

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR ALAN PRYCE
 CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR MRS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 CLLR MRS ANNE NICHOLLS

APOLOGIES for absence was received from Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NIL

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 114-2019

Dog Fouling –
 Upper Terrace,
 Erwood

Reference 93-201. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that this problem was still ongoing. He had spoken to the owners of the dogs, who have 5 in all, but no fence has yet been erected. He had asked at County Hall what action he should take. He was told that signs are available and this is a public health issue. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had agreed to find out what department issues these signs but she was not present at the meeting to give an update on the situation. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to get in touch with Cllr Alan Pryce.

Minute 115-2019

Hedge on approach
 to A470 in
 Erwood

Reference 97-2019. Cllr Stephen Davies commented that the hedge was still protruding about 1 ft. out on to the road although had been cut back a little. It was agreed that this was a safety requirement and the Clerk was asked to write to the Boughrood Depot to take appropriate action.

Minute 116-2019

Rights of Way

Reference 100-2019. Cllr Stephen Davies advised that Cllr Anne Nicholls and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry should look at the definitive map for this area in County Hall, Llandrindod as it would show all the present registered paths and then could make a list of paths omitted from the map.

Minute 117-2019

Access on to A470
 at Chapel House
 Farm, Abernant

Reference 108(a)-2019. Cllr Stephen Davies clarified that the field owned by Welsh Assembly was the one the right hand side of the lane nearest to Builth Wells and not the one nearest to Abernant Cottage which had been

discussed previously. It was thought that Mr Hughes could cut back the hedge of the field that he owned next to Chapel House Cottage and it would improve the visibility at this junction for the time being.

Minute 118-2019

Road -
Llaneglwys to
Teulihellog

Reference 10(c)-2019. It was reported by Cllr Anne Nicholls that some work had been carried out on this road to rectify the falling away of the sides but some parts had only had loose scalplings tipped there. The Clerk stated that she had chased Boughrood Depot after the last meeting but hadn't had a reply.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 119-2019

Brooklands,
Erwood

A planning application was received for the formation of a new vehicular and private off-road parking & demolition of existing corrugated iron lean to and replacing with a new build to existing footprint at Brooklands, Erwood for Mr & Mrs Rob Williams. Ref: 19/1271/HH. Councillors all agreed to supporting this application.

Minute 120-2019

Vacancy of
Councillor

The Clerk had not received any interest in the vacancy of a Community Councillor for Erwood. Several people had been approached. Cllr Anne Nicholls agreed to ask Mr Peter Hanson, Crickadarn who had shown an interest in the past. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had also stated that she knew of people who may be interested so the Clerk agreed to get in touch with her when she returns from holidays. It was agreed that another notice be put on the web site without a closing date and that the Clerk ask Mrs Natasha Sayer to do the same on the face book page. The closing date also to be crossed off the advert on the notice boards.

Minute 121-2019

Audit Return
2018-19

The Clerk was pleased to announce that the External Audit's report this year had no comments to make on the accounts. The Clerk had posted the Conclusion of Audit for Erwood on the notice Board as requested. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Internal Auditor be given an orchid plant as a token of the work she had carried out for the Council at very short notice this year.

Minute 122-2019

Adoption & Removal
of Telephone Kiosks

Powys County Council had sent details through of the locations of telephone kiosks which had been listed for removal. One of the kiosks in this area is on the list, namely the one at Pen-y-rheol, Crickadarn. This was one of three that Erwood Community Council had asked to adopt so the Clerk had written to Powys County Council and also

to BT regarding this. Both had agreed to make a note of it. It was also listed in the latest edition of the Brecon & Radnor Express. To check to make sure this had been corrected when the present consultation period ends.

Minute 123-2019

Training Sessions

Training sessions offered by One Voice Wales in Howey were discussed. Councillors to decide if they are able to attend nearer to the time.

Minute 124-2019

Budget Position –
PCC

A letter was read out from Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Leader of the PCC detailing the current budget position facing the County and that a consultation exercise is taking place this month. The anticipated shortfall for the forthcoming financial year 2020 – 2021 is between £8 - £13 million. A short questionnaire was completed by the Councillors present giving some suggestions on how to save thousands of pounds which would considerably help with their present financial pressures.

Minute 125-2019

Dyfed –Powys
Police

The Annual Report 2018-19 has been received from Dyfed-Powys Police together with their Community Link Brochure which was accepted.

Minute 126-2019

Highways

Pavement by The
Holmes, Erwood

A reply had been received from Mr Adam Lewis who is now the surveyor for Erwood area, taking over from Mr Peter Sissons. He stated in his letter that he would visit the site and report back. The Clerk had chased this up but as yet had not received his reply.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 127-2019

Bank Statements

The Bank balances for 30th August 2019 were received as follows:
Current Account - £4,716.90 (In £1,833 Precept, Out £19.27 Ink Cartridges)
Business Savings Account - £3,011.97

Minute 128-2019

New Bus Passes

The Clerk has had details of the new- style concessionary travel cards which need to be replaced by 31st December 2019. The holders are able to apply from home or at local drop-in centres and help will be given if required.

Minute 129-2019

Blue Badge
Holders

Blue Badge holders will not be sent renewal letters when their Blue Badges expire and should consider using the new & quicker on line service to submit

their application and upload all of the evidence in one go. This can also be done by telephone or paper applications are available from any Library.

Minute 130-2019

Builth Adult Support for Dementia A meeting is to be held at The Strand, Builth Wells on 20th November 2019 at 7 p.m. when the newly appointed Community Development Officer for Powys County Council will meet Community & Town Councillors and other organisations to discuss the problems associated with Dementia. Cllr Alan Pryce, Cllr Anne Nicholls and Cllr Elizabeth Williams all showed interest in attending this meeting.

Minute 131-2019

Date of Next Meeting To be decided between Chairman and Clerk when appropriate.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the close of the meeting Ms Jane Dodds, M.P. for Brecon & Radnorshire joined the Councillors and was welcomed by the Chairman.

She was introduced to all the Councillors present. On behalf of Erwood Community Council, Cllr Stephen Davies congratulated Ms Dodds on winning the recent local election and wished her all the best in her new role.

The one item that the Community Council wished her to help with was the ongoing problem of speeding through Erwood Village. Details were given to her of the involvement of volunteers in the Speed Watch Scheme set up in Erwood which is supported by the Community Council of which Cllr Alan Pryce, Cllr Stephen Davies & Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry are involved. SID Lights which could cost up to £400 were felt to be the best option in Erwood and the Scheme need to know, in the first instance, if the Trunk Road Agency will give permission for these to be installed in Erwood before they can make any progress on this. Ms Dodds agreed to help with this issue.

One other observation made was the very narrow pavement on the A470 from the Toilets up to the Market Hall which is very dangerous. A local resident has had to change his mobile scooter to a narrower one to make it safer for him to travel on this pavement. This situation is not acceptable. Ms Dodds also agreed to take this forward. She said that she would be happy to attend any Council meetings in the future. Cllr Alan Pryce thanked Ms Dodds for sparing the time to attend the meeting and for agreeing to assist with these ongoing issues in Erwood.