

# **ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **THE ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 - SECTION 6**

### **THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY**

**ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL** is not responsible for any green spaces such as Parks, Play Areas or Church Yards, but the Council help and support other organisations within the Erwood area, such as:

Erwood Pit Stop Trust (Toilets)  
Erwood Social Committee  
Erwood Market Hall Committee

This is a small Community Council with about 320 on our electoral register. The precept for 2018-19 was £5,500.00

Councillors are represented on the above Committees and have helped to organise the provision of planters and hanging baskets outside the Toilets in Erwood and also involved in a rota system throughout the year to tend to the flower displays around the Pump area which was a Millennium project to upgrade this feature In the centre of the Village.

Over the years, Erwood Community Council has on several occasions been offered a number of free trees to plant in the area. As the Council is not responsible for the common ground in the Villages of Erwood and Gwenddwr, the Council has asked each of the Lords of the Manor for permission to plant suitable trees including fruit trees on the Commons and have looked after them since then. Our local County Councillor has also agreed to carry out an annual tree safety survey when touring this area with the Highways Surveyor.

The Council is particularly careful to only support planning applications that reflect their commitment to biodiversity. Powys County Council are responsible for grass cutting of verges and the commons in the Village so cutting is restricted to the minimum times allowed during the year.

Recently several planning applications have been supported by Erwood Community Council in this area which has included an area of ground fitted with solar panels and also a couple of micro-hydrant systems.

Erwood Community Council has recently been successful in negotiating new signage with speed controls on a row of terraced housing in the Village of Erwood which will help, in a small way, to reduce pollution and for years have strived to control the speeding of traffic through Erwood Village which is on the main A470 trunk road and this is ongoing.

As Clerk I intend, in future, to reduce, re-use and recycle material and ensure that my office supplies come from sustainable sources and members of Erwood Community Council have all agreed to carry out these requirements as appropriate for a small Council.

It is understood that the Erwood Community Council has to publish a report to comply with the s6 duty before the end of December 2019 and before the end of every third year afterwards. Erwood Community Council will review this report annually every November in order to comply with these requirements.

Mrs Gwyneth Davies  
Clerk to Erwood Community Council  
23rd December 2019