

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE ERWOOD MARKET HALL
ON THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7 P.M.

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

APOLOGIES – None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry on Agenda Item 6(b) Refusal for Planning Application P/2017/1114, Retention of Dwelling on Land at Alltmawr for J & M Jones, Oak Villa, Llandeilo Graban as she is a Member of the PCC Planning Committee

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 18-2018

Proposed Bus
Shelter – Erwood

Reference 15-2018. The only reply received was from Nick Townsend, Engineering Design, PCC who reiterated that it is unlikely that approval would be given by the Welsh Government due to the narrowness of the footpath. Councillor stated that they have noticed small shelters in some locations so it was agreed that a photograph could help our case. Clerk to chase replies from John Forsey, PCC and Stuart Mackenzie, Trunk Road Agency. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to find out more information from Powys CC on this.

Minute 19-2018

Erwood Toilets

Reference 16-2018. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the meeting held on 22nd January of Erwood Pit Stop Trust agreed to continue to try to become a Charity with all the paperwork being carried out by Prof. Frank Banks, Secretary. PAVO has commented that toilets are usually run by a Trust and not a Charity.

Minute 20-2018

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Carried forward to next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 21-2018

Tydu, Gwenddwr Cllr Karen Lurie-Parry left the meeting while this planning application was discussed. This application was for the Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey extension at Tydu, Gwenddwr for Mr & Mrs Frank Banks. Reference P/2018/0124. It was agreed by all that this application be supported.

Minute 22-2018

Dwelling on Land
At Alltmawr

Powys Planning Dept. has refused the Retention of a single affordable dwelling on Land at Alltmawr, Builth Wells for J & M Jones, Oak Villa, Llandeilo Graban, reference P/2017/1114, as the proposed dwelling did not comply with Policies HP6,7,8 & 9 of the Powys Unitary Development Plan (2010) and also insufficient information had been provided to properly assess the acceptability of the development.

Minute 23-2018

Pavement outside
1 The Holmes

Peter Sissons, Housing Solutions, PCC has stated that he thought the wall outside No. 1 The Holmes is of a sufficient distance from the tree to withstand any roots growing up to it. There is one area on the pavement that could soon be considered a trip hazard and has asked Highways Department for advice as to the procedure of repair. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Minute 24-2018

Victoria Terrace

A reply had been received from Colin Davies, Boughrood Depot who stated that 20 m.p.h. zones are only installed outside schools or on new developments where the developer has to include traffic calming within the site.

Repair of Pot Holes
& Road Sweeper.

Works will be programmed in as and when resources are available

Minute 25-2018

Dispensations at
Meeting

Information has been received from Clive Pinney, Solicitor, PCC on the dispensations available for Councillors at meetings. These are topics on School Modernisation & School Transport Reviews, Renewable Energy, School Governors and Membership of Voluntary Organisations. Councillors wishing to use one of these general dispensations, will still need to disclose a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in order to take part in the discussion of the item. A copy to be sent to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry.

Minute 26-2018

One Voice Wales

The renewal of membership to One Voice Wales has increased this year from £66.00 to £70.00. Councillors all agreed that this be accepted.

OVW Training

The Invoice of £40 had also been received for the Clerk's Training on 'The Council Meeting'. This was also accepted.

Training Schedule OVW listed the training programme up to July 2018. Cllr Natasha Sayer is to attend 'The New Councillor Induction' course on 27th February and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to let the Clerk know if she's able to attend. Cllr Alan Pryce said he was interested in having details of the training on 'Making effective grant applications' on 30th May at The Strand, Builth Wells.

Minute 27-2018

Transparency Fund The Clerk had received details of a Transparency Fund from the Society of Local Council Clerks which was available under certain criteria for councils wishing to update their computers, printers etc. It was agreed by all that the Clerk find out more information and send for an application form if applicable. The bulletin also listed details of all the information which now needs to be put on the Council website. The Chairman asked for this information to be forwarded to him and stated that he would update our web site in the next few days.

Minute 28-2018

Crime & The Waste Sector Consultations are being carried out on 'Crime' & the 'Waste Sector' by the Welsh Government & DEFRA. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of this document to each of the Councillors who would reply as necessary.

Minute 29-2018

Well Being Framework It was agreed that the document from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales be forwarded to Councillors for their action.

Minute 30-2018

Bank Statements Bank Statements at 31st January 2018 are as follows:
 Community Account - £2,436.35 (cheques issued £59.00 – Renewal of SLCC Membership & £30.00 - ALCC Membership)
 Business Savings Account - £4,502.08

Minute 31-2018

Highways Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that no further progress has been made on Road to Dolynwydd, Accesses on to the Main A470 road and Cefn-yr-allt, Crickadarn. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had located the plans which Powys County Council had prepared in 2011 to widen the main A470 below Min-yr-afon, Erwood which had not been carried out. Copies were given to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry who would try to get an update from Powys Council.

Items which haverecently been reported to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry are:

- Piped gulley blocked at Tircanvas, Gwenddwr and water is running into the farm yard.
- Salt gritters have not been travelling further than Crickadarn Village and need to continue to Llaneglwys Village.
- Gullies block between Twmpath and the B4520 to Pengarreg.

Scalpings on Bedw Road	CLlr Elizabeth Williams reported that scalpings have all washed down from the Bedw Road – a request had been made last year for the occupants to clean up the road but this has not been done – Karen to chase and send copy to the Clerk.
Sign on top of Twmpath	A resident of Gwenddwr Village has reported vehicles frequently stop in Gwenddwr Village to ask directions to the Upper Chapel/Builth Wells Road. He requested that a sign be put at the top of the Twmpath pointing right directing vehicles to this road.
Pot Holes on Twmpath	He also reported that there are a few deep pot holes on the Twmpath which need repair.
Sign at Crickadarn	CLlr Anne Nicholls stated that the directional sign to Llaneglwys Village on the signpost in Crickadarn village has been broken off. The Clerk to report the above issues to Powys.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 32-2018

Broadband	CLlr Elizabeth Williams stated that her broadband speed was 0.4 Mbs and asked if there would be any improvements made in Erwood area soon as £82m was released from the Welsh Assembly in January 2018 to help speeds in rural areas. The Chairman thought that there may be some benefit from the new mast which has been erected recently at Alltmawr.
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Minute 33-2018

Keep Britain Tidy	Councils have all been encouraged to sign up for the 'Keep Britain Tidy' project taking place in a few week's time. CLlr Alan Pryce stated that if another litter bin was allowed outside the toilet area in Erwood, then Erwood wouldn't have a litter problem. It was agreed that the Community Council ask Powys for the cost of purchasing an extra bin and also, if this was within our budget, would the Council's work force be allowed to fix it to the wall and empty the bin at the same time as the other bin.
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Minute 34-2018

Cheques	Cheques signed at close of meeting: One Voice Wales – Membership renewal - £70 One Voice Wales – Clerk's Training – £40 XMA Ltd. – Ink Cartridges – £30-76 Erwood Market Hall Committee - £100 (10 meetings at £10 each)
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Minute 35-2018

Date of Next Meeting	To be decided between Chairman & Clerk Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
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THESE MINUTES ARE TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING