

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2021 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One Resident from Crickadarn

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Elizabeth Williams as she was unwell and this was accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and was agreed by all as a true record and was signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 73-2021

Speeding Survey,
Erwood

Reference 48-2021. This survey had been sent to all Councillors and it showed that 90% of all traffic travelling through Erwood Village did not observe the speed limit which was unacceptable.

Minute 74-2021

Notice Boards

Reference 49-2021. Closing date was this weekend but no replied has yet been received. Few names suggested were John Hargest, Andrew Millington & James Shewring. To discuss at next meeting.

Minute 75-2021

Vacancies on
Council

Reference 51-2021. Closing date for these vacancies is this Friday so this will be discussed at next meeting.

Minute 76-2021

Broadband
Scheme

Reference 58-2021. Councillors reported that they have contacted several residents from their local areas and were surprised to learn that quite a lot of households are satisfied with their present service provider and a few have already sorted out an additional supply to their property. Cllr Elizabeth Williams phoned to say that most of the households around Alltmawr were very interested in this scheme. An open meeting will be held at Erwood Market Hall on Thursday 27th May at 7.30p.m. As the number allowed in the Hall is 30 for this meeting, Councillors need to contact the Clerk with numbers from their area or nominate a spokesperson to ensure that no more that 30 people attend. It was agreed that the Clerk make some posters for the notice boards, website, facebook and leaflets

so that Councillors can e-mail or deliver to as many residents in the area as possible.

Minute 77-2021

Cty Cllr's
Report

Reference 59-2021. As County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry was not present at the meeting, this will be carried over to next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 78-2021

Bridge House Cottage
Extension

A planning application has been received for a two storey extension at Bridge House Cottage, Erwood for A.K. & M.E. Jones, Ponde, Llandefalle. Ref. 21/0773/HH. A 36 page bat survey had been submitted to the Council. It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that Erwood Community Council supports this application.

Minute 79-2021

Internal Audit

Mrs Pam Bank, Internal Auditor, had already completed and signed the Annual Return and Councillors had been sent her report on the accounts which she said were accurate and transparent. She congratulated the Council for managing to hold meetings during the pandemic especially when some had difficulties joining the meetings on zoom. She also noted the additional requirements made by Local Government & Election (Wales) Act to report the Council's priorities, activities and achievements and to develop a training plan from 2022.

Minute 80-2021

Responsible Finance
Officer/Clerk

The Clerk/RFO had certified that all the accounting statements in the Annual Return as correct.

Minute 81-2021

Annual Return

The Annual Governance Statement (Part 1) was discussed and all Councillors agreed to YES being put against Questions 1 to 8. Question 9 was not applicable. The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, signed that the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statements were approved by the Community Council.

Minute 82-2021

Insurance
Policy

The Clerk had quotations from three firms for the Insurance cover for Erwood Community Council which was due for renewal on 1st June 2021. BHIB, who had been the provider for the last three years - £164.92 paid annually for the next 3 years unless the IPT changes or extra items were added in the mean time; Zurich – Could only quote for a 1 year agreement - £167.44 and Came & Co. – quoted £350+ and could not

compete. It was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that BHIB be accepted again for a three year term. Cheque signed at close of meeting for £164.92 for Year 1 of BHIB three year contract.

Minute 83-2021

Barclays Bank

Statements from Barclays Bank for 30th April 2021

Community Account - £4,876.61

(£1,943.14 – Money received for Precept and Reclaim of VAT)

(58.58 – Money Paid out for two cheques)

Business Savings Account - £3017.42

The Clerk stated that she had now received the invoice due from XMA Ltd. for the purchase of 7 ink cartridges in the sum of £67.20 and not as listed at the meeting of 11th March 2021 of £80.64 (Minute 23-2021)

Minute 84-2021

Highways

Fallen tree at

Llawrllan Wood

(a) A reply had been received from Martin Davies, Rights of Way and Enforcement Officer, PCC stating he had looked at the blockage last week and there is no immediate health and safety risk. He will deal with it over the next few months and that it needs to be managed properly as it is an SSSI and SAC area. Message left whilst at meeting - He has contacted NRW & Wye & Usk Foundation and the matter will be actively dealt with when water levels are lower, later on this Summer.

Gutters - Cefngarth
Road

(b) Cllr Haydn Powell stated that the gutters had now been cleaned on roads around Cefngarth which was much appreciated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 85-2021

OVW Training
Sessions

The Clerk read out the list of training sessions for the month of May. Councillors present did not wish to attend any of these sessions this month.

Minute 86-2021

Fay Jones MP

A letter off Fay Jones, Member of Parliament, stated that she is interested in attending a Council meeting when restrictions are lifted and wishes to be kept up to date with events in our area which she may want to support.

Minute 87-2021

EU Settlement
Scheme

Powys County Council had forwarded posters from Wales for Europe stating that EU and EFTA citizens living in the UK must apply for settled or pre-settled status by 30th June. Each Councillor offered to put the posters on their local notice boards.

Minute 88-2021

Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said how nice it is to meet face to face for the first time since August 2020. The next meeting will be an Open Meeting to discuss the Government's Broadband Scheme at Erwood Market Hall for anyone interested. Councillors or individuals to ring the Clerk with the number of people wanting to attend the meeting so as not to exceed the 30 allowed. 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th May if Hall is available.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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