

Minutes of a Meeting of Erwood Community Council held at Erwood Market Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7 p.m.

Members Present: Cllr Alan Pryce  
Cllr Stephen Davies  
Cllr Haydn Powell  
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis  
Cllr Caroline Baldwin  
County Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry (joined at 7.40 p.m.)

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

Cllr Haydn Powell confirmed that he hadn't sent in a nomination paper for the coming elections in May 2022 as he has been Councillor since 1983 and thought it time to let a younger candidate try for the post. On behalf of all the Councillors, the Chairman thanked him for all the work and support he has done over the last 39 years.

Cllr Elizabeth Williams had also resigned due mainly to poor health. She has been on the Council since 2004 and played an active part in many projects on behalf of the Community Council. Both Councillors will be missed very much.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Nil

APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Elizabeth Williams which was accepted.

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

##### Minute 52-2022

Notice Boards Reference 34-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce has visited Mr David Newell and was told that our Notice Boards were next on his list and he would get in touch when ready to start.

##### Minute 53-2022

Litter Bin by Erwood Toilets Reference 44(a)-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the Pit Stop Trust has ordered a bin at a cost of £350 which has to have security brackets. Powys Waste Recycling Section has agreed to empty the bin twice a week.

##### Minute 54-2022

Baby Changing Unit Reference 44(b)-2022. Plans have been drawn up and as Erwood Community Council is Custodian Trustees would need to give consent for this work to be carried out. A cheque for £230 will have to be sent with the plans but, hopefully, the Powys Planning Dept. may consider waiving this cost when they have seen the plans. To be put on the May agenda.

##### Minute 55-2022

Meeting in Clyro Reference 48-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce reported that this meeting has been postponed several times as the County Council and Community Council do not want the One Voice Wales group on site. Another meeting has been arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> May which may go ahead as discussing heating systems for high efficiency homes could be very useful.

##### Minute 56-2022

Support for Ukraine Reference 50-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that No. 12 The Holmes has fixed a flag pole on their lawn in the middle of Erwood Village to show support. The Pit Stop Trust decided not to collect donations at this time.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Minute 57-2022

Donations Acknowledgements of our donations had been received from Llaneglwys Village Hall, Stroke Association, Builth Wells Health Care & Teenage Cancer Trust and most of the other donations given have already been banked.

Minute 58-2022

OVW – Training Sessions The list of Training Sessions given by One Voice Wales have been received for months of April & May. All May dates are mainly for the new Councillors, Code of Conduct Module 9 & New Councillor Inductions. To be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

Minute 59-2022

Audit Fee The Audit Wales fee was £225.00 for year 2020-21 and not £250 as expected and has been paid.

Minute 60-2022

Barclays Bank Bank Statements for year end - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:  
Community Account - £2,932.77 (13 cheques paid out - £4,931.51)  
Business Premium Account - £3,017.74 (8p interest)  
Councillors accepted these figures.

Minutes 61-2022

Jubilee Mugs The order for 2 boxes of 36 Jubilee Mugs for all children 18 year olds and under in the area has now been sent to CommuniCorp, the cost being £527.23. Cups are due to be delivered beginning of May.

Minute 62-2022

National Lottery Funding The Clerk had sent an application to the National Lottery Awards for All requesting £600 as agreed to help with the purchase of celebration mugs and it has been accepted and payment will be sent direct to the bank soon. This information was welcomed by all.

Minute 63-2022

Local Elections List of nominations for County Councillor for Bronllys & Felinfach Ward is:  
Tom Colbert, Steve Davies, Paul Evans, Karen Laurie-Parry and Tony Thomas  
For Erwood Community Councillors:  
Caroline Baldwin, Steve Davies, Karen Laurie-Parry, Geoff Lewis, Lisa Payne and Alan Pryce.  
This leaves one vacancy, and co-option can take place after the election date. To be discussed at our next meeting.

Minute 64-2022

Welsh Government A letter had been received from Welsh Government advising that the date of return of the Annual Accounts has been extended from 30th June to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 as the pandemic continues to have an impact on local Authority staff resources.

Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry joined the meeting at 7.40 p.m. as she had been undertaking urgent County Council matters.

Minute 65-2022

Listed Kiosk In Crickadarn An e-mail had been received from Sam Johnson, Built Heritage Conservation Officer, PCC regarding the change of use of the Kiosk to house the defibrillator and/or recycling books/ garden items. He advised that the painting of the kiosk and replacement of the windows would appear like for like but suggested that the Council should get in touch with BT regarding removal of the phone equipment. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Council should ask that a member of CADW attend a site meeting so that this could be sorted out as it is important that the defibrillator is sited in the Village soon in case it is needed in an emergency and the kiosk could also be reused as requested by locals.

Minute 66-2022

Vacancy of Clerk The Clerk reported that she intends to resign as Clerk sometime this year and has stated that she is prepared to complete the Audit for this year first and also is prepared to overlap a new Clerk to help for a few months before leaving which could well be August time. The Chairman and Clerk to decide on a suitable advert and this will be discussed further at our next meeting in May 2022.

Minute 67-2022

Highways

- Ash Die Back Trees (a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he has noticed that several trees with this disease on the way up to Crickadarn from Erwood which has been marked ready for felling.
- Blockage of Debris on Bridge (b) Cllr Stephen Davies said he thought the fallen tree and debris blocking the bridge over the River Clettwr in the Llangoed Wood has now been cleared.
- Cefngarth Road (c) Cllr Haydn Powell reported that the road up to Cefngarth Farm from Pantdyfaid Common has deep pot holes and needs repairing. Cllr Parry agreed to report this to Powys Highways.

Minute 68-2022Updates

- Broadband (i) Cllr Caroline Baldwin stated that vouchers had now been delivered but not all interested households have returned them yet. It is hoped that work will commence connecting the upstairs at Erwood Market Hall in the next week or so. She reported that the Welsh Government is to cease funding with the extended deadline ending in September but fortunately this will not have an impact on Erwood as this project has already been approved. Between 60 -70 vouchers are required to validate it and work could then commence. Cllr Alan Pryce thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin and the project team for all the hard work they had done on this.

Minute 69-2022

- Speed Controls - Erwood Village (ii) Reference 44(c)-2022. County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry stated that she is still waiting to receive a quotation from Simmons Signs for supplying and installing Speed Controls in the Bronllys Ward area. This information is needed in order to forward to the Welsh Government Trunk Road Agency and Powys Highways for their consideration to the provision of Speed Controls in this area. To bring to next meeting.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 70-2022

- Trees to Commemorate the Jubilee The Clerk informed the meeting that the Woodland Trust are now accepting requests for free trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for November planting. The list of trees available were discussed and Councillors agreed to the Copse Package of 30 trees, 10 each of silver birch, rowan and wild cherry. Grid references would be required and permission required from owners of the ground. It was decided that the Clerk write to James & Laura Shewring to ask them for some advice on where these could be planted in the area.

Minute 71-2022

- Husting Meetings Prior to Elections Cllr Parry stated that Builth Council had arranged for a Hustings Meeting to be held with all nominated candidates for County Councillor for Builth area in the Election to be present and enquired whether Erwood were going to hold such a meeting. After much discussion, although agreed it was a good idea, Councillors decided not to arrange a meeting in Erwood.

Minute 72-2022

- Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and the monthly meeting and has been booked for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7 p.m. at Erwood Market Hall.

At the close of the meeting, Cllr Haydn Powell thanked all the Councillors present for all their help and support over the many years he had held the position of Community Councillor and wished everyone all the best for the future. The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, wished him all the very best from everyone on Erwood Community Council.

The meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

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