

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 BY ZOOM AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:    CLLR ALAN PRYCE  
                               CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES  
                               CLLR MRS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS  
                               CLLR HAYDN POWELL  
                               CLLR MRS CAROLINE BALDWIN

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter Brock, Gwenddwr

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mr Peter Brock as a member of the Public.

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis who was unwell and this was accepted and also County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Nil

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 were agreed as a true record and the Chairman to sign them in due course.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 1-2022

Planning            Reference 173-2021. The length of the deferment of this planning application  
 Application -    was still not known. County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry to be asked.  
 Tregare

Minute 2-2022

Notice            Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that he visited Mr David Newell at  
 Boards            Glasbury recently who informed him that he was about a month behind with his  
                           work mainly due to the pandemic. He will get in touch when he is ready to start this  
                           work.

Minute 3-2022

Rubbish Bins –   Reference 175-2021. County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry had agreed to chase  
 Toilet area       this up but nothing heard to date.

Minute 4-2022

ALCC (Union)    Reference 182-2022. The invoice for the ALCC membership had now been received  
 Membership      which was £50 for year 2022, a £5 increase on last year which has been paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 5-2022

Completion of Audit 2020-21 Notice has been received of the completion of Audit. The Clerk read out the comments received which stated that accounts were in order. The only suggestion made was that the reserves should be reduced for 2022-23. The Council is aware of this and has already made reductions on their draft budget for the next year. The Conclusion of Audit was to be put on each of the Notice Boards in the area and on the Council's web site together with details of elector's rights to check the accounts, giving 14 days to request this. A copy of the completed AGAR form sent to Audit also has to be displayed. Councillors all agreed these details were correct. The invoice will be sent out in the near future from Audit Wales.

Minute 6-2022

Budget Form & Precept for 2022-23 The revised budget form following the December meeting was sent to each Councillor. As the December 2021 Bank Statement had now been received, some details had been altered but the budget figure remains the same. All Councillors confirmed that the proposed budget for 2022-23 is £5,913.67 and the precept request for next year should be £6,000.00 as recommended at last meeting. It was also agreed that any celebrations costs for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be taken out of the reserved contingency sum.

Minute 7-2022

Red Telephone Kiosks - Crickadarn The Clerk had received a reply from CADW on the listed red kiosk in Crickadarn Village to say that Powys County Council, as local planning authority, has the responsibility for this. Repainting the kiosk would be allowed provided that the colour does not change. Replacement of the plastic windows with glass would probably need consent and advised contacting Powys Planning Services. A reply from Planning stated that changing the windows would need listed building consent and suggested we write to the Built Heritage Officer, Sam Johnson, PCC. Cllr Caroline Baldwin agreed to get in touch with Lisa Payne first and for it to be discussed at our next meeting.

Minute 8-2022

Payphone Consultation The Clerk had asked PCC for an update on the position of the payphones at Erwood and Llaneglwys as no correspondence has been received since October 2020. Liz Trow, Community Development Officer, had replied stating our Council's objections to the removal of these two kiosks due to poor mobile coverage still stand and that consultations take place every year and if there is any change the Community Council will be informed. It was noted that the kiosk in Erwood is covered over with brambles and probably not used. It was agreed that arrangements should be made to make it accessible.

Minute 9-2022

Vacancy of Councillor Unfortunately Mr Peter Brock's interest in being co-opted on to the Community Council could not be accepted as he had not lived in the area for 12 months. He

was encouraged by everyone to apply at the Elections in May 2022.

#### Minute 10-2022

Defibrillator for Cllr Elizabeth Williams stated that the defibrillator had been received with Crickadarn the Secretary of Builth Wells Health Care but was waiting for the all-weather box. She agreed to check whether this had now arrived. Cllr Caroline Baldwin said that she had seen a defibrillator that had been fixed on a light pole and thought it would be in an ideal prominent position next to the kiosk in Crickadarn. The Clerk was asked to write to the Street Lighting Department in PCC to ask for permission for this to be done. Another option discussed was in the unused phone box but the kiosk could not then be used for exchange of books. The Clerk was advised to send Builth Health Care our donation once the defibrillator had been installed. The poster had been displayed on each of our notice boards and on the web site regarding any offers of donations in the area.

#### Minute 11-2022

Training - A list of training sessions for months of January, February and March had been received from One Voice Wales. Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Caroline Baldwin asked for details to be sent to them to decide if any were suitable. A certain amount of bursary was still available to be used before the end of March.

#### Minute 12-2022

Barclays Bank Bank statements on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:  
 Community Account - £7,966.58  
 (Money in – 3<sup>rd</sup> Precept - £1,867) (Money out – 3 cheques £176.19)  
 Business Premium Account - £3,017.66 (Interest 0.08)  
 Cheque paid since last meeting - £50 – ALCC (Union) Membership for 2022  
 All Councillors were in agreement with this.

#### Minute 13-2022

Home Energy Audits PAVO had forwarded an e-mail asking for three volunteers from the community who would be interested in visiting homeowners who request a home audit, to complete a questionnaire on home energy installations on behalf of Lightfoot Enterprises (about 2 hrs in each premises). Volunteers would have a free half day training session on how to gather this information. Funding is available and replies required by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Erwood Climate Group is interested in finding out if this project is feasible in this area and has suggested holding a meeting. All Councillors agreed to this and the Clerk was asked to respond to Laura Shewring stating that several Councillors are prepared to join their meeting.

#### Minute 14-2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Discussions took place on whether Erwood area intended to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 and what took place on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The Clerk stated that she has a file with details of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which she will bring to the next meeting. Cllr Alan Pryce stated

that Prof. Frank Banks, Chairman of Erwood Market Hall, wished to be involved in all discussions and it was hoped that Erwood Young Farmers Club would also be interested together with other organisations in the area. Cllr Caroline Baldwin agreed to ask parents what the children would like to be given and it was agreed that each Councillor would get names & addresses of all children in their 'patch' to know the number involved by next meeting. If the Community Council decides to provide mugs for the children, the Clerk stated that an advert in the Clerks & Councils magazine quoted £5.88 each mug plus VAT and P & P, purchased in boxes of 36. Funding is available from National Lottery Awards for All on applications costing less than £10,000. To be discussed further at next meeting.

#### Minute 15-2022

##### Highways

Verge opposite Cilbedwog Turning (a) A reply was received from Daniel Relf, Boughrood Highways Depot, stating that he had visited the site before Christmas and, in his opinion, the most feasible solution would be to plant a row of quick growing hedge plants along the verge to help prevent soil erosion and provide a natural restraint for vehicles. All Councillors agreed that this would be a suitable solution. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry had recently requested that bollards be put in place at this site. Cllr Elizabeth Williams thought that this was also a suitable solution along the bund that Highways had supplied on UC55 road above Tregare Farm as it is definitely as dangerous there. The Clerk to reply to Mr Relf accordingly.

Slippery Pitch to Cefngarth (b) Mr Relf will arrange for the C0035 near Gwenddwr Village to be swept in the near future when resource is available.

#### Minute 16-2022

Broadband Cllr Caroline Baldwin informed the Committee that the suppliers of the Broadband for Erwood area are still waiting for approval from DCMS although it is viable now. Confirmation has been given that Erwood Market Hall will be connected by this April 2022. It is anticipated that once work commences, there will be more people interested in signing up. The work that Cllr Caroline Baldwin and all the project team are doing is appreciated by everyone present.

#### Minute 17-2022

Date of Next Meeting Cllr Alan Pryce thanked everyone for joining and also Mr Brock who thanked the Council for inviting him. Thanks too was given to Cllr Caroline Baldwin for setting up the meeting on Zoom. The Chairman and Clerk would decide on a date mid February for the next meeting which will also be by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.