

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
 Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams (Joined by Google)
 Cllr Haydn Powell
 Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
 Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin
 County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry (Joined meeting at 8.30 p.m.)

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

A one minute's silence was held at the beginning of the meeting in memory of the local men who lost their lives in both of the wars.

There were no Declarations of Interest

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and all agreed that they were a true record and the Chairman signed them as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 156-2021

Co-option of Councillor Reference 139-2021. The Clerk reported that there had been no interest in the vacancy for a Councillor. The Electoral Dept. has said that the Council could co-opt someone if a suitable candidate came forward and as it's now less than 6 months before the date of the Community Council elections on 5th May 2022, there would be no need for going through the legal process. It is now quite unlikely that someone would be interested when there is an election so soon.

Minute 157-2021

Clerk's Laptop Reference 146-2021. Cllr Stephen Davies had changed the Clerk's lap top and downloaded all her files on to the new computer, for which she is very grateful.

Minute 158-2021

Welsh Youth Reference 154-2021. A reply had been received from the Secretary of Erwood Parliament Young Farmers' Club stating that she would take these details to their next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 159-2021

Planning Application Powys Planning Dept. had forwarded a planning application (Listed Buildings) Erwood Hall with proposals for Internal & External alterations, to include reinstatement of cellar steps and walls, replacement of modern windows, installation of a bathroom, alterations to boundary wall, and all associated works at Erwood Hall for Ms Irena Kovaleva, Crickhowell. Ref: 21/1936/LBC. All Councillors agreed to support this application with a comment that the additional alterations to the boundary wall was noted.

Minute 160-2021

Policy for Future Procedures at Planning Meetings Due to complications on the Planning Application for Tregare Barns, and in order to formulate the correct procedure on all future planning applications, Cllr Stephen Davies proposed, seconded by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis and agreed by everyone that a Policy should be put in place and Standing Orders be revised as follows:

From 18th November 2021, If the Community Council is asked to speak at a Planning Meeting on any application in Erwood area, the applicants must contact the Clerk giving her sufficient time to contact all Councillors to decide on who should speak on behalf of the Community Council at the Planning Meeting and get their agreement on the wording of the statement required.

Minute 161-2021

Multi Location Meetings A survey had been received from One Voice Wales on Councils having multi-location meetings which was completed at the meeting. This was the first meeting of the Community Council when one Councillor had joined the meeting by google which worked very well, thanks to Cllr Stephen Davies, and it was agreed that this system could be used in Erwood Market Hall in future providing the broadband and wi-fi signals were strong enough.

Minute 162-2021

Funding for Defibrillators One Voice Wales has forwarded details of a £500k funding available from the Welsh Government to the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust (WAST) in conjunction with Save- a- Life Cymru for the purchase of defibrillators by community groups. Crickadarn is the only village in Erwood area with no defibrillator so as Builth Wells Health Care no longer has the contract with Cariad, the Clerk was advised to write to the Secretary, Mr David Ronicle, to enquire what the procedure would now be to purchase a defibrillator. All Councillors were in agreement that a defibrillator is needed in Crickadarn Village if this was possible and Cllr Elizabeth Williams suggested purchasing the same make as the others – Zoll AED Plus. The closing date for the first round of applications is 30th November 2021 but applications after that date will be put forward to any future rounds. To discuss again when Mr Ronicle replies.

Minute 163-2021

Barclays Bank Bank Statements as on 20th October 2021:
 Business Savings Account - £3,017.58
 Business Current Account - £6,290.77 (Two cheques paid out - £40.00 with ICO for Data Protection & £51.75 for Ink Cartridges from Cartridge Save)
 All Councillors accepted the above details and also agreed to the Clerk's request to purchase further ink cartridges.

County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry joined the meeting at 8.30 p.m..

Minute 164-2021Highways

Drains by Alltmawr (a) Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that a lorry from Boughrood Depot had been cleaning out the drains from the Builth Wells end to her farm although it was usually the Builth Depot's 'patch'.

Bund (b) Cllr Elizabeth Williams commented that the bund built recently along the dangerous part of the road by Erwhenallt was just a token gesture and gives a false sense of security but not a solution as grass has now grown over it and the soil has been flattened by wide vehicles driving over it.

Dol-llyn-wydd (c) The road over the Bridge is to be tarmaced on 19th November and the road will be closed for a few hours. Repair work to the bridge has been estimated at £75k.

Minute 165-2021

Site of Notice Board, Crickadarn As there is some uncertainty of who owns the land where it is intended to erect the notice board in Crickadarn, Cllr Alan Pryce asked if County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry, Cllr Stephen Davies & Cllr Caroline Baldwin would be able to attend a site meeting with him there to make a decision on this. Cllr Pryce to arrange and all agreed to meet. County Cllr Parry stated that PCC would probably have this information so would contact Highways following the meeting.

Minute 166-2021

Extra Rubbish Bin -Toilet site, Erwood Cllr Alan Pryce reported that rubbish is constantly being dumped outside the toilet area in Erwood and also thrown over the bridge into the River Clettwr which is causing environmental problems and encouraging rodents. Several volunteers on the Pit Stop Trust are picking rubbish up around this site and taking it home which is not acceptable. Some time ago, the Council had agreed to make several visits to this site each week to collect the rubbish to save them providing an extra bin but collections seem to be reduced to one visit a week only which is causing problems again. County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to speak to Collete Edwards from Bronllys and also Mr Matt Perry, PCC on this.

Minute 167-2021

Broadband County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry said that first of all she would like to congratulate Cllr Caroline Baldwin and the Broadband project group on the outstanding work that has been carried out to organise the provision of broadband for Erwood area. This was seconded by everybody at the meeting.

Update by County Cllr (i) County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry has spoken to a resident of Crickadarn Village who is complaining about the speeding of traffic through the village as very dangerous especially to walkers in the area. This has been a problem for many years now and has been notified to PCC previously. She agreed to speak to Mr Matt Perry, Powys County Council who may have some ideas of how to alleviate this problem, such as slow down signs.

(ii) The resident of New Gardens, Erwood has spoken to County Cllr Parry about the speed of traffic on the A470 passing his house. County Cllr Parry to contact Go-Safe for advice on this, perhaps a mirror on the other side of the road may help.

Minute 168-2021

Broadband Update Cllr Caroline Baldwin had kindly sent a report of the meeting of 2nd November to all Councillors. The project group has dropped off leaflets to nearly all the houses in the area. Of the 75 premises required, 55 have already completed the form and are waiting for 10-15 who have said they are interested, to reply. It is the intention to send a newsletter out. Mr Trevor Mosedale, Beacons Telecom, has informed Mr Reece Simmons, Community Broadband Officer, PCC that they will get sufficient numbers to proceed with this project.

Minute 169-2021

Climate Change All Councillors and others have been invited to the first meeting of Erwood Community Climate & Ecological Emergency Group zoom meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd November at 7 p.m. The Clerk had received an e-mail from the Chairman of Erwood Market Hall drawing attention to a small grant

scheme of funding of up to £7,000 available through Arwain, one of the categories being environmental challenges. This is an agenda item for the above meeting so the Clerk had informed him that this will be discussed then. It was agreed by all Councillors that the information received from One Voice Wales on A Green Network for Town & Community Councils, a monthly forum to discuss environment issues, policies etc. should be sent to Laura Shewring.

Minute 170-2021

OVW Area Meeting Cllrs. Alan Pryce & Geoffrey Lewis attended the Area Meeting in Builth Wells this week. Mrs Rosemarie Harris and Mr Matt Perry were in attendance from PCC. Cllr Pryce informed Mr Perry that drains had not been cleaned from Crickadarn to Erwood Villages for a long time and one of the drains on Back Lane, Erwood was presently blocked and the water was running down onto the A470 with three premises on the way under threat. This drain had been unblocked a few months ago but is already overgrown with grass etc. He also commented on the drains at Cwrt Gwenddwr, Gwenddwr. Both Councillors thought that this meeting was very informative and that it was useful to be able to speak to the officer responsible regarding these problems. County Cllr Parry stated she has reported these issues and the Welsh Government are getting back to her.

Minute 171-2021

Next meeting It is intended to hold the next meeting in December. The Clerk informed Councillors that the draft budget for 2022-23 will be discussed and she would need a decision from each of the Councillors in writing whether or not they intend to accept the £150 allowance or opt out and any expenses due so that the correct figures can be added on to the budget form. This budget will be finalised at a January meeting as the precept request has to be returned by end of January.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

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