

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL,
ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR ALAN PRYCE
 CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR HAYDN POWELL
 CLLR MRS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 CLLR MRS KAREN LAURIE-PARRY

IN ATTENDANCE: MR & MRS G. LEWIS, LLANEGLWYS

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Anne Nicholls.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was given by Cllr Stephen Davies to Agenda Item 6(b) Planning Application 19/1645/OUT - Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling for Mr Geoff Jones, Erwood as he is involved in this application.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 132-2019

Dog Fouling – Reference 114-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce informed the meeting that the problem of dog fouling has improved for the time being as the owners of the dogs have erected a new fence to prevent them straying. There is one other dog that sometimes fouls this area but hasn't of late. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry has agreed to chase up the signs required in this area and request a bin there.

Minute 133-2019

Hedge on the Reference 115-2019. The Clerk had not received a reply from Boughrood Approach to A470 - Depot so it was agreed that a copy of her e-mail be forwarded to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry for her to discuss this issue with the new contact at Boughrood Erwood Depot, Mr Daniel Relf, Highways Supervisor.

Minute 134-2019

Rights of Way Reference 116-2019. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry informed the meeting that the Rights of Way Officer had now left and she would find out the name of the new contact. She was aware that there were repairs needed on the Wye Valley Walk.

Minute 135-2019

Access to Chapel Reference 116-2019. The resident of Chapel House Farm had recently been House Farm in touch with Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry advising her that the firm that supply

them with Oil had stated that they wouldn't deliver because of the access to the farm. This has also happened with other services. This is an ongoing problem and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry will take it forward.

Minute 136-2019

Training

Reference 123-2019. The next training session at Howey on 11th December is on Local Government Finance Advanced. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry asked to be reminded when the notification is e-mailed to the Clerk and would attend if possible.

Minute 137-2019

Pavement outside Holmes, Erwood

Reference 126-2019. The Clerk has had a response from Adam Lewis, Area Surveyor who stated he had visited the site and didn't think that it is a trip hazard but would inspect it periodically. He also noted that the trees needed to be pruned and canopy reduced and would get quotes for this. These e-mails to be forwarded to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry as she has also been in touch with Dean Williams, Trunk Road Agency. Lyn Parry, Area Manager South thought the pavement and the trees could be the responsibility of the Trunk Road Agency.

Mr Lyn Parry has suggested that all highway matters in this area are reported by the local County Councillor, as done in other areas, so that they have only one contact in each area. The Clerk requested that, in future, she be copied into all the County Councillor's e-mails on highway matters.

Minute 138-2019

Bus Passes & Blue Badges

Reference 128/129-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to remind all the locals attending the next Erwood Coffee Morning to apply for their new bus passes before end of this year and that no reminders will now be sent to renew their blue badges.

Minute 139-2019

Builth Adult Support For Dementia

Reference 130-2019. Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had booked places for this meeting on 20th November at the Strand, Builth Wells and would share travelling if possible.

Minute 140-2019

Erwood Pit Stop Trust - Erwood Toilets

Cllr Alan Pryce updated Councillors on the present plans of the EPST. The Trust is now in negotiations to provide a disabled entrance and a Baby Changing Unit which would probably take up to six months to sort out. Cost is estimated at £8,000.00. It is hoped to fund raise as 50/50 grants could be available. Planning permission would be needed. Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry hope to attend a PAVO meeting next week at Dolfor and will ask for advice and support from them.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 141-2019

Planning

Full Planning Permission has been given for the following applications:

- (a) Brooklands, Erwood for Mr & Mrs Rob Williams Ref: 19/1271/HH - Formation of New Vehicular Access & Demolition of Lean to.
- (b) Gyrnos, Gwenddwr for Mr & Mrs Andrew Price Ref: 19/1540/AGR - Erection of Agricultural Building.

The Clerk had not had notice of application for (b) and had written to the Planning Dept. for reasons of this as there were no details on the web site either but had not had a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk chase this up.

Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- (i) Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling & Creation of Access & all assoc. works on land off minor road between Crickadarn & Llaneglwys (Resubmission) for Mr Geoff Jones, Clettwr View, Erwood. Ref: 19/1645/OUT. As Cllr Stephen Davies declared an Interest in this application he left the meeting. It was supported by all Councillors present.
- (ii) Retrospective application for Installation of Biomass Boiler System within an existing farm building at Gyrnos Farm, Gwenddwr for Mr & Mrs Andrew Price. Ref. 19/1585/FUL. It was noted that this system had been in operation since 2016 and all Councillors agreed to support this application.
- (iii) Erection of 2 Dwellings & assoc. works on land near to Min-yr-afon, Erwood for Mr David Morris. Ref. 19/1649/FUL. Councillors had no objections to this application.

Minute 142-2019Vacancy of
Councillor

A letter was read out from Mr Geoff Lewis, Nantymynach who wishes to apply for the vacant position of Community Councillor for Erwood. Councillors were unanimous in their decision to accept his application and it was agreed that Mr Lewis would be co-opted at the next meeting. He was congratulated by the Chairman who hopes that he will enjoy his role as a Community Councillor.

Minute 143-2019Speeding of Traffic
through Erwood

Ms Jane Dodds, MP had forwarded to the Clerk the reply she had received from Mr Ken Skates AC/AM regarding the speeding of traffic through Erwood which was read out at the meeting. He states that his officials had undertaken an assessment to identify work which will help to improve the issue of speeding traffic and suggested that gateways at the entrance to the village would slow drivers down closer to the speed limit but these works would be prioritised against other schemes and subject to availability of funding. He advised the work be carried out and monitor their effectiveness and then meet up with the officials. He said that GoSafe are

responsible for speed limit enforcement across Wales and advised residents to write to them with their concerns. It was agreed that GoSafe were already involved with this problem as they help with the Speed Watch Scheme in the village. Strips had recently been put in the village and the Clerk was instructed to ask them for a report on their findings. Also to write to Winforton and Whitney-on-Wye Community Councils to ask for their opinion on the success of these gateways. Prices need to be brought to the next meeting of flashing lights and gateways. It was noted that a letter from NALC Legal Department states that Community Councils do not have the powers to provide warning lights.

Minute 144-2019

BT - Adoption of Kiosks

A letter had been received from BT enclosing a Contract for the Adoption of just the Pen-y-Rheol Kiosk near Llaneglwys. As the Community Council has stated they wish to adopt two other kiosks, Gwenddwr Village and the Old School, Crickadarn, it was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk write to BT stating that she would complete the Contracts for the three kiosks at the same time and send them the total sum of £3.00 (£1 each).

Minute 145-2019

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The Draft Annual Report 2020-21 was discussed with consultation period ending on 10th December. Details of Group C relate to our Council and allowances remain the same as last year. This was accepted. The Clerk was asked to get confirmation on whether the travelling allowances are tax deductible.

Minute 146-2019

PAVO – The future of the Third Sector

Information was received from PAVO stating that the Third Party Sector is nearing the end of the lottery funding and has been turned down this time as they are not demonstrating that the projects they are involved with are People-led. They asked to forward any comments to them. Details were noted.

Minute 147-2019

National Community Energy Campaign

A request was made by Power for People organisation asking for support to the Local Electricity Bill. At present local renewable energy generators are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. The Council is asked to sign up to the campaign but Councillors stated that they would need to have more information before they could make a decision.

Minute 148-2019

Environment Wales Act 2016

The Clerk informed the meeting that a report was required by end of December 2019 on Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems carried out by our Council. This seems to be for Councils responsible for green

spaces and natural areas. The Clerk stated that she would enquire at December's Clerks meeting if there would be need for our Council to take part and if so would send in a report as required.

Minute 149-2019

Cheques & Bank Statement

Two cheques were paid in between meetings with the approval of the Chairman as follows:

£40.00 - ICO - Renewal of Annual Data Protection Fee

£38.54 - XMA – Purchase of two Ink Cartridges for Printer

Bank Statement for Business Premium Account – Total - £3,013.47

£1.50 interest from 20th June to 30th Sept 2019.

Minute 150-2019

Highways

(a)Blocked Drains – Erwood Village

Following the recently heavy rain falls, Cllr Alan Pryce contacted Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to report that the drains on Duck Lane and also off the A470 near the Toilet area were blocked and water was streaming down the Lane and gathering outside Bridge Villa which is subject to flooding due to the build up of water. Cllr Parry had contacted Dean Williams, Trunk Road Agency and Lyn Parry, Powys County Council. Drains on Duck Lane had not been cleared recently. The 9” drain pipes are too small to cope with heavy rainfalls. PCC used rods to clear the drains and left sandbags outside Bridge Villa. Cllr Parry has asked for a specialist drain clearance lorry to attend the location and will monitor this situation.

(b)Road up past Tregare.Gwenddwr

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that Powys Highways had promised that the formation of a bund along the edge of the dangerous road above Tregare would be carried out by the end of March 2019. She will get in touch with PCC again to find out why this hasn't been done.

Minute 151-2019

OVW Meeting

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had attended the last Area Meeting of One Voice Wales and offered the Market Hall in Erwood for the next meeting which is to be held in February 2020. All Councillors agreed with this and the Hall will be booked when the date is known.

Minute 152-2019

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place by middle of January at the latest.
Items for agenda – Councillors Allowances, Budget for 2020/21, Precept for 2020/21, Risk Assessment Update.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

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