

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Tracey Jones

The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.
APOLOGIES were given by Cllr Lisa Payne as she has a prior commitment, which was accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 160-2022

Barclays Bank Reference 144.2022. Cllr Stephen Davies has now been added as the second signatory with the bank.

Minute 161-2022

Grass Cutting Reference 145.2022. Daniel Relf has e-mailed to say that the problems with the tractor has now been resolved and Cllr Alan Pryce stated the residents were very pleased with the work carried out by the Depot on the top Common in Erwood.

Minute 162-2022

Conference – Reference 155-2022. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis had been booked into this conference but One Voice Wales it was postponed due to the Queen's death until later on in the year.

Minute 163-2022

Haydn Powell's Reference 157-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he had now bought a voucher for Presentation a meal for 4 people at the Wheelwrights instead of 2 for Haydn Powell's retirement and this change was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 164-2022

Clerk's Post Mrs Meryl Lewis had e-mailed on 5th October to say that, after giving it much thought, she has decided to resign as Clerk as the volume of work

seemed too much for her to commit to the job. Councillors were all very sorry to hear this. The Chairman stated he had spoken with Mrs Gwyneth Davies, who had hoped to retire at the end of August, and she has agreed to continue until end of March 2023, as long as she is still in good health. It was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin that this post ought to be advertised in February so that a new Clerk could commence on 1st April and this was agreed by everyone. Mrs Gwyneth Davies stated that she would help a new Clerk with the Council's Audit which could be up to May.

Gwyneth also commented on the work involved by the Chairman to transfer all the files from her laptop to the new laptop he has supplied for the new Clerk which took over 5 hours and that he should get paid for it but the Chairman said he didn't want any payment. Gwyneth suggested that he should claim his £150 Councillors allowance to cover the cost of this in March 2023.

Minute 165-2022

Vacancy of Councillor No replies had been received to our advert to Co-opt a Councillor by the closing date of end of September. It was agreed to leave advertising again until next year.

Minute 166-2022

BHIB Insurance Still waiting Information on adding the defibrillators and Notice Boards on to the Insurance. It was agreed to ask Pam Banks for Gwenddwr and Cllr Alan Pryce to check whether the Erwood one was covered under the Hall's insurance. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis reported that a representative of the Kings Lengley Outdoor Centre at Llaneglwyys said they did not need insurance cover on the defibrillator. It was agreed that both notice boards should be added. When these details are available, the Clerk was asked to write to BHIB to ask what the new cost would be up to 1st June 2023. A decision would then be made whether or not to take their quotation or add them when next renewing the contract. To bring to next meeting.

Minute 167-2022

Barclays Bank Two months of Barclays statements had been received since the last meeting:
Balance at 31st August 2022
 Business Current Account - £5,565.81
 Business Savings Account - £3,017.97 (no change)
Balance at 30th September 2022
 Business Current Account - £5,473.31 (Money out £92.50)
 Business Savings Account - £3,018.90 (Money in 0.93p Interest)
 Councillors accepted these figures.
 Mandate forms had been changed with Meryl's details but has now been sent again to revert back to Gwyneth.

Minute 168-2022

QVW - Training A list of training session for October, November & December have been received from One Voice Wales for 2022. Cllr Tracey Jones was asked to choose dates for the Councillor Induction Session and the Code of Conduct session needed as a new

Councillor and let the Clerk know the dates. The November & December lists to be forwarded to each Councillor to decide on. The Clerk advised the Committee that a Training Plan for each Council has to be completed by 5th November when it comes into force and she is working on this and will bring it to the next meeting. The guidance document will be sent to everyone for information.

Minute 169-2022

Standards Sub- PCC Legal Dept informed that Cllr Hugh Pattrick, Ystradfellte Community Council Committee was appointed as the Town & Community Council representative on this Committee.

Minute 170-2022

Candidate Further information on the Candidate Site Assessment Methodology and Sites - LDP Plan-making Assessment Processes had been forwarded to each Councillor which included several links on this procedure which was accepted .

Minute 171-2022

Bus Shelter – An e-mail had been received from a resident of Erwood, which had been sent to Erwood each Councillor, stating that Erwood is urgently in need of a Bus Shelter as it is used by many residents in all weathers. Erwood Community Council had tried to get this provided in 2018 but was told by PCC & Trunk Road Agency that the pavement was too narrow to provide one at the bus stop. After much discussion, Councillors all agreed that a site meeting should be arranged with Traws Cymru and the Trunk Road Agency to try to get some form of shelter there. The Clerk to contact all Councillors and the resident of Erwood when a date has been agreed.

Minute 172-2022

Bingo Night - A request has been received from Erwood Market Hall Committee for a £5 Market Hall contribution towards prizes for Bingo Night at Erwood Market Hall on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7 p.m. This was agreed by all Councillors and a cheque was signed at the close of the meeting.

Minute 173-2022

Fee - Data Renewal of the Data Protection agreement is due on 1st November 2022. The Protection cost stays the same at £40 for a twelve month period. All Councillors were in agreement to this and a cheque was written out.

Minute 174-2022

Highways

Speed Strips - (a) Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that speed strips had recently been Erwood placed at each end of the village. Cllr Stephen Davies commented that these were also placed in Llyswen and at Gromain. Findings take a few months before being released so to keep this pending for now.

Road near (b) Cllr Stephen Davies reported that the road in Crickadarn area from Cwm Rhiwiau Cwm Rhiwiau nearly as far as Werngwilym has been tarmaced recently.

Minute 175-2022Updates

- Defibrillator/
Kiosk at
Crickadarn
& Erwood
- (i) Cllr Stephen Davies reported that after several attempts to get information from BT and others regarding the telephone equipment and the black box, he still has had no answers. The Chairman said that there is a notice in Erwood Kiosk that the kiosk may be taken from there. The Clerk said that she had been told that the next review would take place in January 2023 so this needs to be pended.
- Council's
Audit
- (ii) The Clerk advised the Committee that Mrs Pam Banks had audited the Councils Accounts up to end of August and she had commented that everything was in order. Last year's accounts were sent to the External Auditors by end of June 2022 and the Clerk had been asked for a few extra copies of budgets in August. All Council Audits were supposed to be completed by September but nothing has been received yet. Invoices are usually sent in March.
- OVW Area
Meeting
- (iii) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis had recently attended the quarterly area meeting at Builth Wells. It was well attended. Discussions were held on the proposal to take the Ambulance Services from Welshpool and a petition had been set up on this. Grants are available for environmental projects, defibrillators and woodlands. Rights of Ways were discussed. Cllr Alan Pryce had been asked to provide a report on the water situation on the Wye which he agreed to.
- Broadband
- (iv) Cllr Caroline Baldwin reported that the cabinet was now in place at Erwood Market Hall. The rollout would happen soon with houses in Erwood village to start and others next year. Fibre to come from Gilwern, Llangorse and on to Erwood. Cllr Stephen Davies explained about the cables and agreed with Cllr Caroline Baldwin that he would attend the next meeting with Broadband representatives.
- Free Trees
Offer
- (v) The package of 30 trees available from Keep Wales Tidy is due to be delivered by the first week of November to Cllr Geoffrey Lewis. Species are silver birch, rowan & wild cherry. Agreement had been made for each of the five areas to have 6 and decision on this has to be made when received. To bring up at next meeting.
- Ink Cartridges
- (vi) The Clerk asked for permission to buy a pack of ink cartridges as will be needed soon and this was agreed.

Minute 176-2022

- Friends of
Builth
Health Care
- Mr David Ronicle, Secretary of Builth Wells Health Care wishes to know if any activities requiring support is needed in our Community. Councillors to bring any ideas to the next meeting.

Minute 177-2022

Items for Completion of Training plan; Free Tree Offer; Additions to Insurance; Bus Shelter;
Next Meeting Ideas of support from Builth Wells Health Care.

Minute 178-2022

Date of Next Date to be decided between Chairman & Clerk for November.
Meeting
 The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING