

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE MARKET HALL, ERWOOD ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 2023 AT 7p.m.

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

Cllr Stephen Davies, Chairman, was unavoidably delayed, so Vice- Chairman, Cllr Geoffrey Lewis, acted as Chair for the evening and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLIGIES were given by County Cllr Tom Colbert as unable to attend and Cllr Stephen Davies for his late arrival and these were accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS were given by Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Caroline Baldwin on Agenda Item 7(iv) Proposed project at the Toilets in Erwood as both were members of the Erwood Pit Stop Trust.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were discussed and all Councillors agreed it was a true record and signed by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 1-2023

Trees from Woodland Trust Reference 195-2022. Cllr Alan Pryce stated that he still had some of the free saplings at his house. Cllr Lisa Payne and Cllr Caroline Baldwin agreed to collect them soon and plant them in the Crickadarn area.

Minute 2 – 2023

Haydn Powell's Voucher Reference 201-2022. The Clerk had posted the meal voucher to Mr Powell before Christmas but was not aware if it had been used yet. The Clerk had retained proof of delivery if needed.

Cllr Stephen Davies joined the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 3-2023

Advert for Clerk's Post Councillors agreed with the draft advert and it was decided to put the notice on all the Erwood area Notice Boards and on the facebook Community Group page this weekend and to give 3 weeks for the closing date. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to put the advert on our web site.

Minute 4-2023

Erwood Market Hall A letter was read out from the Chairman of Erwood Market Hall listing the functions planned for 2023 which included a village get together to celebrate the King's Coronation on the Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May. Mention was also made that this year marks the 125th anniversary of the building. The gable ends of the Hall are now in need of repair and asking for financial support. All Councillors agreed to support the Hall and that the amount would be discussed at the March meeting when decisions are made on donations.

Minute 5-2023

Budget for 23-24 & Precept The Clerk had revised some of the figures on the draft budget form which had been discussed in the December meeting and this was discussed again at length. The estimated total spend for 2023-24 amounted to £9,500.00 the additional expenses for 2023-24 being Councillors' new allowances, salary for two Clerks during the three month's handover period and agreement that mugs / plates should be purchased for the children in the area to celebrate the King's coronation. It was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Stephen Davies and agreed by all Councillors that a figure of £8,500.00 would have to be requested for the coming year due to the additional items. There would probably be need to transfer money from the Saving Account to the Current Account prior to the end of the financial year.

Minute 6-2023

The Mill, Gwenddwr A planning application had been received from PCC for Erection of Oak Framed Balcony and French Doors with Small Roof Dormer above at The Mill, Gwenddwr for Mr Robert Pearce. Reference 22/2182/HH. Cllr Stephen Davies proposed that this application be supported and this was agreed by all Councillors.

Minute 7-2023

Clear View, Court, Gwenddwr Notification had been received from PCC giving consent to application 22/1776/HH workshop & shepherds hut at Clear View, Court Gwenddwr for Mr & Mrs C. Sayer and this was accepted.

Minute 8 – 2023

Proposal for Bus Shelter, Erwood A reply from Jane Dodds, AS, stated that she had contacted Mr Lee Waters, MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Welsh Parliament for support in our request for a bus shelter in Erwood. A reply from Mr David Hall, Traws Cymru Network Manager/ Climate Change Group, Welsh Government confirmed that Powys County Council is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the bus stops and shelters across Wales. He suggested our Council should contact Mr John Forsey, Passenger Transport Manager, PCC as he is aware of the issues we have raised and if a further site visit is deemed necessary, Mr Hall will arrange for a representative from the Welsh Government and NMWTRA to attend. It was agreed that Mr Forsey be contacted in the first instance and find out if he's in willing to hold a site meeting and, if so, write back to Mr Hall with that decision.

Minute 9-2023

General Dispensations PCC has forwarded a list of additional dispensations that can be used at Council meetings in order that Councillors can take part in discussions on the following items: School Modernisation and School Transport Reviews; Renewable Energy; School Governors & Membership of Voluntary Organisations but they will still need to complete a disclosure of interest form as a Personal and Prejudicial Interest. This was noted by Councillors.

Minute 10-2023

Warm Spaces Directory A new directory has been launched by PCC with a list of places in Powys that can offer Powys people a warm welcome this winter. It is made up of libraries, community centres, churches and other places that are opening their doors to anyone who needs them. It was agreed that the Clerk makes a poster of these details to include the link to the directory so that details can be advertised on our notice boards, facebook community group and on our website.

Minute 11-2023

Training for Feb & March 2023 No Councillor wished to join any training sessions for the next two months as list supplied by One Voice Wales.

Minute 12-2023

Barclays Bank Bank statements for 31st December 2022 are as follows:
 Barclays Current Account - £5,106.70
 (Money in £2000 precept) (Money out £2210 Salary for Clerk for 6 months)
 Barclays Premium Account - £3,020.58
 (Money in - £1.68 Interest)
 Cheques paid – Cartridge Save – 4 Ink Cartridges £41.02; PCC – Fee for May Elections £366.51 & OVW Training for Cllr T. Jones - £35.00
 Figures accepted by all Councillors.

Minute 13-2023

Highways (a) Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Stephen Davies reported that all roads had now been swept and all bins had been filled with salt. The road sweeping machine had been used in Llaneglwys area so everyone was pleased with the results.
 (b) A copy letter had been received from a resident of Gwenddwr complaining to Dyfed Powys of the speed of traffic past his house on the A470. Councillors agreed that, as a Community Council, we could not help but agreed that we forward the letter to our local County Councillor, Cllr Tom Colbert, to ask if he could speak to Mr John Forsey, PCC regarding this on our behalf.

Minute 14-2023

Case of Defibrillator The Council had been informed by Friends of Builth Health Care that Ted Edwards. Llanddewi'r Cwm may be able to swap their case with ours. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to get in touch with them.

Minute 15-2023

New E-mail All Councillors have now agreed to change their addresses and Cllr Stephen Davies
Addresses for has agreed to do this next week and asked them to contact him with their details.
Cllrs

Minute 16-2023

Repair to Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to mark with a felt pen the places on the doors that
Notice Boards are sticking at Crickadarn and asked Cllr Geoffrey Lewis if he would do the same on
the Llaneglwys one and he would take them to Mr David Newell as he had suggested
hopefully next week. To update the Council at the next meeting.

Minute 17-2023

Proposed Cllr Alan Pryce & Cllr Caroline Baldwin declared an interest in this item. Councillors
Renovations were shown the Bank Statements of Erwood Pit Stop Trust, as Custodians. The
of toilets at Trust had asked for quotes from nine people but only had a reply from one. The
Erwood Trust intend to apply for a grant to cover the work, supplying hand rails inside,
washable cover on the walls, new doors, water saving facilities etc. Cllr Stephen
Davies proposed that we support this work and all Councillors agreed.

Minute 18-2023

Co-option of As Erwood Community Council is still one Councillor short, it was decided
Councillor to wait until the position of the Clerk has been filled and then advertise for
co-option.

Minute 19-2023

Broadband An open meeting was held on 19th January in Erwood Market Hall and was well
attended with questions and answer time. All surveys should be completed in a few
week's time. The main spurs will run from the fibre cabinet head in the Market Hall,
Erwood Village to Crickadarn, then up to Gwenddwr and Llaneglwys. It is intended
that most properties will be connected the first six months of this year. It was stated
that Beacons Telecom has a key to the Hall which is now live but they have not given
out the password so it cannot be used as yet .

Minute 20-2023

Items for Next To invite Laura Shewring and Rachel Carter OVW if available to discuss Erwood
Meeting Climate Change Emergency Action Plan.

Minute 21-2023

Date of Next It was decided to hold the next meeting on Thursday 23rd February
Meeting and March's meeting possibly the 9th or 16th March.

Meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

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