

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 2018 AT 8 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 were received from Cllr Haydn Powell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors present that they be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTER ARISING

Minute 36-2018

Highways

Dolynwydd

Reference 31-2018. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry reported that work at Dolynwydd has been included by Powys County Council in their capital programme.

Directional Sign

To Llaneglwys

This sign has now been fixed back onto the signpost in Crickadarn Village.

Minute 37-2018

Broadband

Coverage

Reference 32-2018. Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that she had contacted It'sDone in Llandrindod who had quoted that a new modem would cost £400 but that a grant of £400 is available on Pay as you Go mobiles.

Minute 38-2018

Facebook

Cllr Natasha Sayer stated that she has made a start on the Facebook Page. The Clerk stated that she has received a few queries lately on the web page with comments that it was not up to date. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to complete it soon. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 39-2018

Chapel House,
 Alltmawr

Full planning permission has been given by Powys County Council for the Two Storey Extension at Chapel House, Alltmawr for Mr Mansaray. Ref. P/2018/0013.

Minute 40-2018

Bus Shelter,
Erwood

Replies were read out from Powys County Council and the Trunk Road Agency. Stuart Mackenzie, TRA had contacted Welsh Government and was advised that the responsibility lies with the local authority. Nick Townsend, PCC, stated that the footpath was too narrow and would not comply with the requirements of DDA if a bus shelter were to be installed at the Bus Stop in Erwood. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry reported that she had written to Chris Nash & David Hall of Traws Cymru and John Forsey, PCC and will continue to pursue this issue and bring any new information to the next meeting.

Minute 41-2018

Boundary
Commission

Details of a draft proposal report on the Boundary Commission for Wales relevant to this area were handed out to each Councillor. Councillors were very surprised to note that Bronllys was shown as a Town and not a village. As the number of electors for the present Bronllys & Erwood Wards are 33% below the proposed county average represented by one Councillor, the report proposed that Bronllys Ward be combined with Felinfach Ward (excluding Honddu Isaf and Llanddew) increasing the number of electors nearer to the required level of county average per Councillor. The Commissioner has considered the proposed name should be Bronllys a Felinfach (Bronllys and Felin-fach in English). Councillors objected to it and thought that this title was very misleading as no mention is made of Erwood or Llyswen. They agreed that this Community Council request that the name be amended to Bronllys, Erwyd, Llyswen & Felinfach. The Clerk was also to mention that the bigger the area, the less contact the electors would have with the County Representative and vice-versa.

Minute 42-2018

Clerk's
Expenses 2017/18

The Clerk gave details of the expenses that she had incurred for 2017/18 which amounted to £481.58, just under last year's figure. All Councillors agreed that this is acceptable and should be paid together with her salary of £2,000 which has previously been agreed.

Minute 43-2018

Donations to both
Halls in area.

It was agreed by all that the sums for both Halls should be increased by £50, i.e. £450 for Erwood Market Hall and £150 for Llaneglwys Village Hall.

Minute 44-2018

Donations

Of the ten requests received for a donation to their charities, the following amounts were agreed: £20 each to Urdd Eisteddfod, Builth Wells; Kidney Wales Cymru; Brecon & Radnor R.A.B.I.; British Red Cross and £100 for Erwood Young Farmers Club to be sent together with a Congratulations Card for their success in gaining first in the All Wales Drama Festival and to give our best wishes for the National Competition to be held in Blackpool in May.

Minute 45-2018

Funding for Joint Arrangements

The Welsh Government had forwarded information on the 20k funding they had made available to support the initial setting up of joint clustering arrangements in 2017-18 with more funding agreed for 2018-19. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to look at the document.

Minute 46-2018

Audit

Wales Audit Office had forwarded details of Financial Management and Governance required for this year's Audit. The External Auditors will concentrate on the work carried out by the Internal Auditor.

Minute 47-2018Highways

War Memorials

It was noted that funding is available to help clean monuments and plaques erected in memory of World War 1 casualties.

Litter Bin outside Erwood Toilets

The Clerk had written to Lyn Parry regarding the possibility of an extra bin but had a negative reply. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry has also written to Colin Davies, Boughrood on behalf of Erwood Pit Stop Trust stating that the Trust is willing to buy another bin. Cllr Alan Pryce was given a brochure with models and prices to look at.

Water on road in Crickadarn Village

The Clerk was instructed to write to Colin Davies, Boughrood Depot regarding the water which continually gathers across the road by the Chapel just out of Crickadarn on the Llaneglwys Road following a storm. This has been reported on previous occasions. Water has been seeping into the Chapel Yard which is a concern.

Pot Holes

There is a big pot hole outside East View, Crickadarn which requires filling.

Tregare Road

The scalping are still all over the road by the Bedw turning which need clearing as they are very dangerous if vehicles skid on them. This has also been reported previously. CC Karen Laurie-Parry to chase up with Colin Davies.

Road sweeping

The Clerk was also asked to enquire whether there has been a date allocated for the road sweeper to be brought to Erwood and surrounding area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 48-2018

PAVO

A message had been received from Jacquie Brown, PAVO offering to help to obtain funding if the Council decide to purchase SIDs for the village of Erwood. This offer to be kept on file for now.

Minute 49-2018

Cheques

Cheques signed at close of meeting:

£450 – Donation – Erwood Market Hall Committee

£150 – Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee

£100 – Erwood YFC

£20 each to Urdd Eisteddfod, Builth Wells, British Red Cross, R.A.B.I.

Brecon & Radnor & Kidney Cymru.

£2,000 – Clerk's Salary 2017-18

£481.58 – Clerk's Expenses 2017-18

The Clerk requested that the Treasurer, Cllr Alan Pryce, countersign a letter to Barclays Bank requesting a transfer of £1,500 from the Business Premium Account to the Current Account so that all the above cheques could be paid.

Minute 50-2018

Date of Next
Meeting

To be arranged by Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING