

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

APOLOGIES were made by Cllr Stephen Davies
 There were no declarations of interest

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETNG were read and it was agreed by all Councillors that they are signed by the Chairman as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 7-2017

Decommissioning - Phone Boxes Reference 7-2017. BT had written to say that due to large numbers of e-mails, there would be a delay in replying.

Minute 26-2017

Appointment of Internal Audit Reference 16-2017. The Clerk informed members that she had spoken to Miss Christine Price who had agreed to carry out the internal auditing of Erwood's accounts this year. All Councillors were in agreement to this appointment. The Clerk will arrange for Miss Price to sign the letter of engagement accepting this appointment together with the Council's Audit Plan for 2016/17. Details had already been received from Grant Thornton and completed accounts to be returned to them by 5th June 2017.

Minute 21-2017

Street Lighting Reference 21-2017. Councillors reported that lights in Llaneglwys and Crickadarn Villages have still not been repaired. Cllr Anne Nicholls also stated that villagers were asking for LED lights. The Clerk to chase up this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 22-2017

Proposed Dwellings – Old Sawmill Site, Erwood A planning application has been received from Powys County Council for outline planning for erection of two dwellings, creation of new accesses, demolition of existing barns and associated works at The Old Sawmill site, Erwood for Mrs Gail Morris, Brecon. The applicant has arranged for extensive ecological and biodiversity surveys to be carried out which had been requested by Powys Planning Dept. Reference P/2017/0160. It was agreed by Councillors to support this application.

Minute 23-2017

Erwood Pit Stop
Trust

Cllr Alan Pryce handed over the completed document between Erwood Pit Stop Trust and Erwood Community Council as Custodial Trustees with its seal of approval.

Minute 24-2017

Highway Matters -
Roads

The Clerk read out replies received from Eric Johnson, Highways. He stated that the condition of the roads throughout Erwood area which were highlighted have been added to the cleansing list but this work is a major issue at present.

Litter Bin - Toilets

With regard to the extra litter bin requested for the toilet area, Eric Johnson still seems to want to deliver a double bin not the same type as already in place there. Cllr Alan Pryce had contacted him to advise him what type of bin is required outside the toilets. The Clerk to write again.

Minute 25-2017

One Voice Wales

The subscription fee of £66 has been received from One Voice Wales for 2017, an increase of £1 from last year. As advice is often requested from One Voice Wales it was agreed by all Councillors that this be paid.

Minute 26-2017

Clerk's Salary &
Expenses

The Clerk advised Councillors that her expenses had totalled £492 for this year which was slightly less than in 2016. Councillors agreed that this year's salary of £1650.00 and expenses be paid to the Clerk.

Minute 27-2017

Donations to both
Halls in area

It was agreed that both Halls be given the same amounts as last year, £400 for Erwood Market Hall and £100 for Llaneglwys Village Hall.

Minute 28-2017

Donation Requests

Nine charities had asked for donations this year. It was decided to send £20 to each of the following causes - Teenage Cancer, Kidney Wales Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support, British Red Cross, Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales,

Minute 29-2017

Election Packs

These were given out to each Councillor with details of the information required on the forms and the date that the completed forms need to be returned to Powys County Council. As it's election year, the AGM has to take place straight after election day and before 22nd May.

Minute 30-2017

Litter on A470

It was reported that the amounts of litter on the sides of the A470 towards Brecon were excessive and unacceptable. It was agreed that a letter needs to be sent to Powys County Council on this. Councillors had been informed

that the litter is being blown out of the side openings of the recycling vehicles when they are travelling as the side openings are not being closed down securely.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 31-2017

Review of
Parliamentary
Constituencies

Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he had attended a meeting in Brecon last week on this subject. Mark Drayford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government had stated in his report that there should be more cluster meetings with adjoining Community Councils as some areas are very small and County Councillors should ideally be responsible for between 1000 and 1300 voters. There is presently 66 County Councillors in Powys. The consultation period for this review closes at end of March.

Minute 32-2017

Dementia

During March, the Community Health Council is asking people whose lives have been touched by dementia or is a carer how the NHS could improve the support given to them. Comments can be sent by all the media outlets, details, if needed, are with the Clerk.

Minute 33-2017

Waste Collections

Information was given by Powys County Council that the Monday waste collections will cease from April and from then on collections will take place four days a week instead of five.

Minute 34-2017

Cheques

The following cheques were signed at the close of the meeting:
 £1650.00 - Mrs E.G. Davies – Salary
 £492.00 – Mrs E.G. Davies – Expenses
 £20.00 Donation each to: MacMillan Cancer Support, Teenage Cancer, British Red Cross, Kidney Wales Foundation, Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre, Wales.
 £400 – Erwood Market Hall Committee
 £100 – Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee
 £66 – Subscription – One Voice Wales

Minute 35-2017

Date of Next
Meeting

Unless a planning application is received prior to elections, date of May’s Annual General Meeting must be arranged between 8th and 22nd May 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.