

MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2022 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR GEOFFREY LEWIS
 CLLR ALAN PRYCE
 CLLR CAROLINE BALDWIN
 CLLR KAREN LAURIE-PARRY
 CLLR LISA PAYNE
 COUNTY COUNCILLOR TOM COLBERT

IN ATENDANCE: Mr Haydn Powell

The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting and there were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Alan Pryce, Cllr Caroline Baldwin & Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry to Item 5(l) as all members of Erwood Pit Stop Group.

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

MATTER ARISING

MINUTE 86-2022

Litter Bins - Reference 53-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the litter bin had now been received
 Erwood and collections will start from next week. The Pit Stop Trust now has two litter bins
 – one owed by PCC and one by Erwood Pit Stop. Mrs Colette Evans, Recycling
 Officer, had advised that if bins are too big the public are apt to use them for their
 own rubbish.

Minute 87-2022

Notice Boards Reference 54-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce had taken the £1000 deposit to Mr David Newell
 this week and had a receipt which he gave to the Clerk for her file. No start date has
 yet been given but he has been asked to start with the Llaneglwys one first. Cllr
 Geoffrey Lewis to mark the site with pegs and get permission off the land owners.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miinode 88-2022

Internal Mrs Pam Banks, Internal Auditor, completed her section items 1 to 12 of the Annual
 Audit Report on 4th May 2022 and agreed that the accounts were all dealt with to
 her satisfaction and signed the letter accordingly. Councillors supported her decision
 at their meeting of 19th May 2022.

Minute 89-2022

Responsible The Clerk/RFO had certified that all the accounting statements in the Annual Finance Officer Return were correct on 6th May and this was reported to the Community Council's and Clerk meeting of 19th May 2022 and accepted by all Councillors.

Minute 90-2022

Audit 2021-22 Councillors all took part in completing the Annual Governance Statement for the external auditors and agreed that all arrangements has been in place on questions 1 to 8. Questions 9 not applicable to this Council. It was resolved that the Chairman sign the form confirming that approval is given by the Council at this meeting.

Minute 91-2022

Vacancy of Councillor The Clerk had circulated a copy of the draft advertisement for the vacancy of one Councillor for Erwood following the elections and it was agreed that this be posted on each of the four notice boards in the area, on our web site, the local Community Notice Boards site on facebook. The closing date is 9th June 2022.

Minute 92-2022

Advert for Clerk Draft copy of the advertisement for the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer's post was discussed. It was agreed that the 20 hours per month be increased to 30 hours as the work had increased considerably. It was decided to have the closing date for any applications as Thursday 16th June.

Minute 93-2022

Nomination on Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry was proposed by Cllr Lisa Payne and seconded by Cllr Powys Caroline Baldwin and she agreed to be nominated. The necessary application form Standards Comm. was sent to her to complete and return to Powys Democratic Services Officer.

Minute 94-2022

Planning - Erwood Hall Approval of Planning Application 21/1936/LBC for work at Erwood Hall has been received from the Planning Department. This includes reinstatement of cellar steps & walls, replacement of modern windows, installation of a bathroom, alterations to boundary wall and all associated works for Mr Irena Kovaleva.

Minute 95-2022

Training – One Voice Training sessions for new Councillors had been received and Cllr Lisa Payne agreed to attend the New Councillor Induction session on 23rd May which is free and Code of Conduct training on 24th May. Details of June training sessions have not yet been received.

Minute 96-2022

Barclays Bank Barclays Bank statements for 29th April 2022:

Current Account - £5,453.85 (Money paid in - £600 Jubilee Grant, £207.12
 Repayment of VAT for last year and £2,000 Precept)
 (Money paid out – Donations £25 & £180, £81.04 Ink Cartridges)
 Business Savings Account - £3,017.74
 Councillors were all in agreement with these figures.

Minutes 97-2022

Listed Kiosk - The Clerk had written to CADW requesting a representative to meet Councillors
 Crickadarn on site in Crickadarn to discuss the work which is required at the Kiosk and the reply
 given was to contact Powys County Council regarding this. The Clerk has also e-
 mailed Mrs Liz. Trow PCC asking her to discuss this with her contact at BT and let us
 know how we can proceed with this. The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies, agreed to
 phone Mrs Liz Trow regarding this.

Minute 98-2022

BHIB A quotation has been received from BHIB Insurance for the 2nd year of our contract
 Insurance which remains the same at £164.92 commencing on 1st June 2022. The Clerk
 asked whether the defibrillators and notice boards should be included this year.
 County Councillor Tom Colbert suggested that the Clerk of Felinfach Community
 Council may have the costs for including defibrillators on a policy so it was agreed
 that the Clerk contact her. The two notice boards will cost the Council £1,600 to
 make so they ought to be added on to the policy. The Clerk to get a quote for adding
 these items on to the contract. Councillors all agreed that this Insurance be paid if
 the price remains the same.

Minute 99-2022

Jubilee Mugs The Clerk had received delivery of the mugs and showed one to everyone. All
 Councillors were very pleased with it. The Lottery grant money was received in our
 bank account on 1st April 2022. The Clerk asked if it would be a good idea to
 purchase a small carrying bag to put each mug in when presenting them and this
 was agreed. These would be given out on Sunday 5th May in Erwood Market Hall
 when the afternoon tea was being held. The Lottery for All has also asked the
 Council to promote our successful grant with photos and a detailed report in the
 local media etc. and to also send it to our Senedd representative and local MP. It
 was agreed that this to be done following the celebrations. The list of children was
 also amended and the number at present is just under 60 – 18 years and under.

Minute 100-2022

Jubilee Trees The pack of 30 Copse tree saplings decided at the last meeting was discussed. These
 include 10 of each silver birch, rowan and wild cherry. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis will
 discuss this with members of Llaneglwys Village Hall Association at their meeting on
 1st June and get their agreement that the free trees can be planted next to the Hall.
 The Clerk to complete the application form naming this area for planting these trees.
 The grid reference is required and consent off the owner of the land is required.
 Other sites could be discussed at a later date.

Minute 101-2022

Baby Changing Unit – Erwood Cllr Alan Pryce, Cllr Caroline Baldwin & Cllr Karen Laurie-Parry had declared an interest in this item as members of the Pit Stop Trust and left the meeting whilst it was discussed. All remaining Councillors examined details on the plans for a baby changing unit using part of the Bus Shelter. All agreed to support this application and the Clerk to write accordingly, as Custodian Trustee, to the Pit Stop Trust.

Minute 102-2022Highways

Speed Survey Erwood Village (a) A report had been received from Dyfed Powys Police with the latest survey carried out in Erwood Village. It was noticed that the number of vehicles travelling in both directions for a seven day period was 48056 but the speed didn't seem as high as expected for that period and was averaged out at 35 mph.

Cllr Alan Pryce and other Councillors thought that there was need for the speed cameras to be reintroduced in the village. Cllr Stephen Davies stated that the Motor Cyclist who had speed cameras was the most appropriate way as the location of parking a vehicle for this purpose had been questioned. The Clerk to write to the Police and also County Councillor Tom Colbert who would also help with this ongoing problem.

Speed Controls (b) Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry had not received a quotation for the speed signs yet, similar to the ones erected on the A493 by the Kestrel Inn, and would chase the firm up. She thought that perhaps local businesses could be interested in contributing towards these signs. County Councillor Tom Colbert to be kept informed on this project.

Cutting of Grass Verges (c) Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the grass verge at the approach to the top terrace in Erwood needs cutting back as blocking the view of vehicles turning towards Crickadarn and also at the bottom of the pitch as this too is obstructing the view when turning right towards Llyswen.

Pot holes in Gwenddwr area (d) It was stated that the pot holes on the way to Cefngarth which were reported following the last Council meeting and down to Gyrnos farm still hasn't been done. Also there has been no progress to make the road safe below Ciliane Uchaf on the road up to the Fforest Farm as only the two trees have been cut down but nothing done to the dangerous stretch of road there. County Councillor Colbert to have details.

Minute103-2002

Update on Broadband Scheme Councillor Caroline Baldwin reported that approx. 50% of interested residents have now had their vouchers. The Group intend to have a stall in Gwenddwr & Erwood Shows this year to promote the scheme. It would probably be November before work commenced which was as originally quoted.

Minute 104-2022

Climate Change An e-mail has been received from Laura Shewring asking if Erwood Community Council could help the Climate Action Group in applying for funding for them, and the money coming to the Community Council. Amount required is £500 and she lists what this money would be used for. The Council was not sure if this would be legal so it was suggested that the Clerk write to One Voice Wales for advice. The next Climate Action Group meeting is on Wednesday 25th May, 7 p.m. at Erwood Market Hall when Gareth & Vanessa from Ecodyfi will be giving a talk on the community carbon audit with a short workshop on developing the action plan. All welcome.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 105-2022

Free Garden Packs Keep Wales Tidy is again offering free garden packs to all Councils similar to packs that were planted on the land behind the Market Hall previously. It was agreed that there was difficulty in finding volunteers to look after this patch last time so decided not to take up this offer.

Minute 106-2022

Donations Acknowledge of donations have been received from Erwood Market Hall Committee and Hope House.

Minute 107-2022

Date of Next Meeting Unless planning or other urgent requests are received, our next meeting will be soon after the closing dates of the Councillor and Clerk's vacancies.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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