

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7p.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

There were no apologies.

A DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to Agenda Item 7(a) – Planning Application for a Single Storey Extension at Chapel House, Alltmawr. Ref: 19/0124/HH

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 23-2019

Builth Dentist Reference 8-2019. Councillors were advised that a new dentist will commence work in March in Builth Wells and names are now being taken for appointments.

Minute 24-2019

Councillors Reference 11-2019. The Clerk had been asked to write to One Voice
 Allowances Wales to find out if the Councillors allowances are not taken, what happens to that money and the reply stated the money stayed in the Council's budget if not claimed and all that is claimed will come out of the Council's budget. It would be up to the Council to decide whether to increase the precept to pay for these allowances.

Minute 25-2019

Chapel House Reference 17-2019. The heading for this agenda item should have read
 Farm Chapel House Farm and not Alltmawr. To be amended on main copy.

Minute 26-2019

Speed Watch Cllr Stephen Davies apologised for not been able to help with this scheme
 Scheme over the last few weeks due to farming commitments. It has proved very difficult to find a suitable safe place to park the camera van, but PO's and PSO's have attended with the speed cameras on several occasions. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that Richard Morgan, Trunk Road Agency had suggested that perhaps white gates positioned each side of the village on

the grass verges, similar to the ones at Whitney-on-Wye, may help slow down the traffic.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 27-2019

Planning at
Chapel House,
Alltmawr

A planning application has been received for a single storey rear extension and associated works at Chapel House, Alltmawr for Mr & Mrs M. Mansaray. Ref: 19/0124/HH. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry left the meeting while this was discussed. It was agreed by all that this application be supported.

Minute 28-2019

Clerk's Salary
& Expenses

The Clerk's salary had already been agreed at the last AGM as £2241.60 for the whole year and she gave details of all the expenses she had accrued to date which was £420.05, nearly £60 less than last year. All Councillors agreed that this was acceptable.

Minute 29-2019

Audit's Report

The Audit General for Wales had forwarded two reports following the audit of this year's accounts. It was noted that the amount of money managed by Councils in Wales continues to increase and that the current standard remains disappointing for too many councils. The findings on the Internal Audit arrangements based on 113 of the 735 councils showed that many Councils have inadequate terms of reference for their internal auditors. These terms would need to be corrected by this year's audit. Details of these reports were noted.

Minute 30-2019

Budget Review

The budget form for 2019-20 was amended by the Clerk following discussions at last meeting. All Councillors agreed that the alterations were correct and the Chairman signed the form. He also agreed to put this form on the web site together with a couple of outstanding minutes.

Minute 31-2019

One Voice Wales

The Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, Mr Lyn Cadwallader, had written a letter to all Community & Town Councils detailing the advantages of joining One Voice Wales and the Clerk had forward these details to each Councillor. All agreed to renew the membership for this year which had increased from £70 to £73. OVW is always very co-operative in answering any queries we have following our meetings.

Minute 32-2019

Election Bill

One Voice Wales reported that the Assembly Commission is proposing a new law to renew democracy in Wales by empowering 16 and 17 year olds to vote at Assembly elections giving them a voice on decisions that

will define their futures. It also proposes changing the name of the Assembly to reflect its true status as a national parliament. These changes were supported by the Councillors.

Minute 33-2019

Dyfed Powys Police
Invite

It was agreed that the police be invited to attend our next meeting and if able to attend, Cllr Natasha Sayer was asked to post this on our face book page.

Minute 34-2019

Donation requests

Four donation requests had been received – Wales Air Ambulance, Tenovus Cancer Care, Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru & Brecon Advice Centre. It was agreed to donate £20 to each of them. The Clerk was also asked to send a Congratulations Card to Erwood YFC for winning the Entertainment for Brecknock in the Theatre Brycheiniog recently and to wish them success in Newtown in March when they compete for Wales.

Minute 35-2019

Highways

(a) Victoria
Terrace, Erwood

It was reported that signs and road markings had now been completed. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the residents of this Terrace were very grateful that this work has been carried out. One of the Councillors had heard that speed counting strips had also been laid on the Terrace recently but this wasn't confirmed.

(b) Corn Barn,
Crickadarn

Mr & Mrs Barnes from Ysgubor Hir, Crickadarn had spoken to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry on several issues they have on the building work at Corn Barn and are presently taking advice and guidance from the Planning Department. Cllr Laurie-Parry has asked the PCC to let her know the outcome.

(c) Fly Tipping by
Erwood Toilets

Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that there is regular fly tipping taking place outside the toilets in Erwood, with rubbish bags of polystyrene and other similar items being dumped most weeks. It was agreed that the Clerk write to PCC Environmental Dept. to request that a suitable sign be supplied which can be placed there to try and prevent this problem from continuing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 36-2019

PAVO

An e-mail from PAVO detailed all the cut backs that Powys County Council was proposing which would have great impact on PAVO. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry reported that there was not a majority vote in Cabinet to carry

out these cuts, so they will have to rethink their proposals.

Minute 37-2019

Audit Invoice

No invoice has yet been received by any Community Council for the auditing carried out last summer but an e-mail from the Secretary of the S.L.C.C. has advised that they will be forwarded to each Council in March.

Minute 38-2019

Funding for Joint Arrangements For Community Councils

The Welsh Government is offering funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements between Councils for 2019-20. The Clerk had chased Builth Town Council for a reply on this and was told that they do intend to arrange Cluster Meetings and will let us know the date in due course.

Minute 39-2019

Donations for Halls

It was agreed by all that the same amounts as last year be donated to our two Halls, £450 for Erwood and £150 for Llaneglwys.

Minute 40-2019

New curriculum For Schools

Cllr Natasha Sayers informed the meeting that the Welsh Assembly is proposing to introduce a new curriculum for schools and the consultation period ends on 25th March 2019. Councillors decided that details of the link should be posted on our face book page so that the public can have the chance to comment on it if wished.

Minute 41-2019

Cheques

A number of cheques were signed at the close of the meeting.
 £73 – Subscription to One Voice Wales
 £20 each for four charities, Wales Air Ambulance, Tenovus Cancer Care, Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru & Brecon Advice Centre
 £450 – Erwood Market Hall Committee
 £150 – Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee
 £2241.60 – Clerk's Salary 2018/19
 £420.05 – Clerk's Expenses 2018/19

Minute 42-2019

Date of Next Meeting

To be decided between Chairman & Clerk

THESE MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED AT NEXT MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL.