

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON THURSDAY
11TH MARCH 2021 AT 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR ALAN PRYCE
 CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
 CLLR HAYDN POWELL
 CLLR GEOFFREY LEWIS

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to our zoom meeting and there were no apologies for absence.

There were no Declarations of Interest

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 16-2021

Drains by Alltmawr
Isaf

Reference 8(a) -2021. Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that contractors filled the hole caused by the landslip yesterday. Back in February they also brought a digger and cleaned a drain on the other side of the gate and put in kerbs, but the first lot of heavy rain still came down the road, the drain would not take the volume of water. The road is cracked and hopefully it will be tidied up with tarmac at some stage.

Minute 17-2021

Proposed changes
At Abernant

Reference 13-2021. Cllr Elizabeth Williams had been told that Mr Matt Perry, PCC had visited the site but the Hughes family had not heard anything since. Mr Perry had sounded quite optimistic at the time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 18-2021

Council Vacancy

The Clerk had received a letter off Anne Nicholls's son Dr Sebastian Nicholls confirming that his mother would not be able to continue as a Community Councillor for Erwood as she had moved permanently to Chepstow and she had asked him to convey that she had enjoyed working with everyone on the Council during her role as Community Councillor. The Clerk confirmed that she had sent a Thank You card and letter Christmas time acknowledging all the work she had carried out whilst on the Council.

Minute 19-2021

Procedure to
Co-opt

The Community Council is required to put up a notice which the Clerk has received from the Electoral Section of PCC which states that the notice has to be displayed for 14 days to allow electors of Erwood to write to PCC stating that they wish for an election to take place. 10 signatures are needed and if not received, then the Community Council is allowed to co-opt. The closing date of 1st April was suggested.

Minute 20-2021

Donations to the
Two Halls

An e-mail had been received from the Chairman of Erwood Market Hall Committee asking if the Community Council would consider giving an extra £50.00 this year to help the Hall funds as they had not received any income during the last year due to the pandemic. This was proposed, seconded and agreed by all Councillors which would take this year's donation up to £500.00. It was also proposed and agreed by all that Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee should also have a similar pro-rata increase, which would amount to £30.00, the total being £180.00.

Minute 21-2021

Donation
Requests

The Council had already given £170 in donations earlier on in the year so it was agreed to give to charities which haven't had donations from this Council recently. It was agreed by all Councillors that £20 be given to Dementia Matters in Powys & £20 to Marie Curie as both these requests were local. The other requests could be looked at next year.

Minute 22-2021

Barclays
Bank

The bank statements from Barclays Bank for 26th February 2021:
Business Current Account – £6,752.57 (£53.00 paid out)
Business Savings Account - £3,017.34

Minute 23-2021

Cheques

Cheques paid out since last meeting:
One Voice Wales - £15 for Training for Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
XMA Ltd. – One Ink Cartridge - £8.78
Payments to be agreed:
Erwood Market Hall Committee – 2 meetings at £10 each - £20.00
Cllr Alan Pryce to get invoice off the Committee.
XMA Ltd. – 7 ink cartridges for Clerk, Cllrs Alan Pryce & Geoffrey Lewis - £80.64 Invoice yet to be received.
Councillors agree to these payments.

Minute 24-2021

Clerk's
Expenses
2020-21

The Clerk's expenses for 2020-21 amounted to £482.92 which was about £100.00 less than last year due to very little travelling expenses and holding zoom meetings instead. Councillors all agreed to accept this.

The first meeting on Zoom ended at 7.40 and the second commenced at 8 p.m.

Minute 25-2021

Speeding Traffic
Erwood

Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had attended a zoom meeting recently with Mr Dafydd Llewelyn and Mr Ian Jones, Dyfed Powys Police. Others present represented the Bwlch area who also had many problems that they wanted the Police representatives to help them sort out. The problem in Erwood is the lack of monitoring as it is difficult to get a suitable location for the vehicle to park. Go Safe recently operated a manual monitor and also returned three days later. Speed strips had also been put on the trunk road each end of the village and in the centre by Go Safe about three weeks ago. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Go Safe and also the Trunk Road Agency for the results of these surveys.

Minute 26-2021

Notice Board -
Crickadarn

Cllr Alan Pryce had spoken to Rev Paul Keown, and on behalf of Crickadarn Church was pleased to agree with a notice board being erected on the Church's verge on the square in Crickadarn. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis had spoken to Cornelia Rahdes a representative of Llaneglwys Village Hall Committee who said that she would be pleased to bring this up at their next meeting although, due to the pandemic, are not holding meetings at present. Cllr Alan Pryce offered to do a sketch showing the type of notice boards required to send out with the invitations to tender.

Minute 27-2021

Bench in
Erwood

Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that the W.I. book "Hills & Sunny Pastures" published many years ago showed Erwood W.I. members presenting the Bench to the village of Erwood in the 1970s with collections made mainly by W.I. members and a few local supporters. This bench was made by Mr B Wilkinson, former licensee of the Wheelwright Arms and not as previously stated.

Minute 28-2021

Highways

Cllr Stephen Davies informed the Committee that the Council is cleaning the sides of the road between Crickadarn and Crickadarn Old School and have been working there for a few days. He commented that there were many other roads in Erwood area, such as the road from Tregare to Alltmawr, that is much more urgent than the work carried out in Crickadarn.

Minute 29-2021

Training

One Voice Wales has issued a list of their training sessions for March. Cllrs Geoffrey Lewis & Stephen Davies asked for copies of this.

Minute 30-2021

Internal Audit

The Clerk had not asked the Internal Auditor to do the six month check this

year due to the reduction of meetings during the pandemic and it was agreed that as it will soon be time for the Annual Audit Return to wait until then.

Minute 31-2021

Date of Next
Meeting

Thursday 18th March 2021 at 6.30 p.m.– with the possibility of Mr Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer, Powys County Council giving a presentation following the Council Meeting on the Government Broadband Scheme commencing at 7 p.m.

The second Zoom meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING