

Minute 30-2020

Councillors
Allowances

Reference 9-2020. The Clerk read out a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel that Councillors are allowed to claim travelling allowance of .45p per mile for duties carried out within and outside the Council area but would need to be included on the Council's pay roll system.

Minute 31-2020

Bus Shelter in
Erwood

Reference 10-2020. It is noted that Erwood Hall has now been sold and it was discussed that perhaps the new owners could be approached in the future to see if the present objections to erecting a bus shelter by the bus stop could be resolved.

Minute 32-2020

Speed Watch
Scheme

Reference 11-2020. It was report that Ms Kate Lewis is no longer able to act as the Leader of the Speed Watch Scheme in Erwood and Cllr Alan Pryce had now returned the camera to the Police Station in Builth Wells. It was agreed that the Clerk send a Thank You Card to Kate on behalf of the Council for all the work she had done to sr up and run this scheme. No results of the recent speed survey in Erwood has yet been received.

Minute 33-2020

Budget Form
2020-21

Reference 15-2020. The budget form had been amended following the Council meeting in January and the updated figures were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 34-2020

Defibrillator –
Erwood
Welsh

Reference 20-2020. The Clerk had contacted Cariad to replace the pads that had expired on 1st February. She was informed that the Ambulance Service would carry this out and the Clerk was eventually given two contact names in the Welsh Ambulance Service by Cariad and the pads were delivered. Cllr Alan Pryce helped the Clerk to fit them but the batteries then needed to be replaced as well. These have been ordered but not received as yet. Cllr Elizabeth Williams suggested that the Clerk send D. Ronicle, Chairman of Friends of Health Care in Builth Wells and District details of contacts etc. in order that he can inform all the other people who had received defibrillators after Erwood the correct process to follow when it becomes necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 35-2020Planning
Applications

The following two planning applications were refused:

- (a) 19/1645/OUT – Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling on land off minor road between Crickadarn & Llaneglwys for Mr Geoff Jones.
 (b) 19/1649/FUL – Erection of 2 dwelling on land near to Min yr afon, Erwood for Mr D. Morris.

The following planning application was approved:

- (c) 19/1191/CLE – Approval under delegated decision for Change of Use of Erwood Inn to residential use for Mrs Dawn Wilson.

Minute 36-2020Internal Audit
Report

The Clerk read out the half yearly report received from the Internal Auditor t who stated that all was in order. She commented on the good prices the Council pay for ink cartridges and good that we hold meetings in Llaneglwys as well as Erwood and noted that the declaration of interests and bank balances were all clearly recorded. She has agreed to carry out the full audit in the Summer.

Minute 37-2020Donations to the
Two Halls

Councillors discussed this and agreed that both donations remain the same as last year, namely £450 for Erwood & £150 for Llaneglwys.

Minute 38-2020Clerk's Salary
& Expenses

The Clerk's salary was agreed at the AGM in 2019 as £2344.80. The Clerk's expenses increased from £420.05 to £598.62 this year mainly due to attending more meetings and a conference in Llandrindod. Her cash book was made available for inspection. All Councillors agreed to these increases and cheques were signed at the close of the meeting.

Minute 39-2020Local Government &
Elections (Wales)
Bill

This Briefing Paper issued by One Voice Wales Policy Committee in December 2019 was sent to the Welsh Government who will report on these recommendations in March 2020.

- To change the electoral cycle from 4 to 5 year terms.
- Council Staff are allowed to stand for their own council but would have to resign from their paid employment.
- Notices of meetings may be published electronically

- Annual Reports are recommended by Community Councils
- Training should be undertaken for members and staff
- Community Councils can now meet in licensed premises
- Voting to include 16 & 17 year olds
- Still under consideration whether elected members of the Council can also serve as a Community Councillors and if a Community Councillors can serve on more than one Council.

Minute 40-2020

Keep Wales Tidy

Keep Wales Tidy is offering free packages for gardens and green growth funding. It was agreed that the first option was the butterfly garden, 2nd wildlife garden & 3rd fruit garden. The Market Hall Committee to be asked permission to plant this garden on land at the rear of the Market Hall and when received the Clerk will complete and send off the application form to Keep Wales Tidy.

Minute 41-2020

Independent Remuneration Panel

Payment to Members of Community Councils have remained the same for 2020-21 as last year, £500 for Chairpersons, £150 for each Community Councillor and .45p per mile travelling allowances, with an opt out clause available.

Minute 42-2020

V.E. Day – May 2020

Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Meeting that Erwood Market Hall had decided to celebrate V.E. Day in Erwood in May with a tea party in the Market Hall. It was suggested that the Community Council could provide pens engraved – V.E. Day - Erwood 2020 for children or everyone attending on the day depending on the cost. The Clerk to get prices to be considered at next meeting.

Minute 43-2020

Donations

The following requests for donations had been received: Wales Air Ambulance; Bobath Therapy Centre, Wales; Brecon Advice Centre; Brecon & Radnor Sports Partnership & Builth Wells Community Support. It was agreed by all that Builth Wells Community Support be given a donation of £50, Bobath Therapy Centre, Brecon Advice Centre & Wales Air Ambulance a donation each of £20. A donation had already been given to Marie Curie in April this year. No donation for B & R Sports Partnership on this occasion.

Minute 44-2020

Printer for Clerk

Cllr Stephen Davies and the Clerk had decided on a suitable printer replacing the one that was not working properly and the Clerk had been using the new one a couple of weeks. It is a HP Office Jet Pro 8022. Cllr Davies stated that he wishes to donate the printer to Erwood Community Council and this was accepted with thanks from all Councillors. The Clerk stated that the printer showed that cartridges were already low of ink and the purchase of these were agreed. Cllr Davies would contact the Clerk to discuss the best deal available.

Minute 45-2020

Coronavirus

It was reiterated by Councillors that everyone should make sure that their families, neighbours, friends and the elderly in the locality are safe and well, especially those in the higher risk categories and offer to help them in any way that is required.

Minute 46-2020Highways1)S.I.D.'s for
Erwood Village

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that she had spoken to Ms Jo Lancey recently regarding Speed Indicator Devices but firstly needs to contact Mr Richard Morgan to get permission and she agreed to do this.

2)Gateways Erwood

No progress has been made on the Village Gateways.

3)Electric Points

Two points were needed in Erwood Village for electric vehicles.

4)Tregare Road

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry reported that one gully had been cleared up this road and a machine has been working there.

A new drain is required by the garden next to Glen Horridge's house.

Mr Horridge has cleared the culvert himself as water was very near to his conservatory but the drain on the other side of the road needs to be looked at and a pipe needed.

5)Bund - Tregare Rd. No work has yet been done to build a bund to make the road safer.

Cllr Parry has sent photos of different areas to Mr Lyn Parry for his Information/action.

6)Land slide by
Tyleheulog

This land slide has now been cleared.

7)Drains by
Tircanvas

The owner of Tircanvas has recently asked Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to report that the drainage system needs urgent investigation/ action as it has been two years since Highways was first told that the blocked drains on the road outside the farm continually affect his farmhouse and yard. Cllr Parry has not yet had a response.

- 8) Road Inspections Mr Daniel Raiff and Cllr Parry have not yet travelled around the roads in the area to inspect them.
- 7) Flooding Cllr Parry stated that Small Businesses that have been affected by flooding over the last couple of weeks can get £2,500 by providing proof of flooding.

Minute 47-2020

Cheques

Cheques paid between meetings as agreed by Chairman

£50.00 - Erwood Market Hall Committee for 5 meetings

£38.54 – XMA – 2 Canon Coloured Ink Cartridges

£305.75 -Wales Audit Office Fee

£78.00 - One Voice Wales Subscription

Cheques signed at close of meeting:

Donation - Erwood Market Hall Committee -£450

Donation – Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee - £150

Donation – Builth Wells Community Support - £50

Donation – Wales Air Ambulance - £20

Donation – Brecon Advice Centre - £20

Donation – Bobath Childrens Therapy Centre, Wales - £20

Clerk’s Salary - £2344.80 & Clerk’s Expenses - £598.62

Minutes 48-2020

Barclays Bank

Bank Statements at 28th February 2020:

Business Current Account -£5,868.07

Business Savings Account - £3,014.97

Minute 49-2020

Date of Next Meeting

As a planning application has already been received, it was agreed to book Thursday 2nd April if possible for our next meeting.

Meeting closed at 10 p.m.