**ERBISTOCK AND EYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 at Lower Eyton**

**Present.** Councillors Evans, Thomas, Pritchard, Matthews, Barnett, Blakemore

Mrs. L. Lewis (Clerk) and P.C.S.O Bellis

**Apologies.** Councillor Cooke.

The Chair introduced and welcomed Councillor Barnett to his first meeting.

**A Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Pritchard declared an interest as a member of the planning Committee.

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019**

Councillor Thomas proposed and Councillor Mathews seconded that they were a true and accurate record. Agreed by all.

**Matters Arising**

Councillor Pritchard reported that repairs to the footbridge at the bottom of Plas Pen-Y-Bryn had been quickly undertaken following Councillor Cooke’s concern regarding it’s poor condition.

**Police Matters**

P.C.S.O. Bellis reported that there had been several incidents in Erbistock including one related to drugs, a “made off”, and ‘a helping with enquiries’. In Eyton there had been several thefts including power tools and a quad bike. The P.C.S.O also emphasized the importance of securing all premises. He informed the Council that there was currently a cross border operation with Cheshire police relating to rural theft. Also that due to funding cuts the number of PCSO’s working from Cefn Mawr had been reduced from 6 to 2 and sometimes only 1.

He went on to explain the pros and cons of The Community Speedwatch scheme which may be of use in locations in the community with speeding issues, volunteers would be needed to operate it, with more details available from the Speedwatch website.

He was thanked for his attendance and his considerable input.

**Agenda**

**Review of Income and Expenditure**

* As of 18/11/19 there was £2,383.04 in the current account and £217.10 in the deposit account.
* All precept payments had been received. The Wales Audit Office invoice would be due in February 2020.

**Precept**

This was discussed and it was agreed and set at £1,185 as previous year.

**Internal Auditor**

Councillor Blakemore queried the necessity of appointing an Internal Auditor.

Clerk to investigate.

**Reports**

* Councillor Matthews had attended the FCC Environment Community Liaison Meeting which she had found most interesting and informed The Council of The Nightingale House facility also located on site.
* The Clerk had attended The Stakeholder meeting for The Community Agents. 3 residents in Eyton and 3 in Erbistock had signed up for assistance. Most referrals were in the Penley/Hanmer/Overton areas.

**Eyton School “How Does Your Garden Grow Project” donation request**

It was decided to refer this to The Dame Dorothy Jeffreys’ Charity in the first instance before a decision to donate was made. Clerk to liaise with Jim Wild, also to ascertain if there are any fundraising events planned, with which we could potentially assist in some way.

**Library service – expression of Interest**

It was thought that the mobile service was fairly well used in Erbistock/Eyton and therefore interest in maintaining it was agreed and Clerk to respond back to relevant Dept.

**Community Projects**

* The Clerk reported that enquiries had been made to The British Heart Foundation with a view to holding a CPR training session along with clothes/household items donation event, perhaps with refreshments. Further arrangements to be deferred until the spring.
* Red telephone box – no progress had been made regards cleaning it yet, but The Clerk suggested that perhaps box could have Erbistock Village inserted into the space currently occupied by the wording Telephone kiosk. Planning permission issues to be investigated.
* VE Day – It was decided that if the School had any plans to celebrate this then the Council could make a donation. Clerk to check with Head teacher. The same procedure was decided with the request for a donation for The Urdd.

**Any Other Business**

* Councillor Pritchard reported that there was still the possibility that Erbistock may be allocated a new notice board which could be sited by St.Erbins (council bungalows), and the issue with blocked gully’s was in hand but there was a lot to do. It was also noted that the hedge had been cut in front of the council houses at Eyton Grove.
* He also highlighted the work of the First Responder in the area, and that he had already provided a vital service to some residents.
* The transfer of the Community Council website to the Clerk was shortly to be completed with the assistance of Carrie Jones.

**Date and time of next meeting**

This would be on Monday, March 9th 2020 at 7.30pm in Eyton School.

**Signed as a correct record…………………………….**