

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL WAS HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2019 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7.55 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR ALAN PRYCE (CHAIRMAN)
 CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 CLLR ANNE NICHOLLS
 CLLR HAYDN POWELL
 CLLR KAREN LAURIE-PARRY

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Natasha Sayers

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NIL

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read out and it was agreed by all Councillors that it was a correct record and to be signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

MINUTE 73-2019

HIGHWAYS

Road between Brynhaul and Erw'r Henallt	Reference 57(ii)-2019. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had attended a meeting at Boughrood Highways Depot recently and stated that the building of a bund on this stretch of road to make it safer is on the list of works to be carried out soon.
Pavement – The Holmes	Reference 57(iv)-2019. The Clerk had chased up Mr Peter Sissons for a reply but this had not yet been received.
Litter Bins – Erwood	Reference 57(v)-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce informed the meeting that the Council workmen now collect the litter outside Erwood toilets three times a week so this has solved the problem of fly tipping for the time being.
Pot Holes – Gwenddwr	Reference 57(vi)-2019. Cllr Haydn Powell reported that the pot holes on the Twmpath and between Cefngarth and Nantyreofferiad have not yet been repaired. The Clerk to chase up.
Dog Fouling – Top Terrace	Reference 57(vii)-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that he hasn't as yet received any Dog Fouling signs. The Clerk to chase up.
Light Repair – Upper Terrace	Reference 57(viii)-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the light has now been sorted.

Minute 74-2019

Funding for
Libraries Services

Reference 58-2019. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that she had attended a couple of meetings on the library services which were well attended. Powys County Council would like the libraries to become self funding and are looking of ways to make this happen.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 75-2019

Chapel House,
Alltmawr

Planning Permission has been given for the Single Storey Extension at Chapel House, Alltmawr for Mr & Mrs M. Mansaray. Ref: 19/0124/HH
Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry informed the meeting that she is no longer a Member of the Planning Committee so does not have to declare an Interest.

Minute 76-2019

Donation – Marie
Curie Hospice

Acknowledge of the Council's donation of £20 had been received with thanks from Marie Curie Hospice.

Minute 77-2019

Electoral
Arrangements

A letter of acknowledgement from the Welsh Government stated that the views of Erwood Community Council on their Final Recommendations Report will be included in the advice given to the Minister for Housing and Local Government as part of the process of making the Electoral Order.

Minute 78-2019

Erwood Toilet
Sign

An e-mail received from Niall McBride, Network Management Division of the Welsh Government stated that they were unable to deliver all their signing schemes last financial year but signing for the toilets for Erwood has again been included in this year's programme and hopefully be delivered before the end of the summer holidays.

Minute 79-2019

Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that Mrs Pamela Banks had agreed to our invite to be Internal Auditor for Erwood and has signed the letter of acceptance. She has also completed her part of the Annual Report and this has been certified by the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer. It was agreed by all the Councillors that she be sent a letter of thanks and ask her for details of any expenses incurred. It was also agreed that the previous Internal Auditor, Miss Christine Price be sent a thank you card in appreciation of her work over the last two years and to wish her a speedy recovery.

Minute 80-2019

Annual Return

The Clerk gave details of the Accounting Statement and said that she has restated the figures for this year on item 4 and item 6 as requested by the External Auditors following last year's Return. The Governance Statement, Parts 1 & 2 were completed by the Councillors. Discussions then took place regarding the high level of reserves commented on by the External Auditors last year. A couple of purchases would hopefully be made this year, which are now under investigation - two new wooden notice boards for the Villages of Crickadarn and Llaneglwys and, if permission is given by the Trunk Road Agency, the possibility of S.I.D.'s for the Village of Erwood to help reduce the speed of the traffic through this village. All Councillors agreed that everything was in order and approved that the Chairman should certify the Audit Return as correct.

Minute 81-2019

Insurance BHIB

A letter received from Zurich stated that they could not compete with the quotation given by BHIB for this year's Insurance cover and as this is the second year of BHIB's three year agreement, a 5% discount has already been calculated. The Chairman confirmed with the Clerk that she accepts BHIB's quote of £164.92 for period 1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020.

Minute 82-2019SLCC Regional
Training Seminar

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Society of Local Council Clerks is holding a Conference at Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on 20th June and asked the Council if they would be prepared for her to attend. The cost is £90 but she thought she may be eligible for a 50% bursary. All Councillors agreed that she should attend this training day.

Minute 83-2019Dyfed-Powys
Commissioner's
Community Fund

The Clerk had sent details of the funding available to the previous Chairman and to Cllr Alan Pryce and Ms Lewis, the Co-ordinator of the Speed Watch Scheme in Erwood. Cllr Pryce had also spoken to members of the Pit Stop Trust In Erwood who has Charity Status. It was agreed that a project suitable under this scheme would be for the purchase of S.I.D's for Erwood Village. Cllr Pryce reported that the Pit Stop Trust was unable to apply for grants other than for the toilets. Permission would in the first place have to be sort from the Trunk Road Agency. The deadline for applications had now past and the Clerk had been told that at the present time, no other grant scheme was available through Dyfed-Powys's Community Grant Scheme but that Councils would be notified of the next funding. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had written to Ian Mills, Powys County Council to ask for costs of flashing speed lights and a pair of white verge gates for Erwood Village. She agreed to follow this up and give an update at the next meeting.

Minute 84-2019

Bank Statements

The Bank Statements from Barclays Bank for 30th April 2019 were as follows:
 Current Account - £3,247.33 (1st Precept Payment - £1,845.00)
 Business Savings Account - £3,010.47

Minute 85-2019

Purchase of Ink Cartridges

The Clerk was in need of ink cartridges again for her printers and Councillors all agreed that these be purchased.

Minute 86-2019

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre

A request for a donation was received from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales. Councillors agreed to keep all donation requests until end of this financial year and then make a decision on which charities to support.

Minute 87-2019Highways

List of Scheduled work

(a) Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry informed the meeting that she had been given a list of scheduled work from Lyn Parry & Colin Davies at a meeting at Boughrood Highways Depot held recently which included:
 Resurfacing of road up passed Ciliane Fawr to Wernhargest
 Constructing a bund on road between Brynhaul and Erw'r Henallt
 Resurfacing of road from Teuliheulog down to Crickadarn
 Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry will try to find out proposed dates for this work. Allocation for Erwood area - £500,000
 Cllr Haydn Powell asked Cllr Laurie-Parry if she could make sure that this list includes work by Cilian Uchaf, Crickadarn as there is a very dangerous drop on the one side of the road there and has been reported over five years ago with no work done yet. Cllr Laurie-Parry agreed to this. Money allocated to the whole of the area covered by Boughrood Depot amounts to £900,000.

Grass Cutting On Common

(b) Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had been informed that the cutting of the grass on the Common is done 3 or 4 times a year. Councillors thought that this was acceptable. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the grass on the verge on Top Terrace needs to be cut back as it obstructs the view from the exit of the terrace up towards Crickadarn.

Branches by South Bus Stop In Erwood

(c) It was reported that the branches by the southern bus stop in Erwood needs cutting back. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to speak to the owner of Erwood Hall.

Council Boundaries For Highways

(d) Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that the boundary for Builth Highways Depot run from Builth to Dolynwydd and the boundary for Boughrood

Depot ends at the pitch before Alltmawr which leaves the top of Henallt to the pitch before Alltmawr nobody's responsibility. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 88-2019

Tri-Town
Meetings

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry has attended several Tri-Town Meetings held between Rhayader, Llandrindod & Builth. These meetings are organised to link up the communities and work together to regenerate the area. Cllr Laurie-Parry will bring more information on the topics discussed following their next meeting.

Minute 89-2019

Rights of Way

Information was received from Waters of Wales (WoW) stating that on 1st January 2026, unrecorded and under-recorded historic public rights of way will cease to exist. Cllr Anne Nicholls said she may have a chance to look at the local definite maps and try to find out what paths are registered.

Minute 90-2019

Builth Community
Support

An invitation from Builth Community Support has been received for one or two representatives of Erwood Community Council to attend a photo opportunity for all local councils and groups who have supported their organisation on Wednesday 12th June. Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Anne Nicholls hoped to attend and the Clerk was asked to reply accordingly. It was agreed that the photo taken should be put on our face book page. To inform Cllr Natasha Sayer of this.

Minute 91-2019

Cheques

Cheque signed at close of meeting:
£61-19 – XMA Ltd. – Coloured Ink Cartridges for both printers

Minute 92-2019

Date of Next
Meeting

To be decided between Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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