

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 31st AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Rob Green & Ms Jane Barnes

The Chairman commenced the meeting by welcoming our new Councillor Natasha Sayer to her first meeting following the elections and wished her a long and enjoyable time in office. He also welcomed members of the community to the meeting. Cllr Sayer signed the Declaration of Office and was given the new Code of Conduct booklet.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to Agenda Item 5 (a), the three planning items as she would be sitting in when these items are discussed with an 'open mind'.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read out and, with a correction to one minute no., the Councillors all agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 104-2017

Planning Applications Details of three planning applications had been received:

- (a) Full planning permission for the Erection of a Replacement Dwelling at Ty Newydd, Erwood for Mrs L Taylor – Ref P/2017/0424
- (b) Refusal for Erection of 2 dwellings at Old Sawmill Site, Erwood for Mrs G. Morris, Brecon Ref No. P/2017/0160 as insufficient information had been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not have a detrimental impact on protected species and biodiversity.
- (c) Withdrawal of Application to Rebuild Barns etc. at Tregare, Erwood for Mrs C. Jefferies, Ynyswye, Erwood. Ref No. P/2016/0962 & 64

Minute 105-2017

New signatories on cheques Barclays Bank has now confirmed that the two new signatories were now able to sign the Council's cheques, namely Cllr Alan Pryce, replacing Mr Goronwy Davies, and Mrs Gwyneth Davies, Clerk with Cllr Haydn Powell continuing to sign cheques. Two signatures required for each cheque.

Minute 106-2017

Highways

Mr Colin Davies, PCC Highways had made the following response to our last meeting's queries.

- a) Grass cutting had now been carried out at Top Terrace
- b) He was forwarding on our request for some form of traffic calming on Victoria Terrace to the Traffic Office.
- c) The request for lobbing of the Cherry Trees outside The Holmes Housing Estate should be sent to Corrina Joy as these trees are on housing land.
- d) UO 75 road below Ciliane Uchaf is on the capital list and is one of the roads earmarked for work with the new jet patcher when it arrives.

The Clerk stated that she would contact Corrina Joy as suggested for (c) above.

Minute 107-2017

Entries on to A470

The Clerk had chased up a reply from Welsh Government as Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had not received any correspondence. Mr Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Infrastructure had then forwarded copies of his reply sent to Kirsty Williams AM and a recent update to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry regarding the entry on to the A470 to Chapel House, Alltmawr. The provision of alternative access to Mr Hughes's farm has been agreed and funding provided for this to take place during this financial year. The hedge had been trimmed but relocation is temporarily delayed due to the bird nesting season. A blocked draining ditch there has been cleared. Mr Skates has agreed to visit the residents of Gromaine Lodge and arrangements to be made for him or his representative meet there with Kirsty Williams, Liam Fitzpatrick and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry in the near future.

Minute 108-2017Rep. On Standards
Sub-Committee

Powys Executive Department has written to advise that Cllr Hugh Pattrick, Ystradfellte CC has been appointed on to the Brecknockshire Branch of the Standards Sub-Committee.

Minute 109-2017

AON Insurance

A letter was read out from AON Insurers informing the Council that they do not intend to enter into any further business with Councils once the present policies run out. They have forwarded our details to BHIB Insurance Brokers from Leicester who have agreed to offer their services from the commencement of our next contract which is due on 1st June 2018. Luckily our three year terms with AON ends at that time.

Minute 110-2017

Businesses in area

Shane Thomas, PCC has requested that the Council provide him with a list of businesses in this area as part of the vision of the new Cabinet. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated she was interested in compiling a comprehensive list for the whole of Bronllys ward to help work together and support one another. Some

Councillors were not in favour of sending details to Powys County Council. Cllr Laurie-Parry agreed to speak to Mr Thomas to ascertain what the Council intended to do with the list of businesses and bring back to the next meeting.

Minute 111-2017

Visit to Westminster

An invite to visit Westminster has been received from Mr Chris Davies A.M. who would like to host a tour of the Palace and organise a question and answer session with him. Councillors were interested in this but wondered if we would be able to extend this to others in the Community. Also it would also depend on when Mr Davies would be available. The Clerk agreed to write for more details off him and this could be discussed again.

Minute 112-2017

LDP Changes

Advance notice has been received of a public consultation period commencing 19th September until 30th October on Matters Arising Changes to the Local Development Plan. Drop in session are to be held during this consultation period and details are available for inspection at Brecon or Llandrindod offices. The Clerk to check if these changes affect this area.

Minute 113-2017

Training

The next training session available for Councillors locally is 'Understanding the Law' on 19th September in Buith. No-one wished to attend.

Minute 114-2017

Charter for Trees

The Clerk had registered the Council's name on this web site but it seems that trees would not be made available for planting locally but would be planted by this organisation on our behalf.

Minute 115-2017

Balance of Accounts

Bank Balances at 31st July 2017 show the following:
 Current Account – £3143.03 - £20 paid out for training on 19th July
 Business Account - £4501.29

Minute 116-2017

Highways

a) Vehicle Access on to A470

A letter had been received from residents of Erwood showing their concern regarding the vehicle access from the A470 on to the Victoria Terrace, Erwood. Councillors all agreed that this is a dangerous access especially if a vehicle is approaching the main road from Victoria Terrace. This had been discussed on several previous occasions and is why Highways had recently been asked for calming measures to be provided there. Two residents from the Terrace, who were present at the meeting, were asked their opinion and they did not think a one way system would work. Councillors wondered whether the 30 m.p.h. sign could be relocated nearer the Vicarage which had previously been suggested. Past plans had also

looked into widening the stretch of road below the main A470 at this site but this did not materialise. Vegetation must be kept under control at this junction. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Liam Fitzpatrick, Ken Skate AM or his representative, Ian Mills and it was agreed that Cllr Alan Pryce and Mr Rob Green be notified the date as well. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- b)Tregare Road It was reported that Claire Price, Erw'r Henllan, Gwenddwr had made an official complaint to Powys County Council about the bad state of the road up past Tregare Farm and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to chase up the outcome of this.
- c)EE Mast - Alltmawr Isaf Complaints have also been made to the heavy vehicles transporting tons of stone up this road to the EE mast site and these have now been stopped.
- d)Kerbing opposite Gromaine Lodge Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that the kerbing on the opposite side of the main road from Gromaine Lodge had been damaged. She said that she would report this when she meets with Mr Fitzpatrick at that site. The owner, Mr Mark Smith, had asked Cllr Laurie-Parry to notify him when this meeting is arranged.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 117-2017

- Defibrillator – Gwenddwr Village The Clerk reported that the defibrillator in Gwenddwr Village had now been placed on the wall outside the Chapel for the time being and will hopefully be moved into the Telephone Kiosk when it is eventually decommissioned.

Minute 118-2017

- Builth Community Support A request for a donation had been received from Builth Community Support as they now have a large deficit. Cllr Elizabeth Williams & Cllr Anne Nicholls had recently attended their Fair Day. All agreed that we donate £25 to their funds.

Minute 119-2017

- Merchant Navy Day Details of Merchant Navy Day which is commemorated on 3rd September 2017 had been received.

Minute 120-2017

- Cheques Cheques signed at close of meeting: £25 Donation to Builth Community Support and £60.12 for Purchase of 2 Multipack Ink Cartridges from XMA Ltd.

Minute 121-2017

- Date of Next Meeting To be decided by Chairman & Clerk
The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING