

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON THURSDAY
24th FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin
County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry (joined meeting at 8.25 p.m.)

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to the meeting and also thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin for setting up the Zoom meeting.

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Haydn Powell as he had a previous engagement and this was accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and all Councillors agreed that it was a correct record and to be signed by the Chairman in due course.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 18-2022

Notice Boards Reference 2-2022. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis asked if the Chairman has had any update on the start date of the Notice Boards. He stated that he has been informed by the owner of the shed where the posters are displayed in Llaneglwys that he intends to knock it down soon. Cllr Alan Pryce said he was doubtful that work would commence before April but would visit Mr Newell again to find out the latest position and let everyone know.

Minute 19-2022

Audit Wales Reference 5-2022. The Clerk stated that no one had asked to check the accounts during the 14 days allowed and also commented that the invoice had not yet been received. She would ask at the next Clerk's meeting if any Clerks had been invoiced yet and if so, will chase this up so that it could be included in this financial year's accounts.

Minute 20-2022

Kiosk – Erwood Reference 8-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that he had checked the kiosk in Erwood and it was working although perhaps not being used .

CORRESPONDENCE:

Minute 21-2022

Queen's Platinum Proposed celebrations were discussed at great length. Cllr Alan Pryce stated as Brecknock's YFC Annual Rally was taking place the same weekend and Erwood

Jubilee Club were hosting the event on the Saturday at Penmaenau, Builth Wells, Erwood Market Hall Committee has suggested holding an event on Sunday starting at 4 p.m. with an afternoon tea, sports and disco later. Money left in Erwood Social Committee account may be used.

The Community Council talked through all the different gifts that could be given to the children in the area and it was agreed that it would be a lot easier if children of all ages had the same. Suggestions of mugs or coins were discussed and agreed that a commemoration coin was the best option as a keepsake. Cllr Elizabeth Williams and the Clerk had found some suitable ones on line and the Clerk would bring details to our next meeting. The Clerk was given lists of children in the Councillor's areas and there were still a few that needed to be confirmed. So far the number of children is about 55. The Clerk had also seen an offer of free saplings to plant from the Woodland Trust and Councillors agreed that each of the five areas should have one to plant. There was also funding available from the National Lottery Awards for All and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries.

County Cllr. Karen Laurie-Parry joined the meeting at 8.25 p.m. after having problems with Zoom.

Minute 22-2022

Location for Defibrillator, Crickadarn A reply from Andrew Davies, PCC offered one of his team to visit Crickadarn and meet with Councillors on site to assess what is needed. He stated that PCC could fit the defibrillator on to a separate column at a reduced cost of £200 for fitment by one of their electricians. Cllrs. Alan Pryce, Geoffrey Lewis, Stephen Davies & Caroline Baldwin agreed to meet a representative of PCC on site and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Minute 23-2022

Use of Kiosk, Crickadarn Cllr Caroline Baldwin had been in touch with residents of Crickadarn following the reply from CADW who agreed that they could do the maintenance and paint the phone box which has to stay the same colour but will need to get permission from Sam Johnson, Built Heritage Officer, PCC before they could replace the plastic windows with glass. The residents have agreed to cover all the costs by asking local residents for small contributions but still wish to apply for permission to change the windows. They will not be painting the kiosk until after the Notice Board has been fixed on this verge.

Minute 24-2022

PAVO - Membership The Clerk advised the Council that she had renewed the free membership with PAVO for a further 12 months which was agreed by all Councillors.

Minute 25-2022

Barclays Bank Bank Statements for 31st January 2022 were as follows:
 Community Account - £7,916.58 (Cheque paid out - £15 OVW Training – CB)
 Business Premium Account - £3,017.66
 Cheques paid since last meeting with the approval of the Chairman :

£50.00 for 5 meetings at Erwood Market Hall
 £52.30 – Cartridge Save Ltd.- for purchase of 5 Ink Cartridges

Minute 26-2022

Local Govt. & Election (Wales) this Council as follows:

Act 2021 At the end of the financial year, Community Councils must prepare and publish an annual report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.
 A training plan must be ready and published by 5th November 2022 to show that the Council collectively has the skills and knowledge it needs to deliver its plans effectively.
 Members of the Public attending meetings should be given reasonable opportunity to participate at meetings by the person presiding over the meeting. (up to 5 mins)
 Councils must take reasonable steps to allow meetings to be held from multiple locations.
 Proceedings of Council's meetings to publish key information within a week of meetings.
 These points were noted by all Councillors.

Minute 27-2022

Elections in May 2022 The Clerk and Cllr Caroline Baldwin attended the County Council Teams meeting on Elections last week by Sandra Matthews, Electoral Services who hosted a briefing session on the election process through to the AGM. The Clerk had ordered the necessary nomination packs for all the Councillors who did not want to complete the application on line. Cllr Elizabeth Williams informed the meeting that she had decided not to stand again at the Election as she felt that she couldn't give enough time to the role of Councillor which she thought was necessary. Everyone was devastated at her decision and the Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, stated that she has so many years of knowledge and experience and is a great asset to the Council and to the community as a whole and this was agreed by all present.

Minute 28-2022

Highways

Back Lane, Erwood (a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that a new manhole cover has been fitted by Bridge Villa, Back Lane plus drain repairs had been carried out which should stop the flooding after a heavy storm. The Chairman asked the Clerk to send a thank you letter to Lyn Parry and Daniel Relf of Boughrood Depot for their work at Back Lane and also at Cilbedwog turning.

Request for Liitter Bins (b) County Cllr. Karen Laurie-Parry has made a request to Mr Matt Perry for two extra bins to be provided outside the toilets as the bin there overflows regularly and rubbish is being left outside the toilets or thrown over the wall into the River Clettwr. County Cllr. Parry did say that bins have been provided, when asked, to other Councils in the area. It has been noted that between 8,000 & 9,000 people use the Erwood Toilets in a year. No action has yet been taken.

Minute 29-2022

Updates by County Cllr. Flooding had been sorted out by the entrance to John Jones's access road and Court Gwenddwr.

A resident from Crickadarn had spoken to K L-P stating that two tree surgeons had visited the site between Ciliane Uchaf and Forest Farms and will cut two trees down and hope that repairs to the dangerous road will be carried out there soon.

Road to Gyrnos Farm needs resurfacing or filling of the pot holes.

Banner advertising the Broadband Scheme in Erwood Village has been torn down by the winds. Cllr Caroline Baldwin said she would speak to Beacons Telecom to get it replaced.

Powys County Council failed to set their budget at their meeting today after disagreement over the tax freeze. This has been postponed until next week.

Minute 30-2022

Update on Erwood Pit Stop Cllr Alan Pryce stated that their application to provide Disabled Toilets was turned down as too much of the Bus Shelter would be needed and this was not acceptable.

Mr Alistair Knox, Architect agreed to draw plans up for a baby changing unit.

Minute 31-2022

Climate Change Cllr Caroline Baldwin informed the Committee that the Climate Action Group had applied for two projects offering funding by PAVO and were successful in one for PAVO Community Case Study. More members would be welcome so if any other Councillors wished to be involved, or know someone, please contact Laura Shewring. Cllr Alan Pryce thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin and Laura Shewring for their continued input in this project.

Minute 32-2022

Broadband Cllr Caroline Baldwin stated that they are still waiting for approval and a meeting was arranged with Michael Lewis to ask for support to Powys and the team. Peter Williams, Welsh Government and the Dept of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) need to hurry thing along as 97 have now registered their interest. Hopefully the Market Hall will still be connected in April 2022 as promised.

Minute 33-2022

Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held in Erwood Market Hall as soon as the Election Packs have been delivered, so hopefully early March.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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