

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to Agenda 5(a) - Planning Application at Chapel House, Alltmawr.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read out and Councillors agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes as true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 122-2017

Highways

Reference Minute 106-2017(c). A member of the Housing Land department spoke to the Clerk regarding lopping of the Cherry Trees outside The Holmes Housing Estate, Erwood and stated that another member of this department would inspect the Trees in a few days time and would advise the Clerk of the outcome in due course.

Minute 123-2017

Businesses in Area

Reference Minute 110-2017. Clerks were advised at the Society of Local Council Clerks meeting held recently that there was no need to complete and return a list of Local Businesses to the Powys County Council as requested if the Council did not agree with this action.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 124-2017

Chapel House,  
 Alltmawr

A planning application had been received for the erection of Two Storey Rear & Side Extensions at Chapel House, Alltmawr for Mr Mansaray. Reference P/2017/0967. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry left the meeting when this was discussed. All Councillors agreed to support this application.

Minute 125-2017

Visit to  
 Westminster

A letter was read out from Chris Davies, P.M. inviting Councillors to a tour of Westminster which would be followed by a Q & A session with him. Details of these tours were not very explicit so the Clerk was asked to find out the

exact times and bring to the next meeting. Some Councillors stated they may be interested in going.

#### Minute 126-2017

Completion of  
Audit

Grant Thornton, External Auditors had returned the completed accounts. Two items to be addressed by the Community Council were:

- a) The RFO should have certified the accounting statements before the Community Council approved them and not at the same meeting.
- b) The minute reference and the date of the meeting of approval of the accounting statement should both be entered on the return and not just the minute number and copies should be sent to the Auditor.

All Councillors noted these comments. The proposed charges for auditing the accounts would be £186.75 plus VAT (price remains the same but no VAT was charged last year). The Clerk will query this with the firm. Councillors approved the Conclusion of the Audit and agreed that the charge for copying the Audit Return if requested by any elector would be £4.00. The Notice of Conclusion of audit to be displayed in Erwood at the close of the meeting and a satisfaction survey to be completed and returned to them. Next year's audit will focus on the effectiveness of internal audit and how councils manage their reserves and balances.

#### Minute 127-2017

Mid & West Wales  
Fire Service

A press release was read out which states that the Fire Service has already saved £9 million of their budget since 2006. An online survey is available and Councillors made a note of the web site to take part.

#### Minute 128-2017

Well-Being Vision  
Survey

Mrs Rosemarie Harris, Chair of the Public Service Board is asking Councillors to complete the online survey or provide her with their views by e-mail, on the 31 topics identified, by deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Minute 129-2017

Dyfed-Powys Police  
Monthly Report

The August report was read out from PCSO Helen Scott & Lee Garrett. It was noted that they are willing to attend any event or speak to groups of people such as Senior Citizens in the area and are currently trying to recruit more PCSOs.

#### Minute 130-2017

OVW Motions for  
AGM

Six motions were to be taken to the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting in Bwlth Wells. The last motion stated that the membership fees may be uplifted by up to 3% for year 2018-19.

#### Minute 131-2017

Natural Resources

An e-mail from One Voice Wales was read out drawing attention to a

Western Mail supplement of the Consultation Document on “Taking Forward Wales - Sustainable Management of Natural Resources” which refers to a proposal to change every footpath in Wales to a cycle track or a bridleway which would affect all Communities in Wales. One Voice Wales are asking for our views. Councillors did not think this would be feasible.

#### Minute 132-2017

Powys tHealth Board A meeting has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> October at Bronllys Concert Hall to discuss the proposals for membership of the Stakeholder Reference Group for the Bronllys Well-Being Park. Details were noted by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry.

#### Minute 133-2017

BHIB Insurance Brokers A letter was read out from BHIB the Insurance Brokers who take over the business of AON at the end of present contracts. This Council’s contract expires on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. It was agreed to get a quote off this firm and Zurich our previous insurers in April/May to compare prices.

#### Minute 134-2017

Data Protection Clerks were informed at the last meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks that Data Protection is mandatory and the cost is approximately £35 a year. Councillors all agreed at this meeting that the Clerk should register the Council accordingly although this had been declined in September 2014.

#### Minute 135-2017

Bank Statements Bank Statement for Community Account on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017  
£2,143.03 (Money In - £1,000 Precept)  
Bank Statement for Community Account on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017  
£2,057.91 (Money paid out - £60.12 – XMA Ink Cartridges  
& £25 – Donation - Builth Wells Comm. Support)  
Bank Statement for Business Account on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept  
£4,501.29

#### Minute 136-2017

##### Highways

Accesses on to A470 - Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had met with Gareth Day, as representative to Chapel House, Abernant Ken Skates A.M. and Kirsty Williams A.M. recently. The entrance off the A470 to Chapel House is an unclassified county road and it would be for the Powys County Council to consider any improvements and approval would have to be given by Dean Williams, on behalf of the Trunk Road Agency.

Accesses - Groesmaen & by Min-yr-afon Ongoing – to be updated at next meeting by Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry.

Flashing signs in Erwood Village Questions had been raised why Erwood could not have these signs similar to that recently installed in Llyswen village. Cllr Stephen Davies stated that

these signs had been approved two and a half years ago and were not installed following recent requests.

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| Bus Shelter for Erwood   | Cllr Alan Pryce asked if another letter could be sent to Nick Townsend to update the Council on our request for a bus shelter by the bus stop. Councillors agreed to this. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry also agreed to speak to Nick Townsend on this issue. |
| EE Mast at Alltmawr Isaf | Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that works on the 35 metre mast has now been completed and it now needs to be painted green.   |
| Tregare Road             | Powys County Council are responsible for the verges and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry is presently in negotiations with Liam Fitzpatrick, Powys County Council on the condition of this road. Update to be given at next meeting.                             |

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### Minute 137-2017

Local Development Plan

The recent letters received regarding the consultation on the Local Development Plan is not relevant to Erwood area as the three original applications were rejected.

##### Minute 138-2017

Defibrillators

The Clerk advised the meeting that there was a training session being held at the Chapel in Gwenddwr on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m. Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that the defibrillator for Llaneglwys Village was now on order and suggested that perhaps people from Llaneglwys area would be interested in attending. She agreed to inform the Chairman of Llaneglwys Village Hall of this.

##### Minute 139-2017

Speed Watch Scheme

A letter was read out from Ms Katherine Lewis who is the co-ordinator of the Speed Watch Scheme for Erwood Village. She would like to get more recruits on this scheme. Cllrs. Alan Pryce, Stephen Davies & Karen Laurie-Parry are already on the team and Cllr Anne Nicholls agreed to take part as well. The Clerk was instructed to reply to Ms Lewis noting her comments and let her know that Cllr Anne Nicholls would like to be included.

##### Minute 140-2017

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting to be decided between the Chairman and Clerk

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING