

MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
 Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
 Cllr Haydn Powell
 Cllr Geoffrey Lewis

As the Chairman was having difficulties in getting into Zoom, the Clerk opened the meeting and welcomed all the Councillors, especially Cllr Haydn Powell & Cllr Geoffrey Lewis who had been unable to join Zoom on previous meetings.

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry as she was unwell which was accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Stephen Davies to Agenda Item 5 (b) as he was involved in Planning Application 20/1811/FUL for Change of Use of Land adjacent to Court Gwenddwr for Mr John Jones. Cllr Davies did not attend the meeting until after this item was discussed.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed that it was a true record and the Chairman should sign them in due course.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 99- 202

Bench in Reference 83-2020. The Clerk agreed to get some photos and prices of suitable
 Erwood benches ready for discussion with members of the W.I. when they next meet up in
 April 2021.

Minute 100-2020

Funding Reference 88-2020 & 89-2020. As Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry was absent,
 these items to be put on the agenda for the next meeting in January.

Minute 101-2020

SLCC Reference 91-2020. The Clerk had received an invoice for full price for membership
 Membership and not the discounted price as promised so is waiting for a revised invoice to be
 received.
 Cllr Alan Pryce joined the Zoom meeting and took over his duties as Chair.

Minute -102 -2020

New website Reference 92-2020. Cllr Stephen Davies stated that he had looked through the
 Upgrade requirements needed but hasn't made any amendments as yet. The Councillors

all agreed that they were happy for their own personal e-mail addresses to be listed on the web site.

Minute 103-2020

Drain by Alltmawr
Isaf

Reference 94(a)-2020. No work carried out as yet.

Poles near
Alltmawr

Reference 94(b)-2020. Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that the poles had now been replaced.

Sweeping of
Roads

Reference 94(c) – Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the road from Erwood to Crickadarn had now been swept but some of the drains were still blocked up with leaves.

Minute 104-2020

Dental Services
In Powys

A reply from Powys Health Board had been received detailing the problems Powys has experienced during lockdown. Cllr Alan Pryce had had difficulty getting appointments as his records had been lost and this was reported to the Dental Services. Llandrindod Town Council is keeping this under review.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 105-2020

Audit Report
2019-20

The Clerk read out the report received from the External Auditors, Grant Thornton who stated that they found no problems with the auditing of our accounts. Cllr Stephen Davies was asked to put this on the web site. For the next three years, Audit Wales will be our External Auditors checking the audit return. Year 1 & 2 is Basic and Year 3 is a Full audit.

Minute 106-2020

Change of Use of land
By Court Gwenddwr

A re-submission of planning application had been received for new access and ecological surveys on land adjacent to Court Gwenddwr for Mr John Jones. Ref: 20/1811/FUL. A full ecological survey had been carried out and the access & road up to the site had been widened as required. All Councillors agreed that this access would make it a much safer access on to the A470 main road and wished to support the application. Cllr Stephen Davies joined the meeting after this item at 7.40 p.m.

Minute 107-2020

Proposed changes
At Alltmawr

The Welsh Government have issued details of a survey proposed of improvements to the transport network at Alltmawr and are asking stakeholders engagement on experiences & potential improvements at Alltmawr. (Stages 1& 2) Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that, as a stakeholder in her own rights, she had written to the Welsh Government and also the residents of Chapel Farm had replied. The Clerk agreed to write on behalf of Erwood Community Council and Cllr Powell, as a stakeholder himself, was

asked to send his views on this to the Clerk to be sent to the W.G. Replies has to be sent in by 8th January 2021.

Minute 108-2020

Barclays Bank

Bank Statements on 30th November 2020:

Community Account - £5,352.20 – (Two cheques paid out - £47.89)

Business Saving Account - £3,017.26

Minute 109-2020

Highways Updates

(a) Cllr Haydn Powell reported that the roads around Gwenddwr were in a critical condition on the morning of the meeting, due to the ice, from Cefngarth Farm, up past the Fron farm and all the way down the Twmpath. The roads have not been swept and the leaves are blocking all the drains and in need of Immediate action as the roads were lethal. As this cold spell is now with us, the Clerk was instructed to write to Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to ask her to report this as urgent.

Trees at The Holmes,
Erwood

(b) Cllr Stephen Davies stated that he noticed that the branches of the two trees growing on the verge in front of The Holmes Housing Estate, Erwood were being cut back over the last two days.

Minute 110-202

Purchase of
Notice Boards

It was agreed to start the process to purchase notice boards for Crickadarn and Llaneglwys Villages out of the money reserved in this financial year. Several different Notice Boards had been suggested and it was agreed that we get three quotations from local carpenters – Mark Atkins, Stephen Bowen and Luke Fergusson. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis agreed to let the residents of Llaneglwys of this and Crickadarn residents need to be informed as well.

Minute 111-2020

Risk
Assessment
Form 2021/22

All Councillors were satisfied with the risk assessments listed on the form and the Chairman will sign the form as soon as practicable.

Minute 112-2020

Draft Budget Form
2020/22

The draft budget figures were discussed and a few amendments made. All Councillors to let the Clerk know before the next meeting if they have any expenses for office consumables with receipts and also whether or not they wish to opt out of their councillor's allowance so that a correct figure could be agreed on before the precept is decided upon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 113-2020

Glastir Tree

Copies of two applications for the Glastir tree planting scheme had been

Planting Scheme received – Lower Dyffryn, Llandefalle and Groeswen, Gwenddwr. Councillors were all in agreement to this scheme which aim is to help the environment.

Minute 114-2020

Ink Cartridges The Clerk had purchased four ink cartridges for her printer costing £40.10 and this was supported.

Minute 115-2020

Road Closure – Cllr Alan Pryce reminded Councillors that the road between Abergwenddwr and Gwenddwr Village will be closed between 25th January & 5th February 2021 as the edge of the road was falling away near Erwhir.

Minute 116-2020

Next Meeting It was agreed that the next Zoom meeting should be arranged for Thursday 14th January 2020, 7 p.m. as a decision on the precept for next year needs to be made before 22nd January.

Minute 117-2020

Thanks The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, thanks all for attending the meeting and everyone wished each other a Happy New Year.

This meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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