

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Haydn Powell
Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis (Joined at 8.30 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Chilvers & Katherine Lewis.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Ms Sarah Chilvers who was going to talk to the Councillors on Climate Change, Agenda 5(a).

Apologies for absence were given by Cllr Elizabeth Williams as she had a previous engagement and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis who stated that he would be late due to attending another meeting first and these were accepted.

Minute 136-2021

Change to Order of Agenda With agreement of all Councillors, the Chairman stated that Agenda item 5(a) will be brought forward as the speaker could then leave the meeting if she wished.

Minute 137-2021

CEE Bill - Climate Change Mrs Chilvers thanked the Committee for allowing her to explain about the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and explained to the Councillors the need to support the Bill as action needs to be made by everyone now. Different aspects of The Bill were discussed by all attending the meeting and it was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that Erwood Community Council support this Bill. This was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Haydn Powell. Cllr Alan Pryce offered to act as Chairman if they wished to hold a meeting in the Hall. The Clerk to inform Laura Shewring and also the CEE Bill Alliance of our decision.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 138-2021

Diseased Ash Tree in Erwood Reference 129(a)-2021. The Clerk did not know whether County Cllr Karen Laurie Parry had responded to Mrs Vaughan on the tree on the bottom of the common in Erwood. Cllr Stephen Davies stated that several trees in the wood next to the Crickadarn Road had been marked by a representative of Llangoed Estate as it was the land owner's responsibility to take action on these diseased trees.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 139-2021

Vacancy of Councillor The Clerk informed the meeting that notice of the vacancy had been put on the website, on local notice boards, Community Notice Board page and face book with the closing date for Wednesday 13th October 2021. No applications to date.

Minute 140-2021

Council As a few Councillors were absent from this meeting, it was agreed to carry this
Web site item forward to the next meeting. As agreed previously, the Clerk has made a poster with details of our Community Council web site to make the public aware of its contents and it was agreed to put it up on the web site and all local notice boards.

Minute 141-2021

Barclays Bank Bank Statements as at 31st August 2021 were received as follows:
Business Current Account - £6,382.52 (Cheque paid out £15.00 and cheque paid In £1867.52 – 2nd Precept)
Business Saving Account - £3017.58 (8p Interest)
Councillors approved the payment of £40.00 - Annual payment for Data Protection and £51.75 for the purchase of 4 ink cartridges.

Minute 142-2021

Hybrid Statutory guidance on holding hybrid meetings in Wales was received from
Meetings SLCC. As Erwood Market Hall does not have WiFi, this wouldn't be possible for our meetings at present. Cllr Caroline Baldwin stated that the supplier of Broadband in Erwood area, Beacons Telecom, has agreed to fit WiFi and broadband into the Market Hall by April 2022 free of charge and the control box located in the Computer Room. Cllr Stephen Davies offered to hold a trial run using phones and computers before our next meeting to see if this would be possible in the meantime.

Minute 143-2021

PAVO PAVO is offering to attend Community Council Meetings with a "Listening to you" visit to get the thoughts of what is needed in each area. Councillors were also invited to apply for a Trustee's position on PAVO. Notice was given of their AGM and Annual Conference 15th - 19th November. One of the topics on the Conference was Community Buildings & Village Halls. Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to send this information to Prof. Frank Banks, Chairman of Erwood Market Hall, in case he hadn't received notification of this.

Minute 144-2021

Audit Audit Wales had not completed the Council's Audit by the specified date of 30th September and notices had to be displayed on the web site and all local notice boards which has been carried out.

Minute 145-2021

Highways County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry was not in attendance to update the Council.

Bund near (a) It is thought that the present bund that has been built has narrowed the width of
Erwhenallt the road and it is now not suitable for large tractors & farming machinery travelling on this road. No further work has been carried out recently.

- Cattle Grid Twmpath (b) Cllr Haydn Powell stated that the cattle grid on the Twmpath has become very loose and rattles a lot when vehicles, lorries etc. travel over it. The Clerk to ask County Cllr Parry to report this.
- Speed Strips In Erwood (c) Cllr Alan Pryce reported that speed strips had been placed in Erwood Village for the last few weeks but have now been removed. It was decided that the Clerk ask for a copy of their findings.
- It had also been noticed that there was a rise in the road below Min-yr-afon, Erwood which was thought to be caused by the roots of the trees on the edge of the A470 main road.

Minute 146-2021

- Clerk's Lap Top The Clerk reported that the lid of her lap top has nearly broken off and making it difficult on times for her to carrying out her work. Cllr Stephen Davies is aware of its condition and said to the Committee that he would sort out a replacement in the next few weeks. All Councillors were in agreement to this.

Minute 147-2021

- Notice Boards Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he had visited Mr David Newell following the Council's acceptance of his quote to enquire when he would be able to commence work. Due to being unable to accept his quotation straight away, Mr Newell has now taken on a large project of an oak staircase, so he will be unable to start on the notice boards until the Spring 2022. This was accepted by all present. There is some concern that the proposed location for the Notice Board in Crickadarn may not be owned by the Church. Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Stephen Davies to investigate.

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis joined the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Minute 148-2021

- Broadband - Cllr Caroline Baldwin gave an update to all Councillors. Erwood Residents Community Broadband team has provided Erwood area with all the necessary details on a leaflet which includes a form to register interest and hope to distribute these to all households in this area during October. It will be important for anyone interested to complete these forms as soon as possible. Initially 30% of 245 houses need to show an interest with the aim of reaching 50-60% eventually. It is intended to arrange a meeting in Erwood Hall on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 to meet with the Director of Beacons Telecom, and it is hoped that all interested households will attend together with Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 149-2021

- Tenovus It has been a very difficult time for many charities and Tenovus has requested the Council to help them financially. As donations are usually decided in the March meeting, the Clerk was asked to inform them that this will be discussed at that meeting.

Minute 150-2021

Councillor's Training One Voice Wales has sent through the list of training sessions for October 2021. Cllr Alan Pryce has booked training on Chairman Skills and other Councillors will decide on sessions that will be available early next year.

Minute 151-2021

Calon Hearts This firm had written to advise the Council that they have taken over the maintenance of Cariad defibrillators on all their sites across Wales. It was decided to ask Cllr Elizabeth Williams if she has had notification of this from Mr David Ronicle, Chairman of Builth Wells Health Care.

Minute 152-2021

Taxes for Second A consultation is now taking place on local Taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodations with closing date on 17th November 2021. The Clerk to Homes send this information to all Councillors.

Minute 153-2021

Councillor's Survey A request has been received from Rebecca Evans AM/MS. Minister for Finance & Local Government for Councillors to complete the survey regarding their role as Councillors. This was e-mailed to all Councillors.

Minute 154-2021

Welsh Youth Parliament A letter had been received from the Welsh Youth Parliament Team to try to encourage young people who are eligible to engage in these elections with registration to vote up to 12th November 2021. It was agreed to send these details to the Secretary of Erwood Young Farmers Club for their information/action.

Minute 155-2021

Date of Next Meeting It was decided to have a trial run on a face to face meeting together with Councillors joining by phone if they wished, probably in November 2021.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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