

MINUTES OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD
MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022 AT 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Williams (by google)
Cllr Haydn Powell
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Mrs Caroline Baldwin
County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Councillors were present.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Stephen Davies to Item 6 on the Agenda – Highways-Updates given by County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry.

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

MATTER ARISING

Minute 34-2022

Notice Boards Reference 18-2022. The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, informed the Committee that he will keep in touch with Mr Newell but as he has taken on a big project for building an oak staircase and kitchen, the prospects of him starting the notice boards in the next few months are doubtful. Cllr Pryce will ask for

the Llaneglwys one to be built first as their present site is being taken down.

Minute 35-2022

Audit Wales Reference 19-2022. The Clerk reported that the Audit invoice has still not been received and Clerks at the SLCC meeting were all waiting and hoping it will arrive before end of March.

Minute 36-2022

Elections Reference 27-2022. The Clerk had received the Election Packs for each of the Councillors. There are now two persons in the area who are interested in putting their names forward and Cllr Caroline Baldwin and Cty Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry agreed to deliver the packs to each of them. If no-one else applies, then we would have the correct number and avoid an election. Will know mid April.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 37-2022

Jubilee Gifts etc. Cllr Elizabeth Williams and the Clerk have been on line to see what coins are available. One coin from Bradford Exchange seemed the most suitable at £9.95 each + £3.99 S & S. The number of children 18 years and under in the area so far are 56 but would need to purchase a few spares. The Clerk had sent an e-mailed to this firm to find out if they could supply these numbers and if postage etc. would be

discounted but not had a reply as yet. It was suggested that perhaps we could use courier services for delivery. It was agreed by all Councillors to apply for a grant of £600 towards the purchase of these coins to National Lottery Awards for All Wales which the Clerk will complete.

The 5 trees that the Council had agreed to have at the last meeting may not be available until the second round which will be November time but the Clerk will keep a check on this.

Minute 38-2022

Windows at Kiosk, Crickadarn The Clerk had written to Mr Sam Johnson, PCC as recommended by Luke Jones PCC to ask for permission for the plastic windows to be replaced with glass ones in the listed kiosk in Crickadarn but no reply has been received as yet. The Clerk to chase this up again and Cty Cllr Parry said that she would write to him as well.

Minute 36-2022

Site for Defib. Crickadarn The meeting with Andrew Davies, PCC scheduled for today had to be cancelled but in the mean time, it was suggested that perhaps it would be suitable for the defibrillator to be housed in the kiosk as well as books etc. and not on a pole. Cllr Pryce stated that connection to electricity was not

needed if the defibrillator was housed inside the kiosk.

The telephone and cables etc. may need to be taken away at some stage but to await reply from Sam Johnson in the first place before taking this forward.

Minute 37-2022

Donations to the two Halls It was unanimously agreed by Councillors that the two Halls be given the same donations as last year, namely £500 for Erwood and £180 for Llaneglwys. Cllr Alan Pryce signed both the cheques and agreed to deliver the one for Erwood.

Minute 38-2022

Pay Rise For Clerks Information has been received from the National Association of Local Councils that a pay rise of 1.75% has been agreed back dated to April 2021 which was noted.

Minute 39-2022

Clerk's Salary and Expenses 2021-22 The Clerk's salary, including the pay rise, worked out at £2601.60 per annum, 20 hours per month, and expenses for the year £605.68. Councillors were all in agreement with these payments and the cheques were signed by Cllr Alan Pryce. The Council was thanked by the Clerk.

Minute 40-2022

OVW Membership The renewal of One Voice Wales membership for 1.4.22 & Training Fees to 31.3.23 was £82, up £2 from last year. The training fee for Cllr C Baldwin and Cllr G. Lewis was £50. This price included a £10 bursary which was the last discount for this year. These invoices were agreed by everyone and the cheques were signed by the Chairman.

Minute 41-2022

Donations for Charities Requests had been received from Children's Wales Air Ambulance Charity, Wales Air Ambulance Charity, Tenovus, Hope House, Stroke Assoc, Wyeside Art Centre and Teenage Cancer. The Councillors all agreed to donate £25 each this year to Wales Air Ambulance, Hope House, Stroke Assoc. and Teenage Cancer. Cheques signed at close of meeting.

Minute 42-2022

Cheques due before end of March 2022 Several cheques are due before the end of year and all Councillors agreed that the Clerk could be given authority to pay them before the end of the financial year so that they could be included in this year's Audit:

Audit Fee - £250.75, £200.00 donation to Built Wells

Health Care Trust towards price of defibrillator and fixing of defibrillator on pole at Crickadarn if, in fact, this is decided upon - £200.00.

Minute 43-2002

Highways

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| Sweeping of Roads | (a) Cllr Pryce reported that the Council vehicle was in Erwood sweeping the roads today but didn't know where else it was going. |
| Tregare Barns | (b) Cllr Stephen Davies declared an interest in this item as he was involved in this planning application and left the room.
Cty Cllr Parry stated that two holes had been dug to test the water and had been passed. Catherine James, Planning Officer, had said that the two accesses off the main A470 were still under discussion. Cllr Parry does not know how long this application has been deferred for but will check with Catherine James at their meeting next week. |
| Chapel House Farm | (c) This is still ongoing. Cllr Parry has written to Nigel Brinn and Lyn Parry to find out the latest on this. |
| Ciliane Uchaf, Gwenddwr | (d) Cll Haydn Powell asked Cllr Parry what has been done by Ciliane Uchaf but she said that apart from cutting down the two trees no other progress has been made. Cllr Powell said that this stretch of road is |

very dangerous and was first reported over 10 years ago now and it is urgent. Cllr Karen Parry to chase this up.

Minute 44-2022

Updates from

Cty Cllr Parry

- Litter Bins (a) Cllr Parry had ask Colette Evans, Waste & Recycling Area Manager to provide an extra litter bin outside the toilets in Erwood and has been told that if the Pit Stop purchase the bin then the Council will empty it on a regular basis.
- Baby Changing Unit – Erwood (b) Cllr Parry has e-mailed the Planning Services to ask if they could waive their charge of £230 for the application of a baby unit and is waiting for this to be investigated.
- Speed Controls - Erwood (c) Cllr Parry has e-mailed Simmon Signs for estimated costs for supplying & installing Speed Control signs for Erwood and is waiting a reply.

Minute 45-2022

Broadband Cllr Caroline Baldwin said the work has not commenced yet but hopefully will be soon.

Minute 46-2022

Climate Change A report in this week's Brecon & Radnor Express stated that

Group Erwood was one of four communities that had been successful in obtaining funding from UK Government supported by PAVO and PACE to carry out a community carbon audit. Laura Shewring, the co-ordinator of the Erwood Climate Action Group, will be talking further with the persons involved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 47-2022

Barclays Bank The Clerk read out the bank statements for 28th Feb 2022.
Community Account - £7,864.28 (money out - £52.30 for 5 printer cartridges)
Business Premium Account - £3,017.66
This was accepted by everyone.

Minute 48-2022

Meeting in Clyro Cllr Alan Pryce stated that a site meeting to look at the new housing development in Clyro organised by One Voice Wales area meeting had now been postponed until 24TH March. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis had not heard about this so the Clerk would chase this up for him.

Minute 49-2022

Erwood YFC The Clerk had received a letter off the Secretary of Erwood YFC to say that they have had an offer to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and wished to plant it in Erwood. The Clerk

gave her details of who to contact for permission on the commons or back of the Market Hall.

Minute 50-2022

Support to Questions were asked as to what the Community Council
Ukraine could do to support Ukraine at the present very difficult time for them. Two suggestions made were, with permission from the Pit Stop Trust, to use all the donations given at the toilets over a couple of weeks to be collected for this cause as was previously done with the Nurses over Covid-19. It was also suggested that a Ukrainian flag could be erected in Erwood Village to show our support. Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to follow up these ideas.

Minute 51-2022

Date of Next It was agreed that the next meeting would be early
Meeting April.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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