

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CARRIED OUT ON ZOOM ON FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7 P.M.

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

Cllr Alan Pryce, Chairman, welcomed everyone to our second meeting by Zoom. All the Councillors congratulated the Clerk on winning the SLCC long service award and they were thanked by the Clerk for sending her a congratulations card.

APOLOGIES for absence was given by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis as his broadband is not yet installed, and this was accepted. No contact had been made by Cllr Haydn Powell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed by all the Councillors to be a true record and would be signed by the Chairman in due course.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 82-2020

Telephone Kiosks Reference 74-2020. The Clerk had sent the comments made by the Community Council in to Powys County Council to ask that the Kiosks in Erwood & Llaneglwys be kept for emergency use only. The e-mail had been read but no reply has been received yet.

Minute 83-2020

Bench in Erwood Reference 75-2020. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry informed the meeting that the bench has been removed by an unauthorised person as it was felt it was not safe for use,

although a notice had been displayed on the bench by our Community Council.

Minute 84-2020

Vacancy of
Councillor

Reference 76-2020. Cllr Stephen Davies had contacted Mrs Anne Nicholls to enquire on her health and asked her to send a letter of resignation to the Clerk. He thought she seemed quite well. Councillors asked for her address and/or phone no. so that they could contact her. The Clerk had received further correspondence from the resident who is interested in community work in the area. Following receipt of Anne's letter of resignation, an advert can be posted of the vacancy and also a representative could be appointed to attend the One Voice Wales Area Meetings.

Minute 85-2020

Clerk's Salary
for 2019-20

Reference 77-2020. The Clerk stated that she was prepared to wait until the January meeting to have her salary agreed prior to the draft budget being discussed.

Minute 86-2020

SLCC – National
Conference

Reference 78-2020. The Clerk reported that she had attended 11 one hour sessions on the five day S.L.C.C. Conference and thought they were very beneficial to her and took notes to share with the Council. A report on her long service award had been forwarded to the Brecon & Radnor Express.

Minute 87-2020

Corn Barn,
Crickadarn

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry informed the meeting that since she had been informed that the neighbour of the Corn Barn intended to contact Planning direct, she hadn't heard anything more. She stated that the owners of the Corn Barn had had a verbal warning against continuing with the work there not a written warning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 88-2020

- Arwain funding Replies had been received from residents with suggestions of projects which could be applied for in the community.
- (a) Refurbishments of Toilets - Pitstop group
 - (b) Painting the two adopted kiosks
 - (c) Notice boards in Crickadarn & Llaneglwys Villages
- Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to contact Melanie Hardwick, Member Officer, PCC. to find out more.
- Broadband It was agreed at the meeting that several areas around Erwood are not able to receive a broadband service or have very poor reception. Some residents with problems appear to be making their own arrangements to solve things themselves. As the closing date is 30th November for all applications, this would not be achievable as the information had only been received from the Rural Development Plan Officer Katie Higginson, Powys CC two days ago. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to investigate.

Minute 89-2020

- All Wales Play Opportunities Grant Suggestions have been received from the Erwood Market Hall Committee as follows:
- Development of outdoor life skills & physical literacy
 - Work with schools service and other providers
 - Resources , including costs of Officer, volunteer time, specialist practitioners may be required.
 - Additional funding may be required for future developments.
 - Additional equipment of a Slide & Climbing Frame for area at the rear of the Market Hall.
 - Further indoor equipment/materials for the Family Fun group that meet each month.
- Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to speak to members of the Market Hall & Llaneglwys Hall to find out what they would

wish to apply for and if necessary would put notices up asking for other suggestions from the locals.

Forms on the back of the correspondence to be completed and returned to Rachel Thomas, Commissioning & Projects Officer, PCC by closing date - 4 p.m. on 8th December 2020.

Minute 90-2020

Climate
Emergency

A letter had been received from Cllr Keith Brelstaff, Llandrindod Wells Town Council declaring a Climate Emergency and stating that the Council has linked with Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition to support actions to reduce carbon emission in the town and together with Powys County Council has now set up a stakeholder Group. They ask for a questionnaire to be completed and the Clerk offered to do this and return it to them. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to be our representative for this area.

Minute 91-2020

SLCC Membership
Award &

The Clerk had received an e-mail advising that, as she had won the long service award at the Conference, the Council would receive a past service membership for free when renewing our Membership which is due in January. Last year the cost was £78.00 so this was appreciated. The membership for the ALCC Union was due at the same time. In case the Council did not meet in December, all Councillors agreed that they would support the cost of renewal.

Minute 92-2020

Council
Website

Information has been received stating that the Council's website needs to be WCAG 2.1 AA Compliant. The guidelines explain what is required and the web site needs to be accessible to everyone including users with impairments to vision, hearing, mobility and thinking or understanding. These details have been forwarded to Cllr

Stephen Davies who originally set up this site and runs it. He stated that he will do what is necessary to make it compliant as required.

The Clerks Council recommends that it is much safer for Councillors to have a separate e-mail address for their Council work from their personal addresses. Councillors agreed to make a decision on this by next meeting and Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to set these up if required.

Minute 93-2020

Barclays Bank
 Bank

Bank balances on 30th October 2020:
 Business Current Account - £5,400.09 (1cheque paid £30)
 Business Savings Account - £3,017.26
 Cheque paid beginning of November with approval of the Chairman to purchase ink cartridges from XMA - £27.87

Minute 94-2020

Highways

Drain by Alltmawr Isaf
 Replacement Of Poles near Alltmawr
 Sweeping of Roads
 Traffic Calming Lights

(a) Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that the ground that has fallen away leaving a big hole near to the entrance to Alltmawr Isaf still needs filling and Cllr Elizabeth Williams offered several blocks of concrete they have on their farmyard that would be suitable for filling up this hole and make it safe. Cllr Parry has reported this and Highways will inspect & carry out works as necessary.

(b) Notification had been received from Highways regarding the replacement of four damaged poles on the road by Alltmawr Uchaf. Notices of road closures have now been put up, work to take place between 2nd-4th December.

(c) Cllr Alan Pryce informed Cllr Parry that the sweeping of road from Erwood to Crickadarn and around the village had not been carried out yet. Cllr Parry to chase.

(d) Cllr Parry informed Councillors that Bronllys Ward intend to hold a meeting regarding flashing calming lights in their area in January with Mr Richard Morgan. The Clerk

suggested to Cllr Parry that Erwood Village ought to be included in this meeting as this information is also required by Erwood and Cllr Parry agreed with this.

Minute 95-2020

Dental Provisions In Powys An e-mail has been received from Llandrindod Town Council stating their concern on the lack of dental services in Powys over several years now and asked that our Council support them by writing to Powys Teaching Health Board. Cllr Alan Pryce had personal experience of this which could be included in the Clerk's reply and this was agreed.

Minute 96-2020

Agenda Items for January Meeting Prior notice of agenda items for next meeting: Benches, notice boards, website compliance Salary of Clerk for 2019-2020 & Draft Budget

Minute 97-2020

Zoom Meetings Cllr Alan Pryce stated that this meeting had not been as successful as the first meeting. Cllr Elizabeth Williams had problems logging in and he had to rejoin the meeting several times. He thanked everyone for attending.

Minute 98-2020

Date of Next Meeting There will be need for two Zoom meetings before 22nd January when the request for our precept is due. Prior to that date the Council will have to discuss the draft budget and any amendments will have to be approved before setting the precept for 2020-21.

This Zoom meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

THESE MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING