors agreed that the locations of the new bus stops would hopefully remedy this problem in future so it was agreed to leave for the time being.

Cleaning of roads

Cllr Pryce also requested that a letter be sent to the Boughrood Depot asking for the roads to be swept in Erwood village, in particular the road up to Crickadarn and down Back Lane.

Tregare Road Cllr Stephen Davies reported that he had spoken to Mr Eric Johnson, Highways regarding the condition of the roads in the area as no work had been carried out especially up the Tregare Road. He said he would arrange to travel with him around the area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 171-2016

Type 1 Diabetes Mr Chris Davies, MP forwarded a letter to increase the awareness in the area of the importance of early diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes and to request that the poster be put up in Erwood Village.

Minute 172-2016

Next Meeting To be arranged by Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING