

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY AT 7 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Rob Green

APOLOGIES: Nil

DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST: Nil

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read out and all agreed that they should be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 1-2018

Cherry Trees by
The Holmes

Reference 166-2017. These branches have now been lopped back by Andrew Mills, Tree Surgeon.

Minute 2-2018

Facebook Page
for Community
Council

Reference 167-2017. The criteria to be used on the facebook page was discussed. It was suggested to Cllr Natasha Sayer that any local events could be advertised or anything relevant to the Pit Stop Trust and the Community Council with contact details of all the Councillors. Cllr Sayer was happy to make a start on this and report back to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 3-2018

Old Saw Mill Site,
Erwood

The Outline Planning Application had been received from Powys County Council for Construction of 2 x 3 Bed Detached Houses with garages and all assoc. works (some matters reserved) at the Old Saw Mill Site, Erwood for Mrs G. Morris, Brecon – Ref. P/2017/1487. Extra surveys had been carried out since the last application so it was agreed that this application be supported and again to reiterate that the Council thinks that only one entrance/exit should be allowed on to the Victoria Terrace from these houses.

Minute 4-2018

Chapel House,
Alltmawr

A resubmission of the Planning Application for Erection of a 2 storey extension to provide kitchen and solar warming system at Chapel House, Alltmawr had been received from the Powys Planning Dept. for Mr Mansaray Ref – P/2018/0013. All Councillors were in agreement with the amendments made and wished to support this application.

Minute 5-2018

Section 137

The Clerk read out the advice given by One Voice Wales on purchases allowed under Section 137. Community Councils can make reasonable donations towards community-based activities as long as the main beneficiaries of such support would be substantial enough to benefit from this expenditure. This Section cannot be used if there is another power available and the Power of Well-Being can now be used and has fewer restrictions. This is known as “the power of first resort” and it is recommended that this is used when considering expenditure of large amounts. With £7.86 per elector and 349 electorate, £2,743.14 could be used. This was noted.

Minute 6-2018

VAT on
Speed Signs

One Voice Wales reported that Powys County Council should provide any speed signs, but the Community Council has the power to contribute towards them. Powys County Council would have to apply to the Secretary of State initially as these signs would be sited on the Trunk Road. The question of repayment of VAT, therefore, does not apply in this instance.

Minute 7-2018

Adoption of
Kiosks

A letter has been received from BT asking for confirmation that the Community Council still wishes to adopt the three telephone kiosks in Erwood area which were listed during the survey namely:
Pen-yr-Heol, Llaneglwys, Old School, Crickadarn and Gwenddwr Village. As the residents of Gwenddwr Village originally wanted to house their defibrillator in the kiosk when it was decommissioned, this has now been fixed onto the wall outside the Chapel. The Clerk had written to Frank Banks, who stated that although the kiosk wasn't needed for the defibrillator now, the residents did not want the kiosk left in disrepair and become an eyesore. Residents of Gwenddwr Village are in favour of maintaining the kiosk if the Community Council is willing to adopt it. As agreed, the Clerk was asked to reply to BT stating that the Council wish to adopt the three kiosks and also inform Frank Banks of our decision.

Minute 8-2018

Police Report

The December report from Dyfed-Powys Police was read out and noted.

Minute 9-2018

Budget Review

The Clerk had amended the draft report discussed at the last meeting taking into account the replies received from the Councillors regarding the new allowances available to each Councillor made by the Independent Review Panel for the next financial year. The Chairman and each Councillor wished to forgo their offer of an allowance but it was agreed by all that Cllr Alan Pryce be reimbursed for the cost of ink cartridges used by him on the printing of Council correspondence. The estimated figures of expenditure were agreed for next year which totalled £5,235. The revised budget review was signed by the Chairman. Travelling expenses at .45p per mile will now be made available to Councillors following their attendance at meetings outside the area.

Minute 10-2018Precept for
2018/19

The Clerk reported that about £1,500 would have to be transferred from the Business Account to the Current Account before the end of this financial year to pay off all invoices received. Due to the proposed extra travelling allowances for Councillors over the next financial year, the proposal to increase the precept to £5,000 was accepted by all.

Minute 11-2018Plans for
Powys Schools

An e-mail had been received from Andrew Jones, Chairman of Gwernyfed Community Council drawing the Council's attention to the consultation document entitled Vision 2025 – Plans for Powys School which ends on 30th January. He outlined a few points that his Community Council intended to respond to. The link to the document was noted by all Councillors who agreed to send any comments to the Clerk before the closing date. To acknowledge Mr Jones's e-mail and thank him for the information.

Minute 12-2018

One Voice Wales

Cllr Mike Cuddy, Chair of One Voice Wales had sent his Christmas letter outlining the work carried out by them on behalf of the Community Councils. A National Awards Scheme had been introduced for the first time. Most significant development has been the implementation of the Community and Town Council Review Panel who will be considering the future role of this sector and the recognition of the work carried out by the Community Councils with the introduction of annual allowances. Training is becoming a very important factor to make sure that everyone is kept up to date with all that's evolving at this present time.

Minute 13-2018Major Trauma
Network

A consultation on Major Trauma Network for South & West Wales & South Powys ends of 5th February. Brecon & Radnorshire & Montgomery are the only areas in Wales that has no major trauma centre. NHS Wales Health Collaborative is looking at the future development of a major trauma

network in this area, supported by Powys Teaching Health Board. The proposals are to establish a major trauma centre in Cardiff and a large trauma unit in Swansea. Cllr Elizabeth Williams agreed to read this document and report back if she thinks it's necessary.

Minute 14-2018

Bank Statements

Balance in Community Account on 29th December 2017
 £2,525.35 (paid into account £689.19 Precept)
 Balance in Business Premium Account on 29th December 2017
 £4,502.08 (0.79 Interest - 4th Sept to 3rd Dec 2017)

Minute 15-2018

Highway Matters

Updates

As Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry was not in attendance no updates were available. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

Road past Tregare

Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that fiberoptic cables had been installed from Erwood up to the Bedw and the trees had been lopped back along the way. No more work could be carried out as the BT contract expired in December.

Light on Back Lane

It was noted that the street light has been repaired. Column ER 12, Reference No. 64680.

Speed Limit On Victoria Terrace, Erwood

Cllr Alan Pryce made a request on behalf of the residents of Victoria Terrace that a 20 m.p.h. speed limit be made from the exit off the A470 Trunk Road along the Terrace. The Clerk was asked to write to Lyn Parry to ask him if he could to meet a few Councillors on site.

Sweeper and Drains – Erwood & Crickadarn

It was also agreed that Lyn Parry/ Colin Davies, Boughrood Depot be notified of the following problems:

Pot Holes

- a) Request that the roads around Erwood & Crickadarn be swept and drains cleaned as soon as practicable.
- b) Pot holes and very rough road on the Llaneglwys Road out of Crickadarn just past Ty Newydd House, Crickadarn which need repairing.
- c) In Gwenddwr Village – On the road near to the Chapel there are a few pot holes that are getting bigger and deeper as the winter goes on, and some cracking and dropping of the road surface too. Request that a site visit is made and action as necessary.

Roots under Pavement – Erwood

Mr Peter Sissons, Powys CC reported that he intended to visit the site at The Holmes, Erwood on 8th January. The Clerk was asked to request an update on this.

Proposed Bus Shelter – Erwood Still no positive feedback from Highways or Trunk Road Agency. The Clerk to write to T4 Cymru Bus Service to ask them to discuss with the relevant authority if a representative could visit the Community Council to discuss the possibility of a bus shelter in Erwood.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 16-2018

Toilets – Erwood Cllr Alan Pryce reported that an Extraordinary General Meeting has been arranged for Monday 22nd January at 8 p.m. at The Wheelwrights, Erwood to consider the revised 'Charity' constitution for Erwood Pit Stop Trust. Councillors were all invited to this meeting. A document had been received from One Voice Wales on the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Section 8 – Local Toilet Strategies – Consultation Document on Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities which was given to Cllr Alan Pryce to read and report back to the next meeting.

Minute 17-2018

Date of Next Meeting To be decided by Chairman and Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT NEXT MEETING