

MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 29TH JULY 2021
AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Elizabeth Williams
Cllr Haydn Powell
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Kelly Sanders

Cllr Alan Pryce, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting

APOLOGIES were sent from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry as she was travelling from another meeting and probably would not be back in time to attend, which was accepted.

The Clerk had thanked the Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, for arranging a surprise party for her recently with the help of past and present Councillors, partners and the Clerk's family. She said she was thrilled with the presentation of an inscribed wall clock, bouquet of flowers, card and wine and also thanked everyone involved in providing the buffet and for making the evening so memorable.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors that it was a true record and the Chairman would sign them as soon as possible.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 106-2021

NHS Workers Reference 99-2021. Councillors and the Clerk all thanked Cllr Kelly Sanders for all Day the work she had done decorating outside her house in Erwood for this event. It was also noted that she had had a half page report in the Brecon & Radnor Express showing her display. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that donations collected outside the Pit Stop Toilets in Erwood during that week amounted to £126.00 which was given to the NHS charities.

Minute 107-2021

Erwood YFC Reference 100-2021 .The Clerk stated that she had written to the Secretary of Talking Bench Erwood YFC on behalf of Erwood Community Council thanking them for placing their bench outside The Homes Housing Estate, together with two tubs of flowers, in place of the previous bench, and that it looked very good there. It has also been noticed that the Secretary of the YFC has been tending to the flowers there since.

Minute 108-2021

Council Website Reference 103-2021. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

The first Zoom session ended and, due to problems with the second invite, Cllr Elizabeth Williams & Cllr Kelly Sanders did not attend until 8.50 p.m. and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis failed to join.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 109-2021

Notice Boards A quotation had been received from Mr David Newell, Glasbury for the two village notice boards, at Crickadarn and Llaneglwys to the design specification which had been sent to him. He quoted a cost of £1600.00 for the two notice boards which includes materials, manufacture, delivery and erection on site. He asked for a deposit of £1000 before work commences and the balance of £600 to be paid upon completion. He is not VAT registered and would be able to start work September/October time if successful. Seven local carpenters had been approached with no results. The Clerk had written to the Chairman of Glasbury Community Council for her opinion on Mr Newell and she had given a very positive response. The Chairman asked if any Councillor would be prepared to visit Mr Newell with him in the first instance and Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to this. They could report back to the Council at another meeting to decide on whether or not to accept his quotation. This was proposed by Cllr Haydn Powell and seconded by Cllr Elizabeth Williams. Cllr Caroline Baldwin had asked One Voice Wales if there is any funding available for the purchase of Notice Boards and the Clerk had asked in her Clerk's meetings but both had given negative replies.

Minute 110-2021

Gwenddwr Village An e-mail had been received from a resident of Gwenddwr Village stating that the villagers had installed new shelves in Gwenddwr Book-Exchange to show off the contents better and the phone box has been repainted. They had also straightened the Builth/Crickadarn road sign so it no longer hangs at 60 degrees. Councillors were pleased that the residents were taking pride in their village.

Minute 111-2021

Gypsy Site- Ysgiog, Builth A reply had been received from PCC stating that all responses will be collated and passed on to the Senior Management for consideration.

Minute 112-2021

Details of Councillors Cllr Kelly Sanders had made a suggestion that details of Community Councillors with perhaps photos could be put on Erwood Notice Board which would be useful to new comers in the area. It was agreed by Councillors that there could be a notice with the Council's web site address as details of all the Councillors are already on this site. Photos would be up to individual Councillors.

Minute 113-2021

Children's Craft
Sessions in Hall

Cllr Kelly Sanders had spoken to the Chairman of Erwood Market Hall recently to ask if she would be allowed to run Craft Sessions or similar for children during the summer holidays. Unfortunately, after discussions, she decided that there were too many rules and regulations and insurance cover needed, so she decided against it.

Minute 114-2021

Grant Funding
for Communities

A letter was received from PAVO advising that Powys County Council is offering funding for Communities this year. The Chairman of Erwood Market Hall has suggested that a UV air processor, a ventilation system, could be applied for the Hall, due to regulation problems with the pandemic. The Clerk to ask him if there has been any update on this application.

Minute 115-2021

Barclays Bank

Bank Statements as at 30th June 2021 are as follows:
Community Account - £4,601.35 (Cheque paid out - £43.14)
Business Saving Acct - £3,017.50 (Interest – 0.08p)
Cheques paid out since last meeting with Chairman's approval:
One Voice Wales – 4 Training Sessions for Cllr C. Baldwin - £30.00
(Two with bursary discount and two free sessions)
Cartridge Save Ltd. – 3 Ink Cartridges - £40.83
Councillors all agreed with the above.

Minute 116-2021Highways

Maintenance work
In Erwood area

(a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the residents of Upper Terrace, Erwood had complained about the lack of maintenance carried out on that Estate and along Crickadarn Lane and Victoria Terrace. County Councillor Karen Laurie Parry had agreed to take this forward.

Bund on Common -
Tregare Road

(b) This work is ongoing.

Minute 117-2021

Councillor's
Update

As County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry was not at the meeting, this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
Cllr Elizabeth Williams & Cllr Kelly Sanders were able to join the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Minute 118-2021

Broadband Scheme Cllr Caroline Baldwin gave a very detailed report on all the work carried out since our last meeting. Discussions had taken place with several local wards, Councillors and Powys County Council Officers and the Team wish to get the best internet speed possible for the whole of Erwood Community. It is hoped that a provider will be selected by Mid August and by 1st October that 30% - 50% of the Community would have registered an interest in this scheme. Once Govt. approve the scheme, then the Provider will take the lead on this project. It is hoped that this scheme would be live by the beginning of 2023. Cllr C. Baldwin was thanked by the Chairman and all the Councillors for all the work that has been carried out by the Project Team.

Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that one of her neighbours with the same post code has had broadband fibre installed to their premises from the Builth Wells side and that she would probably go with the same provider, depending on the cost.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 119-2021

New Boundary Review Details of the new boundary review for this area had been sent to each Councillor. If the order is passed, it was noted that Bronllys Ward which presently includes Llyswen & Erwood would also include part of Felinfach - Llandefalle, Llanfilo and Talachddu wards having the estimated population of 1,086 eligible electors and the new name given will be Bronllys and Felinfach. (Bronllys a Felinfach - Welsh Version). The review does not state that our previous suggestion to include Erwood in the title will be adopted.

Minute 120-2021

Date of Next Meeting A further meeting will be held shortly to make a decision on the quotation from Mr D. Newell on the provision of the Two Notice Boards. The second meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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