

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Alan Pryce
 Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
 Cllr Mrs Anne Nicholls
 Cllr Haydn Powell
 Cllr Mrs Karen Laurie-Parry

There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST but Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that she has been advised that, as she sits on the Planning Committee of the Powys County Council, she is allowed to sit in on planning applications if she declares an 'Open Mind'.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 87-2017

Training

Reference 81-2017. The Clerk advised the Committee that the Induction Training session organised for 31st May at The Strand, Builth was fully booked so Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to attend the next session.

Minute 88-2017

Dyfed-Powys Police

On behalf of the Erwood Community Council, the Chairman welcomed PS 214 Craig Morgan, Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting. PS Craig Morgan thanked the Council for inviting him. The following discussions took place on issues in this area:

- Speeding through Erwood Village is the main problem. Discussions took place on the introduction of the community speed watch scheme with some training already been given by PS Helen Scott. Three of the Councillors present have joined this scheme. Speeds from 35 -46 mph had been logged but the highest was 65 mph. Councillors thought that this scheme was working well and most beneficial, but there is still need for regular visits by the police force to Erwood Village.
- Councillors were informed that the biggest crime around this area at the present time is theft of sheep with theft of farm quads and machinery a close second. These crimes are very difficult to monitor on working farms as they seem to be organised crime travelling mainly from the Midlands area.

- The dangers of children crossing the road in order to board their school buses is a big issue especially in Erwood.
- Several entries on to the main A470 Trunk Road were very dangerous as there was not sufficient visibility. Chapel House, Alltmawr, Gromaine Lodge, Llyswen side of Erwood and Crickadarn Road on to the A470 in Erwood Village. Hedges need to be cut back to provide a clearer view span each way on to the road.
- A request was made to reinstate the monthly crime reports originally sent each month to the Community Council. PS Morgan stated that this information could now be found on the website www.upmystreet which is regularly updated.

PS Craig Morgan agreed to attend future meetings and had noted the concerns discussed and informed the Council that he could be contacted at any time at Brecon Headquarters. He was thanked by Cllr Stephen Davies for giving his time to attend and for supporting this area.

Minute 89-2017

Erwood Toilets

Cllr Alan Pryce gave an update on the Toilets in Erwood. The Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd May 2017. Officers elected – Chair - Alan Pryce, Secretary – Frank Banks, Assist. Secretary – Laura Shewring, Treasurer – Sarah Bowen, Assist. Treasurer – Penny Robinson. Balance at end of April 2017 - £7,216.51. Charity status is ongoing and work is being carried out on land registry, constitution changes and legal work. Grant to be updated and it is hoped to complete painting in the coming weeks. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pryce for this update.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 90-2017

Planning Consents

Two Planning Consents have been received from Powys County Council:
P/2017/0296 – Extension at Dan Y Coed, Erwood for Mr Luke Fergusson
P/2017/0144 – Erection of Lattice Tower at Allt Mawr Isaf for EE(UK) Ltd.

Minute 91-2017

Vacancy of Comm. Councillor

Mrs Natasha Sayer from Cwrt Gwenddwr, Builth Wells had written to the Clerk with her details stating that she wished to be considered to fill the vacancy of Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry, seconded by Cllr Alan Pryce and agreed unanimously that she be asked to join the Community Council by formal letter. The Clerk to write letters too of thanks to Cllr Gwyn Davies & Cllr Goronwy Davies for all their help and support over the last 38 years and 30 years respectively.

Minute 92-2017

Entries onto A470 Trunk Rd. The Clerk informed the meeting that the letter she had sent to Dean Williams, Trunk Road Agency on this issue had been forward to the Welsh Government. They had replied stating that Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry's concerns will be passed to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Infrastructure who will respond in due course.

Minute 93-2017

Bus Shelter, Erwood Nick Townsend, Engineering Design had replied to say that the funding for the T4 bus stop facilities was all used by end of year and our request will be reviewed if more grant funding becomes available, although he thinks the footpath could be too narrow for a bus shelter.

Minute 94-2017

Highway Issues Lyn Parry from Powys Highways Operations had replied to our queries as below:
Bin by Toilets Powys Highways are not in position to install an extra bin as it is now the responsibility of the Trunk Road Agency but will update the Council following a review on litter.

Safety on Common passed Tregare Remedial works will be carried out when resources allow. Information will be passed on to his design team about the possibility of a barrier or widening of the road.
The owner of the land at the side of this road has agreed to help on this if needed.

Soil dumped By Cilbedog A machine has visited the site and now levelled the contents tipped by the sweeper.

Road past Ciliane Fawr Remedial works will be carried out once resource becomes available and the roads will be included in Capital funding for resurfacing.

Speed of Traffic through Crickadarn Our request for some form of traffic calming measures will be forwarded to the design team to see if a scheme is viable.

Minute 94-2017

AON UK Ltd. An acknowledgement of the renewal of the insurance policy has been received.

Minute 95-2017

One Voice Wales The next training session in Builth is on Code of Conduct on Wednesday 21st June. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry wished to attend and the bursary already applied for could hopefully be used for this training instead of the Induction Training.

Minute 96-2017

Standards Sub Committee Two nominations had been received for the Community Standards Sub-Committee, for Breconshire. Mr Hugh Patrick, Ystradfellte and Robert Thomas, Brecon. The Council agreed to vote for Mr Patrick.

Minute 97-2017

Charter Legacy Trees One Voice Wales had written asking for the Council's support in planting a Charter Legacy Tree. The Clerk was asked to accept on line.

Minute 98-2017

Clerk's Salary As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had obtained details of the National Salary Awards for Clerks 2016 & 2017. She had been given details by the Secretary of the Society of Local Council Clerks who said that from 1st April 2017 the minimum wage for a Clerk is £8.87 per hour, £8.72 in 2016. Since the last meeting, the Clerk has worked just over 20 hours but these hours would fluctuate from month to month. She was also told that a Clerk should be paid for 12 hours per month as a minimum and she had also completed the analysis form for the working hours of a Clerk which worked out at 5.12 hours per week. The Clerk left the meeting while this was discussed. She was then informed that all Councillors had agreed to increase her pay in line with the pay scales from £1650 to £2000. The Clerk thanked the Councillors very much for this pay rise.

Minute 99-2017Highways

Grass Cutting Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the long grass on the entrance to Top Terrace, Erwood needs to be cut back as it's blocking the view out on to the Crickadarn Road.

Victoria Terrace Residents have asked for speed strips to be put on Victoria Terrace to monitor the speed of traffic there as some vehicles are travelling much too fast along this road.

The Holmes, Erwood The branches on the Cherry trees by The Holmes Housing Estate need to be trimmed back as blocking the view.

Road by Ciliane Uchaf Cllr Haydn Powell asked if the Clerk could write again to Powys Highways to enquire if this remedial work is still on the list as it is many years now since it was first requested. The Clerk to write to Mr Lyn Parry on the above highway matters with a copy to Mr Colin Davies.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 100-2017

PAVO All agreed to renew the PAVO annual agreement.

Minute 101-2017

New The Clerk and the Chairman have now completed the Mandate form for Change of
Treasurers Signatories to include Cllr Alan Pryce & the Clerk. Hopefully this will be finalised soon.

Minute 102-2017

Bank The balance in the Current Account on 31st May was £1,163.03
Statements The balance in the Business Savings Account on 31st May was £4,501.29.

Minute 103-2017

Date of To be decided by Chairman & Clerk
Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.10p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING