

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY ZOOM ON 14TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.P.M.

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

As the Chairman was having difficulty joining the meeting by Zoom, it was proposed by Cllr Stephen Davies and agreed by all Councillors that Cllr Elizabeth Williams take the chair until Cllr Pryce joins and she welcomed everyone to the meeting

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and the Chairman will sign them when possible.

Cllr Alan Pryce then joined the meeting and took over as Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 1-2021

Audit	The invoice for the Audit fee has now been received. There was a reduction
Fee	of £55.00 from last year's price of £305.75, down to £250.75. Councillors were in agreement with this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 2-2021

Draft Budget For 2021-22	<p>There were a few amendments to the figures suggested at last meeting which were agreed. Each Councillor opted out of Councillor's allowances so this figure was altered. An e-mail is needed from each Councillor to state that they are opting out of this allowance.</p> <p>Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry suggested that £150 allowance should be left in the budget in case the vacancy will be filled and the new Councillor would wish to take advantage of it. Councillors agreed with this.</p> <p>No reply had been received from Mrs Anne Nicholls so the Clerk stated that she would get in touch with her son to ask for a letter of her resignation if all Councillors thought this was appropriate. Councillors all supported this action.</p> <p>The revised budget figure for 2021-22 is £6146.75. This was agreed by all the Councillors and the Chairman will sign the form in due course.</p>
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Minute 3-2021

Precept for
2021-2022

Taken the budget total into consideration, all Councillors agreed with requesting £5,600.00 precept for next year.

Minute 4-2021

Section 137
Expenditure

The maximum sum that can be spent using Section 137 for 2021-22 has increased from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector.

Minute 5-2021

SLCC
Membership 2021

The Clerk had now had confirmation that the Membership fee of £80 had been discounted by £42 due to her long service award, so the Councillors agreed to the amended sum of £38.00 which would be for this year only.

Minute 6-2021

ALCC
Membership 2021

The membership for ALCC Union for 2021 was £40.00, the same as last year. This was agreed.

Minute 7-2021

Barclays Bank
Statements

Bank balances on 31st December 2020:
Business Current Account - £7,145.20 (£40 paid out & 3rd precept payment of £1,833 paid in)
Business Account - £3,017.34 (0.08 interest)

Minute 8 -2021Highways

Drain by
Alltmawr Isaf
Sweeping of
Roads

(a) Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that no work had yet been carried out.

(b) Drains still full up with leaves on road from Erwood to Crickadarn and also roads around Gwenddwr which has already been reported.

Tree outside
Holmes ,Erwood

(c) Councillors had noticed that the branches of the trees outside The Holmes had recently been cut back. Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry suggested that the tree could be cut down and replaced by a wooden planter. This would be the responsibility of the Trunk Road Agency who had stated that they would plant and care for the flowers. Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to report back to the next meeting.

Minute 9-2021

Clerk's
Salary 2020/21

As there had been no Annual General Meeting in 2020 due to the coronavirus, a review of the Clerk's Salary had not been discussed. While the first Zoom meeting had ended and before the 2nd meeting commenced on Zoom, in the Clerk's absence, Councillors decided on the Clerk's salary for this year by telephone calls to each other. Taking into considering the many extra hours the Clerk had worked during the whole of

the year during Covid-19, Councillors agreed to put the Clerk on to the next SCP point 6 to £10.24 per hour, an increase of .49p per hour. The Clerk thanked everyone for their decision to increase her salary.

The second meeting then commenced on Zoom.

Minute10-2021

Funding
Applications

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry stated that she had not been able to follow this through due to her increased Council work load but would find out if there was any progress made on these funding applications by next meeting. A seminar on 'Places to Play' has been arranged by Play Wales for Tuesday 9th February 2-4.30 p.m. and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry has registered for this. The Clerk will inform Frank Banks, Chairman of Erwood Market Hall as he may be interested in joining.

Minute 11-2021

Provision of
Notice Boards
for Crickadarn
& Llaneglwys
Villages

(a) It was agreed that the first step to be taken is to get permission for these notice boards to be placed on the verges at Llaneglwys and Crickadarn . Cllr Geoffrey Lewis stated that the Llaneglwys Community Trust owned the land next to the telephone kiosk and he would get in touch with them. Cllr Stephen Davies reported that the grass area on Crickadarn square was either owned by the Church or Mr Warwick Ayton. Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to find out. The size was agreed as 1 metre square with two glass doors, wooden legs and with a plaque - Erwood Community Council.

Bench in
Erwood

(b) Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had been told that the bench in Erwood Village was originally made & donated to Erwood and that the W.I. had not purchased it. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mrs Jenny Smith, President of the W.I., with these findings and leave the decision on the purchase of a bench until they meet up again in case they wish to be involved. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis informed the meeting that Llaneglwys Village already has a bench.

Minute 12-2021

Proposed changes
At Abernant

The Clerk had received an acknowledgement of her letter written on behalf of Erwood Community Council answering questions 1 & 2 of the Welsh Government's letter. Cllr Haydn Powell had also written to them as a stakeholder stating the present problems with the entrance on to the A470 trunk road from Chapel House Farm and suggestions on how to rectify the problem. Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that the sister of the owner of Chapel House Farm, will work with Mr Matt Perry, Crickhowell who is Lead Officer for Powys Highways.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 13-2021

Dyfed Powys Police - Speeding of Traffic through Erwood

Dyfed Powys Police have arranged a virtual meeting regarding the problems with speeding of traffic travelling throughout the area. . Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry e-mailed the details of the meeting to everyone which will take place on Tuesday next, 19th January between 1 – 2 p.m. so that Councillors could attend if they wished.

Minute 14-2021

Cheques

Cheques that have been paid over the last month:
 Audit Wales – Fee for 2019-20 - £250.75
 ALCC – Union – Membership fee for 2021 - £40.00
 SLCC - membership fee for 2021 - £38.00

Minute 15-2021

Date of Next Meeting

Although this meeting had several computer issues, it was decided to hold meetings most months if there were sufficient items to discuss, the Chairman & Clerk to liaise on this. Cllr Alan Pryce thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped that there would be less problems at the next meeting .

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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