

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 17th JANUARY 2019 AT 7 p.m.

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

There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The Chairman commenced the meeting by thanking the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, for taking the last meeting in his absence.

MATTERS ARISING were dealt with under Agenda Item 7 - Correspondence.

Minute 1-2019

Face Book Page

Cllr Natasha Sayer had posted several items on our Face Book page. The Chairman agreed to advertise our Face Book on the Community Council website as well as putting on the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 2-2019

Erwood Speed
 Watch Scheme

Cllr Alan Pryce updated Councillors on the progress of this scheme. Volunteers had been on duty between 7.45 and 8.15 a.m. the last few weeks at the time of the arrival of the School Bus. They noted that over 300 vehicles travelled through Erwood Village in half an hour. The number of speeding vehicles seemed to have dropped slightly, with 8 travelling over 35 m.p.h. and a few over 40 m.p.h., faster traffic travelling mainly from the Built side. Speed data can now be taken from mobile phones.

Cllr Laurie-Parry reported that there had been two meetings recently organised by herself and Kate Lewis. In attendance were Kirsty Williams, A.M., Mr Richard Morgan representing Ken Skates & Jenny Chessell, Welsh Assembly, John Forcey, Powys Transport, Mr Griffiths, Dyfed-Powys Police Go Safe and others. Videos of a number of incidents of serious concern were shown at the meeting. Everyone present agreed that this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Mr Morgan asked that all the speed data for the last few months be sent to him. A thorough review of possible flashing lights and/or a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Erwood would be considered as part of the Trunk Road Agency Review. As a temporary measure, the Powys County Council agreed

that the Gwernyfed School Bus would pick up the pupils from the Bus Shelter in Erwood but would be 15 mins. earlier than at present. It would travel up to Bridge House to turn and would pick up any late comers on the way back through the village which would reduce the number of school children having to cross the dangerous road to mount the bus. Councillors were please to be told of these proposals and that this matter seems to be progressing at last. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry and Ms Kate Lewis were to be thanked for their lead on this.

Cllr Anne Nicholls arrived at the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 3-2019

Planning

Permissions

The following planning permissions have recently been given:

(a) Penrhiwcerrig, Crickadarn for Mr Thomas Smyth - Ref 18/0317/HH

(b) Ffrwdwen, Erwood for Mr Iain Lode - Ref 18/0387/FUL

(c) Bridge House, Erwood for Mr & Mrs Keith Jones - Ref P/2017/1321

Minute 4 -2019

Repairs - Crickdarn
Road

Mr Lyn Parry, Highways had written to inform the Council that he would programme repairs on this road only if required and when resource became available. Cllr Anne Nicholls asked if they be reminded that this work still had not been done, especially needed on the right hand side of the road from Crickadarn Village up to Llwynyoreth turning and the left hand side after Crickadarn School towards Tyleheulog Farm.

Minute 5-2019

Donation

An acknowledgement had been received from Builth Wells Community Support for the donation of £50 sent recently.

Minute 6-2019

Dyfed-Powys

Police Report

The monthly report for Octobe2018 received from Dyfed-Powys Police was read out and accepted.

Minute 7-2019

Welsh Government

Notification had been received that the new limit for any expenditure using Section 137 has been increased for this year from £7.86 to £8.12 per elector.

Minute 8-2019

Builth Dental
Services

A letter from Powys Teaching Health Board reported that a new dentist has now been recruited at Builth and booking routine appointments will commence as soon as the contracts are in place. Emergency dental treatment can be arranged by calling NHS Direct Wales on 111.

Minute 9-2019

Review of Risk
Assessment

Details on the Risk Assessment form has been amended for 2019/20 and each Councillor was given a copy. It was agreed by all that this was acceptable and the form was signed by the Chairman.

Minute 10-2019

Pay Award for
Employees

A National Salary award has been agreed by The National Association of Local Councils for 2019-20 to be implemented from 1st April 2019. The existing spinal column points for Clerks has been changed and the the SCP 15 used for the Clerk's salary has now changed to SCP 5. At present the salary is agreed at £9.34 per hour and the proposed pay rise would be increased to £9.77 per hour. This to be discussed at the AGM in May but is given at this meeting for budgeting purposes.

Minute 11-2019

Councillors
Allowances

Councillors all agreed to opt out of the £150 allowance for each Councillor. Cllr Alan Pryce wishes to claim the cost of one ink cartridge which would last the year. It was agreed to estimate this at £30. As the position of Chairman could change at the AGM, it was agreed by all Councillors that the £500 allowance allocated for Chairmen should be left in the budget.

Minute 12-2019

Budget for
2019/20

All Councillors were given a copy of the draft budget form prepared by the Clerk which was discussed. As most of the invoices are paid in March, this expenditure was estimated at £4360. Together with invoices paid to date totalled approximately £4912. Proposed budget for next year totalled £5925. Councillor's travelling expenses estimated at £300. All Councillors agreed with this. The amended budget form to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

Minute 13-2019

Precept for
2019/20

After much discussion, It was agreed that our precept be increased from £5,000 to £5,500 for year 2019/20 bearing in mind that Community Councils could be asked to take on more responsibilities at any time. This figure was proposed by Cllr Elizabeth Williams, seconded by Cllr Haydn Powell and agreed by everyone.

Minute 14-2019

Future Role of
Community
Councils

The Clerk had received a copy of the Welsh Government response to the Independent Review of Community & Town Councils in Wales written by Alun Davies A.M. Almost all of the recommendations the panel made were supported by Mr Davies and are being taken forward in some form . A copy

of this paper was to be sent to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry, Cllr Elizabeth Williams and Cllr Natasha Sayer.

Minute 15-2019

Powys LDP

Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026 was adopted by PCC on 17th April 2018 and the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Planning Obligations, Biodiversity & Geodiversity and Affordable Housing approved in October 2018. A further consultation period is open until 24th February 2019 which includes Landscape and Renewable Energy. Information of this was to be forwarded to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry.

Minute 16-2019

Bank Statements

The latest bank statements for 31st December were as follows:
Community Account - £4930.66
Business Premium Account - £3008.97 (£1.50 Interest)

Minute 17-2019

Highways

(a) Entrance to Abernant

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry gave the meeting an update on the entrance off the A470 to Abernant. She had a meeting with Mr Richard Morgan, Welsh Government & Ms Claudia Curry, PCC Transport & Lyn Parry, Highways, before Christmas. Mr & Mrs Hughes are requesting that another entrance is allowed as the present entrance is very dangerous and inadequate for his large tractor & trailers. Several delivery vehicles have refused to travel up the road from the A470. He would like permission to be able to travel through the double gates into the field and up to his property. He was told that in the first instance he will have to design a new entrance and send an application to Powys County Council for permission before any work can be carried out. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to keep involved in the progress of this and report to the next meeting.

(b) Unadopted Roads in Wales

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry was given this questionnaire to complete and return to One Voice Wales.

(c) Tregare Road

Mr Lyn Parry had informed Cllr Laurie-Parry that permission had been given for a soil bund to be placed along the dangerous stretch of road passed Tregare Farm and work should take place before 1st April 2019.

(d) Entrance to Alltmawr Isaf

Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that the road by the entrance to her farm had broken away completely and there is now a big drop there. She said that vehicles could get stuck in this drop and it needs urgent work done there. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to take this request forward.

(e) Drains

A few dangerous drains in the area were also mentioned and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to report them:
One drain near Llaneglwys and also one between Pentwyn Bungalow and Ciliane Fawr, Crickdarn with covers loose and dangerous.

- (f)Condition of Roads Mr Colin Davies, Boughrood Depot had agreed to fill the potholes by Ciliane Fawr.
- (g)Road Sweeper The road sweeper has cleaned the roads up to Ciliane Fawr and Cefngarth but not yet Erwood Village to Crickadarn already reported but needs to be chased again.
- (g)Slow Sign by Minyrafon The Slow sign has now been painted on the road up passed Minyrafon. on Victoria Terrace.
- (h)Dangerous Road By Ciliane Isaf This maintenance work had been scheduled for several years now and the Chairman reported that when he queried it some while ago he was told that it was still in the system. This stretch of road is in a very dangerous condition. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to get an update from Highways.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 18-2019

Clerks Award

The Clerk reported that she had been nominated by The Society of Local Council Clerks for a Long Service Award to be presented at their Annual Conference in Lincolnshire. She did not attend but 7 Clerks in total were nominated and those who attended were presented with certificates. An article had been printed in the monthly magazine of The Clerk.

Minute 19-2019

One Voice Wales

One Voice Wales are holding an Innovative Practice & National Awards on 28th March at their Conference in the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. Councillors agreed to find out if this included Clerks and asked the Clerk to send them the details.

Minutes 20-2019

PAVO

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to look at details sent by PAVO on Health of Older People.

Minute 21-2019

Cheques

Cheque signed at close of meeting - £50 for 5 meetings at Erwood Market Hall for year 2018.

Minute 22-2019

Date of Next Meeting

To be decided by Chairman & Clerk.

THESE MINUTES WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL