

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce  
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams  
Cllr Mrs Anne Nicholls  
Cllr Mrs Natasha Sayer  
Cllr Stephen Davies

APOLOGIES were made by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry and Cllr Stephen Davies who stated he would be late arriving.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce commenced the meeting as Chair.

There were NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read out and it was agreed by all Councillors that they be signed as a true record.

MATTER ARISING

Minute 141-2017

Cherry Trees by The Holmes Reference 122-2017. Peter Sissons, Housing Surveyor, PCC had sent an request to Andrew Mills, Tree Surgeon, to cut back these near roadside trees.

Minute 142-2017

Visit to Westminster Reference 125-2017. Following the last meeting, the Clerk had been notified by the Chairman of the Black Mountains Lion Club, Hay that he was hoping to arrange a visit to Westminster for any interested persons from organisations who had received similar letters from Chris Davies A.M. The Clerk e-mailed Councillors but no one was able to go. The Clerk was later informed that there was not enough interest to proceed with his proposal.

Minute 143-2017

Audit Invoice Reference 126-2017. The Clerk had now received the invoice from Grant Thornton, the External Auditors for £186.75 but no VAT had been charged as had been stated on their letter.

Minute 144-2017

Data Protection Reference 134-2017. The Clerk had now registered for Data Protection and the fee of £35 had been sent to ICO. A policy would be brought to the next meeting for acceptance by the Community Council.

Minute 145-2017

Bus Shelter – Erwood Reference 136-2017. The Clerk had written to John Forsey as suggested by

Nick Townsend and also chase him for an update, nothing received to date.

Minute 146-2017

Defibrillator

Reference 138-2017. Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that she had contacted the Chairman of Llaneglwys Village Hall to invite members of his committee to a training session arranged in Gwenddwr Village. Peter thought that it would be better to wait until their defibrillator was installed and have training in Llaneglwys. The Clerk had been told that 17 people attended the training from around Gwenddwr and Erwood area so they were very pleased with the turn out and grateful for the chance to learn about the use of this machine if it was ever needed.

The Chairman Cllr Stephan Davies arrived at 8.55 p.m. and took over chairing the meeting. He thanked Cllr Alan Pryce for conducting the meeting in his absence.

Minute 147-2017

Speed Watch Scheme - Erwood Reference 139-2017. Cllr Anne Nicholls informed the meeting that she had received an acknowledgement off Kate Lewis regarding joining the Speed Watch Scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 148-2017

Planning – Retention of dwelling on land at Alltmawr

A planning application has been received - ref. P/2017/1114 – for the Retention of a single affordable dwelling and associated works at Land at Alltmawr for John & Miriam Jones, Oak Villa, Llandeilo Graban. Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that this land was in Gwenddwr parish and not Alltmawr as implied. After much discussion, it was agreed to support this application.

Minute 149-2017

Chapel House - Alltmawr

Ref. P/2017/0967. Full planning permission was refused by the Planning Department, their reason being that the design of the proposed development does not complement or enhance the character and appearance of the existing dwelling and contrary to the UDP policy.

Minute 150-2017

Review of Constituencies

Revised proposals on the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales had been received which mainly affected Montgomery area of Powys. The representation period ends on 11<sup>th</sup> December and Councillors were given the web site address if they wished for more details.

Minute 151-2017

Dyfed-Powys Reports

September & October reports were read out at the meeting and it was noted that PCSO Garrett had now been relocated to Crickhowell area.

Minute 152-2017

Independent  
Review Panel

Community & Town Council Sector in Wales is now under review. There are over 735 in Wales but not every community has a council. They should represent the whole electorate within the community or town; deliver services to meet local needs and strive to improve quality of life in the community or town. The Panel are keen to hear views on the following points which should be received by early next year with a view to making recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance by next Autumn.

- a) What should Community & Town Councils be responsible for?
- b) How should they operate?
- c) What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?
- d) How do councils ensure they best represent their local communities?

One Voice Wales wish to be informed of any Cluster groups which have been set up in this area so that they can respond to the Panel. Consultation events are being held across Wales, Howey being the location in Powys, which will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2-4 p.m. Cllr Anne Nicholls and Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to attend this session if possible.

Minute 153-2017

Councillors  
Expenses

A nil return for Councillors Expenses for 2016-17 had been sent to the IRPW, Cardiff and also put on our web site as required.

Minute 154-2017Highways

Road to Dolynwydd

Cllr Elizabeth Williams had been asked by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to update the meeting on these issues. A site meeting had been arranged for 10th November with Liam Fitzpatrick and Lyn Parry but had now been cancelled.

Road to Dolynwydd

A £250m highway machine is to be sent to repair the cracks on the edges of the road at this site but this hasn't arrived yet. According to records, no accidents have been reported on this road. It is hoped that some work will be carried out before the end of the financial year and it will be added to the Capital programme for next year. There is need for some interim measures to be carried out as a matter of urgency. The roots from big trees are growing under the tarmac which is making cracks in the road.

Accesses on to A470

No meeting held yet but hopefully will be discussed at same time as above.

Minute 155-2017

Facebook Page

Discussions took place on whether this Community Council should have a Facebook Page as some local Community Councils have set these up. There is a Social Media Policy which should be followed and Cllr Natasha Sayer agreed to read this. She also said that she would be prepared to be in charge

of it if it was decided to go ahead with this. To be discussed again at next meeting.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### Minute 156-2017

Health & Care  
Strategy

Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council are jointly developing the next phase of the Health & Care Strategy to help shape the annual, three year and 10 year plans. A meeting is to be held at the Royal Welsh Showground on 1st December between 10 and 4. Details of the phone number and contact were given to the Councillors if they decided to attend.

##### Minute 157-2017

Have your Say Day -  
for the young

An interactive day for young people is arranged for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at The Pavilion, Llandrindod by the Business Services Training Unit. The Clerk was asked to send a copy to the Secretary of Erwood Young Farmers Club.

##### Minute 158-2017

Town & Village  
Greens

Changes are being proposed to procedures relating to the registration of town & village greens which will provide owners with a right to end use of their land as town or village green subject to certain statutory exclusions. This information was noted.

##### Minute 159-2017

Burial Charges for  
Children

Welsh Government has agreed that charges for the burial or cremation of children under the age of 18 will no longer apply to Welsh Communities and funding is to be made available in recognition of this.

##### Minute 160-2017

Welsh Government

An updated scheme is to be promoted setting out the basis of a new closer relationship between the Welsh Government and local government which has been welcomed by the Local Government Secretary, Mark Drakeford, the WLGA leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox and the One Voice Wales new Chair Cllr Mike Cuddy as part of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

##### Minute 161-2017

Waste & Recycling

Powys County Council has announced that they intend to improve the collection routes by using route optimisation software and this should help save £275,000. To commence in February 2018.

##### Minute 162-2017

Telemat

A letter was read out from Telemat IT Support offering their services such as cloud computing. Details were noted.

Minute 163-2017

Area Meeting of  
OVW

Cllr Alan Pryce recently attended the area meeting of One Voice Wales held in Builth Wells. It was reported that Dr Del Morgan was retiring as Secretary. The speaker from Dyfed Powys Police did not turn up. Discussions took place on the Boundary Commission and whether Community Councillors should be a servant or a volunteer. The next meeting is in Howey on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

Minute 164-2017

Cheques

Cheques paid in between meetings:  
£35.00 - Data Protection Registration  
£186.75 - Fee for External Auditors  
Balance in Community Account on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - £1,871.16  
Balance in Business Account on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - £4,501.29

Minute 165-2017

Date of Next  
Meeting

To be decided between Chairman & Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING