

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Davies  
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis  
Cllr Alan Pryce  
Cllr Lisa Payne  
Cllr Tracey Jones

The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE was made by Cllr Caroline Baldwin who was away and this was accepted and County Cllr Tom Colbert.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 179-2022

BHIB Insurance Reference 166-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that the defibrillator outside Erwood Market Hall is covered under the Market Hall Insurance so no need to add it to the BHIB Insurance.

Minute 180-2022

Candidate Sites – Reference 170-2022. Information about the candidate sites received from JMS Planning LDP was given to Cllr Tracey Jones and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis asked for a copy to be forwarded to him.

Minute 181-2022

Erwood Kiosk Reference 175-2022. Ms. Liz Trow, PCC informed the Clerk that the notice in Erwood Kiosk is likely to be an old poster and the kiosk is not closing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 182-2022

Planning – Clear View, Gwenddwr A planning application has been received to extend cartilage to build a small wooden construction workshop for domestic storage and a shepherds hut for an office at Clear View, Court Gwenddwr, Builth Wells for Mr C. Sayer – Ref. 22/1823/HH. It was agreed by all Councillors to support this application.

Minute 183-2022

BHIB Insurance BHIB had forwarded a quotation to add the notice boards in Crickadarn and Llaneglwys and defibrillators in Gwenddwr and Crickadarn Villages on to the BHIB insurance from now until end of the contract 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 for £99.80. This sum was agreed by all Councillors and a cheque was signed at the close of the meeting.

Minute 184-2022

Trees from Wood Cllr Geoffrey Lewis reported that the 30 saplings had now been received and he was in the Land Trust process of delivering them. Councillors were unable to think of a suitable site for Crickadarn area and it was agreed that the Upper Common would be most suitable for Erwood area. The Lord of the Manor would have to be contacted first for permission – Mrs Lesley Vaughan for Erwood and Chichesters for Gwenddwr. Cllr Lewis would deliver Alltmawr’s saplings to Mrs Elizabeth Williams.

#### Minute 185-2022

Barclays Bank Statements for the month of October had not been received from the Bank so the Clerk had contacted Barclays for the up-to-date balances.  
 Community Account - £5,421.90 (money out - £40 for Data Protection agreement)  
 Business Savings Account - £3,018.90 – no change  
 Invoice paid since last meeting – Cartridge Save – 5 Ink Cartridges - £56.41  
 Cost of Uncontested Elections last May - £366.51 – Invoice to follow  
 All Councillors accepted these figures.

#### Minute 186-2022

Bus Shelter – The Clerk had sent an e-mail to John Forsey, PCC, County Cllr Tom Colbert, Traws Cymru, Erwood Jane Dodds MS, and the Trunk Road Agency to invite them to attend a site meeting in Erwood to discuss the possibility of providing a bus shelter at the new bus stop. Jane Dodds asked for a letter from Erwood Community Council for her to send to Traws Cymru. Traws Cymru’s reply stated that the bus shelter infrastructure is the responsibility of the local authority PCC and the above personnel are best placed to help. The Trunk Road Agency recommended we contact the Welsh Government who is the trunk road highway authority as they would need to consider if the shelter is acceptable and can be implemented. W.G. said they would reply within 15 days so should receive a reply by end of November. To bring to next meeting.

#### Minute 187--2022

NALC – Salary increase for Clerks. NALC’s new salary award has now been settled. The Clerk’s salary has increased from £11.28 per hour to £12.28 per hour back dated to April 2022. When a new Clerk is appointed, the salary would be £11.63 per hour and not £10.63 per hour as previously advertised. These increases were noted and accepted.

#### Minute 188-2022

IRPW – New Cllr’s Allowances The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has made changes on Councillors Allowances from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. A mandatory figure of £156 a year to be paid to all Councillors instead of being optional. Office consumables – Councillors can either be paid £52 a year or can claim full reimbursement on consumables purchased up to £52 by showing receipts. A policy should be drawn up to state whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves their role during the financial year. This policy to be decided at next meeting. Other expenses to stay the same.

#### Minute 189-2022

Training Plan The Clerk had forwarded to each Councillor a copy of the Training Plan completed to date with details of each Councillor’s training over the last two years. New sessions will be added as and when taken. This Plan was agreed by all.

#### Minute 190-2022

Support by Built Wells Health Care This was discussed at the meeting but Councillors could not come up with any ideas. The Clerk was asked to thank David Ronicle for this kind gesture and that it would be discussed again at next meeting.

#### Minute 191-2022

##### Highways

Cleaning of Roads in Erwood Area Cllr Alan Pryce suggested that a letter is sent to Boughrood Depot to ask for the roads throughout Erwood area to be cleaned of leaves and the drains opened before the weather changes.

#### Minute 192-2022

##### Updates

Erwood Pit Stop (a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that the Pit Stop Trust was hoping to refurbish and upgrade the toilets in Erwood but the quote they had received proved too costly so the Committee has had to reconsider and reduce the project accordingly but still hopes to upgrade inside. He will keep the Community Council informed.

Llaneglwys Notice Board (b) A resident to Llaneglwys had written to Mr David Newell, who provided the Notice Board there recently, stating that the doors had warped in the wet weather and needed to be filed back. Mr Newell had asked if the Community Council agree to him carrying out the work. All Councillors agreed to him adjusting the doors and to let the Community Council know of any cost involved.

Section 137 Expenditure (c) The Expenditure Limit for 2023-24 for purchases using Section 137(4)(a) has increased to £9.93 per electorate and this was noted.

Llaneglwys Hall (d) The Assistant Community Broadband Officer, PCC, Clifford Shapland sent an e-mail out to check whether his list of Halls and Meeting Places in Powys was correct. The Clerk noticed that Llaneglwys Hall was not included so the Secretary of the Hall agreed to send the details to Mr Shapland to add to his list.

#### Minute 193-2022

Items for Next Mtg (1) The draft budget form to be discussed and any necessary amendments made in readiness for January's meeting when the precept is decided. Many additions to be made for the next year i.e. Councillor's new allowances, possible purchase of Mugs for King Charles Coronation in May 2023 and extra salary for completing the Council's Annual Audit.  
(2) Update on Proposed site meeting re Bus Shelter for Erwood Village  
(3) Item to be discussed. Statutory Guidance - It is recommended that all Councillors have a Council e-mail address and not use their private address or save council documents to personal computers for reasons of information security.  
(4) Welsh Government – reply by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 re consultation on modernising electoral administration. .

#### Minute 194-2022

Date of Next Meeting The Chairman and Clerk to decide on the most suitable date in December.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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