

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON THURSDAY 17TH
JUNE 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin
County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Kelly Sanders, Erwood

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Mrs Sanders.

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Haydn Powell who was unable to attend due to farming commitments which were accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Stephen Davies to agenda item 8 – updates from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry – if Minute 94(a) -2021 Tregare Barns was discussed.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed that they were a true record and would be signed by the Chairman as soon as convenient.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 96-2021

Speeding survey - Reference 90-2021. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that Go Safe has been seen in Erwood Erwood Village during the last two days which was welcome news.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 97-2021

Co-option of Vacancy Mrs Kelly Sanders has sent in an application for the vacant seat on the Community Council which the Clerk had sent to all Councillors. Cllr Alan Pryce said he was pleased that she could attend the meeting to meet all the Councillors even though it was by Zoom. She said that she had lived at Bridge House, Erwood for three years and at The Holmes for two years and was keen to take part in supporting the Community of Erwood and the surrounding wards. Councillor Stephen Davies proposed that Mrs Sanders be co-opted on to the Council, seconded by Cllr Alan Pryce and this was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present. The Clerk said that she would get the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form to her to sign and the starter pack for her to keep. Mrs Sanders thanked everyone for voting for her and looked forward to her role as Councillor.

Minute 98-2021

Notice Boards The Clerk had printed off different styles of notice boards from several companies and also had information from the Clerk to Llanddew Community Council on their Notice board which the Clerk & Cllr Geoffrey Lewis thought may be suitable. This was made of recycled plastic and painted brown. Unfortunately the cost of it was more than we had anticipated considering the Community Council intended to buy two. £900.08 plus £10 delivery plus VAT of £182.02 –Total £1,092.10. Another suitable notice board had been seen at Glasbury. The Clerk said she could get in touch with the Clerk of Glasbury for some details and Cllr Stephen Davies offered to phone Sally Williams one of the Councillors for information. It was discussed whether any funding could be available and Cllr Caroline Baldwin said she could ask at the next training session she will be attending with One Voice Wales on Finance. To be discussed at our next Community Council meeting.

County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry joined the meeting at 8.05 p.m. after having difficulties getting in.

Minute 99-2021

NHS Workers Celebration Day The Clerk had received a reply from the Secretary of Erwood YFC regarding the Club taking part in the celebrations in Erwood on 5th July. The Club is finding it a bit difficult during the pandemic but felt sure that the YFC would contribute in some way and would let us know. Cllr Kelly Sanders said she was very excited to be asked to join in this by decorating her premises in the Village and gave us her ideas on what she'd planned so far, which were much appreciated. Cllr Alan Pryce would come up with ideas around the Toilet area and Dave, Wheelwrights to be asked as well. County Cllr KLP said she would get some mannequins and a 3 ft. wide flag. Would need some help to put the banner on the toilet roof and suggested that the banner could be put in place before the celebration day. A meeting would be needed at the end of June to finalise details.

Minute 100-2021

Erwood YFC - 'Talking Bench' Permission had been given by the Chairman to Erwood YFC's request for a 'Talking Bench' to be put in Erwood Village. This is a YFC competition for the Virtual County Rally and has to be completed by end of June. They thought that the site for the bench could be on the patch of ground in front of Victoria Terrace or perhaps the top Common. A few other sites were suggested.

The first session ended and the second started again at 8.30 p.m. after having problems. Cllr Stephen Davies joined after a while and Cllr Kelly Sanders failed to join for this second session.

Minute 101-2021

Stopping Place For Gypsies Powys County Council had written to say that PCC in partnership with the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society has decided not to continue with an authorised camping

site at Ysgiog Field by Builth Wells due to current financial constraints and the number of families have reduced considerably in recent years. Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that they would probably come there anyway. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council to say that Erwood Community Council do not agree with this decision because of the impact this could have on the surrounding areas.

Minute 102-2021

Barclays Bank Bank statements at 28th May 2021 were as follows:

Community Account - £4,644.49 (Two cheques paid out - £232.12)

Business Savings Account - £3,017.42

Payment since last meeting £43.14 – Purchase of 4 Ink Cartridges – Cartridge Save Ltd.

Minute 103-2021

Website Fully compliant Details of a contract that Community Councils could take out with The Parish Council had been received which would keep Community Councils fully compliant with WCAG 2.1AA & GDPR Guidelines which should have been in place by September 2020. They offer a website and secure e-mail at just £10 per month and about 50% faster making any changes to the site. Cllr Stephen Davies who runs the Council's website stated it was very important to have this type of security on our website and thought that consideration should be given to this. The Clerk said that she would enquire at the Clerk's next meeting what firm is generally used by other Clerks and report her findings to our next meeting.

Minute 104-2021

Highways

- Bund between Erwhenallt & Brynhaul (a) County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry had kept Councillors updated on the progress of work on the bund and repairs to the road by forwarding e-mails to everyone. Mr & Mrs Stephen Powell and Cllr Elizabeth Williams had both written to Powys Highways Department to say that they do not think the work carried out so far on this bund and tarmacing of the edges will be sufficient in the long run. This work has made the road narrower and will not be suitable for the large farming equipment travelling from field to field. This is ongoing and more information will be given to the Community Council at the next meeting.
- Road by Ciliane Uchaf (b) Mrs Doreen Phillips who lives at this farm near Gwenddwr showed County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry a letter that was written to Powys Highways on 6th October 2009 about the very dangerous stretch of road below her farm. No work has been carried out here since and the edges of the road are falling away down a steep embankment into the brook.
- Road by The Cwm, Crickadarn (c) Mrs Sandra Davies had reported to KLP that the sides of the road by The Cwm are falling away and needs attention.
- Planning Committee (d) County Councillor KLP informed the Community Council that she now attends Powys County Council's Planning Committee meetings.

Minute 105-2021

Broadband Cllr Caroline Baldwin updated the Council on the work carried out by herself as liaison, Cllr Elizabeth Williams, Consultant, Laura Shewring, David Favis-Morlock Jerry Kent and Emma Jones has said she will also contact Cllr Caroline Baldwin, to form the project team. They have met with Reece Simmons, PCC and contacted Steve Ellis, Broadway Partners. She has set out a time table for the next few months and they aim to register community interest with the confirmed provider by 1st September. There is need for 60 households to be interested in this scheme. The Provider will then take lead on the Project. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis stated that he had spoken to a resident from Llanafan Fawr who said that, after twelve months, nothing has been done yet. County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin and Cllr Elizabeth Williams for all the work they have already done, and this was supported by all at the meeting.

The second meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.

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