

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD
AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES
 CLLR GEOFFREY LEWIS
 CLLR ALAN PRYCE
 CLLR CAROLINE BALDWIN
 CLLR LISA PAYNE

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Meryl Lewis & Mr Mark Powell.

The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies, welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Mrs Meryl Lewis & Mr Mark Powell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were given by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis to Agenda Item 5(a) Interview for Clerk's post and Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Caroline Baldwin to Agenda Item 5(e) Planning Application for Baby Changing Unit for Erwood Pit Stop Trust, which were all accepted.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 125-2022

Barclays Reference 118-2022. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had posted
Bank the completed mandate forms back to Barclays Bank after Cllr Stephen Davies
 had them certified as correct but they had been returned as they needed one more
 signed form. Cllr Stephen Davies to take another one to the Bank and send again.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 126-2022

Appointment The two candidates were individually interviewed. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis left the
of Clerk/RFO meeting. The interviews were very good but it was agreed by everyone that Mrs
 Meryl Lewis was successful. Voting took place by the show of hands. They would be
 informed the following day of the result and both stayed for the rest of the Council
 meeting.

Minute 127-2022

Co-option of It had been decided that Mrs Tracey Jones would be co-opted as our new Councillor
Councillor but was unable to attend this meeting. Declaration form to be signed at next
 meeting.

Minute 128-2022

Jubilee Mugs Alan Pryce There were 13 mugs left to distribute to the children around Erwood Village and Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to do this.

Minute 129-2022

Tregare Barns Gwenddwr Powys Planning Dept had notified the Clerk that the Planning Application ref: 20/0322/FUL for conversion & change of use of barns to dwellings at Tregare, Gwenddwr for Mr & Mrs S. Jefferies had been refused on 14/6/22 mainly due to the increased use of a substandard access off the A470 Trunk Road.

Minute 130-2022

Baby Changing Unit – Erwood Pit Stop As Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Caroline Baldwin were members of the Pit Stop Trust, they left the meeting. Powys Planning Dept. has forwarded the plans for a baby changing unit using part of the Bus Shelter in Erwood and were discussed by the Council. Reference 22/0942/FUL. It was agreed that the Community Council support this application as also Custodian Trustees for the Trust. The Clerk to inform Powys Planning of our support.

Minute 131-2022

Builth Community Support An invitation had been received from Builth Community Support to their AGM on 13th July, 2 p.m. at their Offices. Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis agreed to attend, the Clerk to inform the Community Support team accordingly.

Minute 132-2022

Barclays Bank Bank Statements for 30th June 2022 were received as follows:
Community Account - £4,271.43 (Cheques paid out £164.92 Insurance BHIB & £17.50 Training OVW)
Business Premium Account - £3,017.97 (Money received 0.23 Interest)
Cheque to be sent to Mr David Newell for Notice Boards – Balance of £600.00.
All Councillors accepted these figures.

Minute 133-2022

OVW Training The Clerk had received the list of training sessions available for July 2022. Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Caroline Baldwin asked for the list to be sent to them and would let the Clerk know of their decision.

Minute 134-2022

New Places for Nature One Voice Wales had forwarded details of their new appointment for a New Places for Nature Officer. It was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin & seconded by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis that this information be sent to Laura Shewring and also write to Rachel Carter to invite her to a Community Council meeting in September when members of the Climate Group could be asked to attend.

Minute 135-2022

Wales Air Ambulance An acknowledge had been received for our donation of £25 paid to them in March 2022.

Minute 136-2022

Request for Donations Requests for donation had been received from Kids Cancer Charity, Cardiff Bay & Brecon Advice Centre. It was agreed that these requests are kept until the March 2023 meeting when donations are usually discussed.

Minute 137-2022

Highways

Grass Cutting Erwood Top Common (a) Cllr Alan Pryce reported that the top common needs cutting as the grass is very long and also the grass on the verge at the top of the Upper Terrace is obstructing the view as you turn left towards Crickadarn. To send to Daniel Relf, Boughrood Depot and County Councillor Tom Colbert.

Minute138--2022

Update on Kiosk at Crickadarn The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies, informed the meeting he had asked Mr Stephen Jones, Church House how much it would cost to have the kiosk blasted ready for painting and he had quoted £250.00. Cllr Stephen Davies thought he would try using some of his own tools first to see if they were suitable for stripping the paint off. The Chairman had phoned Sam Johnson, PCC again to say that the phone there at present was not the original phone when the Kiosk was listed so perhaps consent was not needed to take it away. To await his response on this. Cllr Stephen Davies had taken the defibrillator out of its box and connected the batteries so it could now be used in an emergency if needed and is at present located in the porch at Penyworlod.

Minute139-2022

Update on Notice Boards Thanks must be given to Cllr Alan Pryce, Cllr Stephen Davies, Cllr Geoffrey Lewis and other residents for helping Mr David Newell to erect the notice boards at Llaneglwys and Crickadarn. Everyone has said how pleased they are with the notice boards and that they were an asset to the villages. The Chairman thought that Mr Newell should be given £20 for all the extra work carried out to fix the notice boards on site and this was agreed, proposed by Cllr Alan Pryce and seconded by Cllr Caroline Baldwin. The Chairman stated he didn't want any payment for the work he carried out with his mini digger. It was agreed that a photo should be sent to the media showing what the Community Council had achieved and this will be arranged in due course.

Minute 140-2022

Update – Broadband The project team are still hoping for more residents to apply for the broadband connection although work will commence soon. Beacons Telecom will have a stall at Gwenddwr Show on 30th July to promote this scheme. Cllr Caroline Baldwin with the help of Mrs Meryl Lewis and others were thanked for all the work they had done to enable this scheme to go ahead.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minute 141-2022

Resignation of During the meeting, the Chairman received an e-mail on his lap top from Cllr

Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry stating she was resigning as Community Councillor. This came as a complete surprise to everyone. The Clerk was asked to e-mail her to thank her for all the work she had done as County Councillor and Community Councillor for this area.

Minute 142-2022

Retirement of Cllr Alan Pryce brought up the fact that the Council had not yet recognised Haydn Councillor Powell for his 39 years of service given to this Community Council. It was agreed that he would ask at the Wheelwright Arms about a voucher for a meal there and would let the Council know the outcome in due course.

Minute 143-2022

Date of Next Meeting To be decided between Chairman and Clerk when necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING