

MINUTES OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ZOOM MEETING ON THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 2021
AT 6.30 P.M.

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

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to the Zoom Council Meeting

APOLOGIES – Cllr Haydn Powell sent his apology due to farming commitments, which was accepted.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and all Councillors agreed that they were a true record and the Chairman would sign them at a later date.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 32-2021

Procedure of
Co-option

Reference: 19-2021. The Clerk had sent the Notice of Vacancy to the Electoral Dept., Powys County Council and put posters up as necessary on 15th March. She had been advised that the deadline for responses to her department was 6th April and if no replies, the co-option could then be advertised. It was agreed that the closing date would now be 27th April.

Minute 33-2021

Speeding traffic -
Erwood

Reference: 25-2021. The Clerk has written to GoSafe asking for a report on the findings following the laying of speed strip in Erwood Village. They replied stating that their operational team would contact me shortly. Funding is now available for the Dyfed Powys Police's Go Safe team to purchase 10 speed measuring devices which will be issued to Community Speed Watch teams across the force.

Minute 34-2021

Internal Audit

Reference: 30-2021. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had purchased a Thank You card and a £15 Boots gift card and sent to Mrs Pam Banks for auditing the Council's accounts last year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 35-2021

Planning
Department

A Planning Application had been received under reserved matters for layout, appearance etc. of the two dwellings at the site of The Old Saw Mills, Erwood for Mr & Mrs David Morris, Brecon – Reference 21/0372/RES. The

outline planning permission had been given in 2017. All Councillors agreed to support this application.

Minute 36-2021

Dyfed-Powys
Police

The Feb/March crime & incident report had been received from PCSO Emma Jackson. During this period 127 calls had required attendance from the Police which were noted.

Minute 37-2021

Ind. Review
Panel for Wales

Details of 2021-22 Annual Report had been received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. There were no changes to the allowances given to all Councillors of £150, unless they opt out of receiving this and 0.45p per mile remains for the Councillor's travelling expenses.

Minute 38-2021

Placemaking
Funds

The Welsh Government Placemaking fund will benefit all town centres in Wales and an e-mail received from Mr Frank Banks, Chairman of Erwood Market Hall Committee, queried whether it could include improving the wifi connection in the Hall. The Clerk had spoken to the Community Broadband Officer for Powys County Council, Mr Reece Simmons, who stated that it would be sorted out under the proposed Broadband Scheme for Erwood area. The Clerk will inform Mr Banks if this.

Minute 39-2021

Partnership
Councils for
Wales

Details of the Local Government & Election (Wales) Act has been received by the Clerk. The following information is shown below and will be implemented next financial year 2022.

- Documents produced electronically must be kept for 6 years.
- Reports must be written each year in May on Council priorities, activities, and achievements.
- Councils must have a training plan
- All Community Council Clerks should have relevant Professional Qualifications.

All points to be noted for action next year.

Minute 40-2021

One Voice
Wales

A letter has been received from One Voice Wales encouraging Councils to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021. To be discussed at a meeting later on in the year.

Minute 41-2021

Highways

Road – Tregare to
Dolynwydd

(a) Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that work is ongoing on this road and is near to completion.

Safety Bund near
Erwhenallt

(b)Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry said that there is a Welsh Government recovery fund available which she thought could be used to get this work done and would investigate this.

The first meeting ended at 7 p.m. & the next one commenced at 7.10 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 42-2021

Notice Boards

Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he had sketched a plan of the notice boards we are proposing for Crickadarn & Llaneglwys Villages - 1 metre x 1 metre square with two glass doors opening out from the centre. He had included a wooden lip along the top of the notice boards to preserve the notice board from the rain and help stop the wood from swelling. The timber needs to be treated. The Clerk stated that she has some brochures of different styles of notice boards and the Chairman said they would go through the specification and it can then be sent out to quotation to the three local carpenters.

Minute 43-2021

Telephone
Kiosks

A resident of Crickadarn area had spoken to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry who asked if there was anything planned for the kiosk by Crickadarn Old School, such as book swapping or plants etc. It was confirmed that this kiosk had been purchased by the Community Council so discussions could take place with interested parties in this area.

Cllr Parry also said the kiosks in Erwood and Crickadarn were both in a very poor state and needed cleaning and painting and she had previously said she would investigate this with BT. Crickadarn Kiosk is listed and the Erwood kiosk is still under review since the last survey carried out by Powys County Council on behalf of BT. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to take this forward.

Minute 44-2021

Broadband
Scheme

Powys County Council has announced a Community Broadband Opportunity Scheme with funding for all areas. The Community Broadband Officer for Powys County Council is Mr Reece Simmons and he has agreed to attend a meeting next week 25th March 6.30 to 7.15 p.m. for Community Councillors in the first instance. He will then host an open meeting via TEAMS from his Council connection which will be held after the Easter break. Councillors are asked to make contact with everyone in the Erwood area who they think would be interested when the date of this Open Meeting is known.

Minute 45-2021

Vacancy on
Council

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry told the meeting that she wished to step down as being Community Councillor and would attend meetings as the County Councillor to give someone who may be interested a chance to take her

place. Although not confirmed previously, she typed her resignation at the meeting and sent it to everyone. The Clerk agreed to contact the Electoral Dept of Powys County Council to check if her name could be added to the notice already published of Anne Nicholls. To await a reply on this and act accordingly.

Minute 46-2021

Cheques

Cheques paid out since last meeting:

£500.00 – Donation to Erwood Market Hall Committee

£180.00 – Donation to Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee

£20.00 – Donation- Marie Curie

£20.00 – Donation – Dementia Matters in Powys

£2457.60 – Salary for Clerk

£482.92 – Expenses for Clerk

£80.00 – Membership for One Voice Wales (as agreed with Chairman)

Minute 47-202

Date of

Next Meeting

The next meeting planned for Community Councillors is a presentation from Mr Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer, Powys County Council on the Broadband Scheme which is offered to Erwood area but this is not a Community Council meeting. It commences at 6.30p.m. to 7.15 p.m. hosted by the Clerk on this occasion. Another meeting is to be arranged by Mr Simmons using his TEAMS connection after the Easter break.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL