

DRAFT**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
 Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
 Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
 Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to the face-to-face meeting in Erwood Market Hall and said it was a nice change from the zoom meetings.

APOLOGIES were made by County Councillor Karen Laurie Parry as she was still in Aberdare and unable to attend, which was accepted.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and it was agreed by all that the details were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING**Minute 121-2021**

Talking Bench Reference 107-2021. The Clerk informed the meeting that Erwood YFC had won the competition for the recycled talking bench. It was agreed that the Clerk send a Congratulations Card to them on behalf of Erwood Community Council.

Minute 122-2021

Highways Reference 116-2021.
 Maintenance (a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he was pleased that the maintenance team had carried out the necessary work at the top terrace and roads around Erwood and the Clerk was asked to send an e-mail in appreciation of this work.
 Bund on Common (b) Cllr Elizabeth Williams reported that no further work had been done to date

Minute 123-2021

Boundary Reference 119-2021. It was noted that at the next election in May 2022 for County Councillors, there would then only be one Councillor representing the new Bronllys and Felinfach ward. The next election of Community Councillors is also due then.
 Review

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 124-2021

Notice Boards

Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Stephen Davies had visited Mr David Newell recently and they saw first-hand the very good standard of furniture he produces which was very encouraging. Cllr Alan Pryce read out a note he had given to Mr Fergusson, Erwood regarding the supply of two notice boards, extending the closing date for receipt of quotations to 20th August with no response. Price from another firm for comparison, similar to our specification, wooden - £1459+ Each -Notice Board Co.

Two prices to compare for recycled man-made timber:

£900+ Each - Notice Board Co. – similar to Llanddew Notice Board.

£940+ Each - Greenbarnes Co.

All Councillors agreed to accept the quotation from Mr David Newell, from Cwmbach, Glasbury for the total sum of £1,600.00 for two notice boards with a deposit of £1,000 at commencement of the work and £600 when completed. This was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis and was unanimously agreed upon. The Clerk to inform Mr Newell of this and that Cllr Alan Pryce would deliver the deposit personally and ensure he has a receipt at that time.

Minute 125-2021Vacancy of
Councillor

Mrs Kelly Sanders had sent an e-mail stating that she was unable to continue as Councillor due to family commitments and wished everyone all the best. The Clerk sent Kelly best wishes on behalf of the Community Council and thanked her for the work she had already carried out as Councillor. It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the Electoral Department, Powys County Council be sent the Notice of Vacancy and that this notice be put up on Notice Boards and on the web site straight away. Once the 14 days has expired, the vacancy could then be advertised with a 21 day closing date.

Minute 126-2021

Web Site

A notice on Erwood Notice Board showing the link to Erwood Web site has yet to be done. The web site gives details of all present Councillors on Erwood Community Council. Councillors did not wish for individual photos to be put on the web site so the Clerk suggested using the photo that had been taken at her presentation night of present and past Councillors and this was agreed. Cllr Stephen Davies

to action this. Discussions took place regarding the compliancy of the web pages. Cllr Stephen Davies had been sent a link by the Clerk to check this and only had one error which he corrected. He also thought that all Councillors should be sent details of a firm previously discussed that charge £10 a month for full compliancy to the latest WCAG 2.1 and GDPR guidelines. This could then be discussed at the next meeting.

Minute 127-2021

CEE Bill

A letter had been received from a resident of Crickadarn asking that Erwood Community Council support The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (CEE Bill). The Clerk had read through details of this Bill and noticed that Powys County Council had not as yet shown it's support so had written to Martin Kemp who is the Officer in charge of Climate Change in PCC. His reply stated that there are currently two similar campaigns, one the CEE Bill and the other declaring ecological emergency and biodiversity which the PCC is following. Cllr Alan Pryce had invited Mrs Shewring to attend the meeting to explain the Bill in more detail but unfortunately she was away. Erwood Community Council support this Bill in principle but it was agreed that she be asked to our next meeting to speak to the Council on this subject and then a decision would be made.

Minute 128-2021

Barclays Bank

Bank Statements as at 30th July 2021:
 Community Account- £4,503.52 (2 cheques paid out - £70.83)
 Business Saving Account - £3,017.50
 Cheque paid out since last meeting with Chairman's approval:
 £15.00 - One Voice Wales – Code of Conduct Training for Cllr
 Caroline Baldwin (50% bursary given)

Minute 129-2021

Highways

County Councillor Karen Laurie –Parry was not present so this to be carried over to next meeting

Diseased Ash Tree In Erwood

(a) Mrs Lesley Vaughan, widow of the late David Vaughan who was Lord of the Manor of the Commons in Erwood had spoken with the Clerk to ask who she should contact regarding felling a diseased Ash Tree on the edge of the Bottom Common next to the A470 Main Road. Cllr Alan Pryce suggested that County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry could probably help Mrs Vaughan on this and she had agreed to get in touch with Highways Department and Trunk Road Agency for her and

get back to Mrs Vaughan. Cllr Alan Pryce said there were a few other trees with the same markings on the way up to Crickadarn.

Minute 130-2021

Disabled Toilet

In Erwood

Erwood Community Council agreed to be Custodian Trustees to Erwood Pit Stop Trust when a group of residents agreed to take over the running of the toilets in Erwood from PCC in 2015 so Cllr Alan Pryce gave an update at the meeting. The estimate of running costs of the toilets for 2019 to Jan 2020 equalled £2,350. A part-time cleaner and volunteers have helped to keep the costs down. Powys costs were £8K to £10K. With grants from Powys and The Senedd, the Pit Stop Trust has £22K plus in the kitty. Plans for a disabled toilet using part of the bus shelter has been drawn up by Mrs Penny Robinson and will be discussed by the Committee at their next meeting. If agreed, the application will be forwarded to Powys Planning Dept for approval. The Pit Stop Trust will be looking for match funding grants for this project. This is a great achievement and all the volunteers must be commended on their continued hard work and support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 131-2021

Broadband

Update

The Broadband project team has now made a decision to make Beacons Telecom their chosen provider based in Crickhowell. This has had the support of Mr Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer, PCC, and County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry. Cllr Caroline Baldwin handed out a draft poster with all the details and intends to have a stall at Erwood Fun Day on Saturday to promote this scheme to the public with members of Beacons Telecom present to answer any questions. The download speeds will be from 160 to 1000 Mbps. Packages starting at £17.99 per month for broadband service. Interest required by 30% of the households in the area in the first instance and final sign-up levels of 50- 60% needed. The provider has also agreed to provide free connection for Erwood Market Hall, as part of giving back to the community. The Chairman thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin, Cllr Elizabeth Williams and the others on the project team for all their continued hard work to get this scheme up and running.

Minute 132-2021

Training

Sessions- OVW

Training sessions had been received from One Voice Wales for September. Cllr Alan Pryce and Councillor Elizabeth Williams asked for a copy to be sent to them to decide and would let the

Clerk know.

Minute 133-2021

Apple
Devices

A letter had been received from One Voice Wales to notify any one with Apple devices to get them updated to the latest versions to mitigate the risks and avoid any potential vulnerability.

Minute 134-2021

Proposed
Sterilizers – EMH

Prof. Frank Banks had written to the Clerk to say that Erwood Market Hall Committee has had two quotations for providing Two Fume Extraction Units for the Hall and the application will be sent in to the second round of bids for the PCC Covid Community Recovery Grant Scheme by 15th September.

Minute 135-2021

Date of Next
Meeting

To be decided between Chairman & Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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