

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2023 AT 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Davies
 Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
 Cllr Caroline Baldwin
 Cllr Lisa Payne
 County Councillor Tom Colbert
 Cllr Alan Pryce (joined Zoom by phone at 7.45 p.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE : Miss Carrienne Ralph

The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Caroline Baldwin for setting up back to back sessions on Zoom instead of at Erwood Market Hall due to the uncertainty of the weather. He also welcomed Miss Carrienne Ralph, our newly appointed Clerk to the meeting. Cllr Alan Pryce failed to join by Zoom on the first session due to a poor signal on his computer, but joined by phone on the second one. Cllr Tracey Jones apologised as she still has farming commitments and this was accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING on 23rd February were read out and were accepted also Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 2nd March when interviews took place which was also accepted and the Chairman to sign both minutes at a later date.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 23rd February 2023.

Minute 39-2023

Erwood Climate Reference 22.2023. Cllr Stephen Davies said he has found out some details Change Action on the Rights of Commoners on Upper & Lower Commons in Erwood but there Plan are two other small patches of land which also are common land. All but one of the Commoners have now passed away and Cllr Davies still needs to find out the legal process of transferring the Lord of the Manor's title on to a family member on the death of the person and will contact the Land Registry Office. There may be a cost involved. Will bring his findings to the next meeting.

The Clerk gave Cllr Caroline Baldwin names of persons who wish to attend the site meeting arranged for Thursday 30th March 2023 at 10 a.m. in Erwood Village with Rachel Carter from One Voice Wales who has agreed to look around the village with the view of including some projects in the Action Plan.

Minute 40-2023

Bus Shelter Reference 26.2023. Mr John Forsey, PCC has agreed to attend a site meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday 10th March. All Councillors invited to attend, and the Clerk to contact the Welsh Government and the Trunk Road Agency with the date and time.

Minute 41-2023

Traffic on A470 Reference 28(a) -2023. Mr Brock has e-mailed to say that he has installed a yellow box containing a camera inside his boundary with a red flashing light and feels it has had some effect on the speeding traffic and will let us know the outcome in due course.

Minute 42-2023

Repair to Pot Reference 28(c)-2023. Mr Daniel Relf has replied that he will look into these issues
Holes on roads and raise the necessary works orders for repair.
by Crickadarn

Minute 43-2023

Defibrillators Reference 30.2023. Cllr Stephen Davies intends to change over the defibrillator cases with Ted Edwards soon. Cllr Lisa Payne asked whether the locals can now start to clean up the telephone kiosk in Crickadarn Village ready for the defibrillator and Cllr Stephen Davies agreed. He commented that sand blasting would cost around £150 which seemed too expensive.

Minute 44-2023

E-mail addresses Reference 31.2023. Changes to Councillor's e-mail addresses to be carried out by
for Cllrs. Cllr Stephen Davies next week

Minute 45-2023

Notice Boards Reference 32.2023. Cllr Stephen Davies will take these doors from Crickadarn & Llaneglwys to Mr David Newell for him to plane down as soon as convenient.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING OF 2th March 2023Minute 46-2023

New Clerk Reference 36.2023. Miss Carrienne Ralph was congratulated for being successful in becoming the next Clerk and everyone hopes that she will enjoy the experience.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 47-2023

Donation to Charities etc. Councillors discussed all the requests for financial support received and decided to give £25 each to Builth Wells Community Support, Brecon Advice Centre, Children's Air Ambulance Charity and Kids Cancer Charity.
As Erwood YFC has won the Wales Drama Competitions and are now going to compete in Leamington Spa on National level, it was agreed by all to send them a congratulations card and the sum of £100 towards their funds.
Decision was made by all Councillors that Erwood Market Hall and Llaneglwys Hall's donations to remain the same as last year, Erwood £500 and Llaneglwys £180.

Minute 48-2023

Clerk's Salary & Expenses It was agreed by all Councillors to pay the Clerk's salary due for six months from October 2022 to March 2023 in the sum of £2,210.40 and her expenses for the last 12 months, April 2022 to March 2023 at £623.62. This includes the Clerk's repayment of the Internet Bills for the last 12 months as when it was set up years ago, the firm would not accept cheques only direct debit. This will need to be changed from April 2023.

Minute 49-2023

King Charles Coronation Councillors were not in favour of the design of King Charles on the plates offered by Communi Corp so the Clerk was asked if it was possible for the same print of King Charles on the mugs could be transferred on to the plates. The pro forma invoice for the plates was £808.80 for 72 plates at £9 each plus P & P and Insurance £26 and VAT £134.80 for children in the area, 18 years and under as before. It was also agreed that the Clerk apply for the Lottery Awards for All grant the sum of £1000. If this amount was accepted, then the Council would be able to give a donation to Erwood Market Hall to help with the events throughout the year to celebrate 125 years since the Hall had been built.

Minute 50-2023

Cheque Barclays Bank Statements for end of February had not yet been received. Councillors agreed to the payment of £77.94 for the purchase of 5 ink cartridges, four for the Clerk and one for Cllr Geoffrey Lewis from Cartridge Save.

Minute 50-2023

Transfer of Money Due to the above payments made before the end of March, it was agreed that the Clerk request a transfer of £750 from Barclays Saving Account to the Current Account as the next payment of the precept is not paid until end of April 2023.

Minute 51-2023

Meeting re Bus Shelter Councillors were reminded that the meeting with PCC and Trunk Road Agency is arranged for tomorrow 10th March at 2 p.m. in Erwood Village. Ms Jane Dodds and a representative of Welsh Government were unable to attend.

Minute 52-2023

Climate Change Meeting Date for the diaries, Thursday 30th March at 10 a.m. in Erwood Village with Rachel Carter, One Voice Wales. All invited.

Minute 53-2023

Defibrillators in Powys PCC are compiling a list of all defibrillators in Powys, and the Clerk has replied giving the locations of the four in Erwood area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the village representatives concerned to ask for the details of each defibrillator as the Clerk has to complete a survey for Powys County Council. County Councillor Tom Colbert stated that training was needed on the use of the defibrillators and the Clerk to find out if there are any sessions arranged locally and bring details to the next meeting.

Minute 54-2023Highways

- Pot Holes by Manse, Erwood (a) Cllr Alan Pryce stated that there are deep pot holes by The Baptist Manse, Erwood which need repairing. The Clerk to inform Boughrood Depot.
- Fly Tipping (b) Cllr Lisa Payne stated that she had noticed that there was a problem of fly tipping on the Pontydyfaid Common near Gwenddwr. The Clerk was instructed to inform PCC of this.
- Problem of Dog fouling (c) Cllr Alan Pryce reported that there was a problem in the top terrace with dog fouling and ask if the Clerk could ask Powys CC to send some notices to be put up on the Top Terrace.

OTHER MATTERS

Minute 55-2023

- Tregare Barns (a) Notification has been received from Powys Planning Dept that the planning application Reference 22/1892/FUL - Conversion & change of use of barns to residential C3 dwelling at Tregare, Gwenddwr had been REFUSED on 28/2/23. The reason given was that the proposed development would result in increased use of a substandard access on/off the A470 and is contrary to various Policies.
- Post Box in Erwood (b) Cllr Alan Pryce informed the Committee that the post box outside the Old Post Office is being taken away soon which only leaves one by The Holmes. He thinks one is needed by Victoria Terrace. To find out who is in charge of this.
- The Corn Barn Crickadarn (c) Cllr Lisa Payne has been told that there had been a problem with the work at The Corn Barn, Crickadarn. Cllr Stephen Davies added that this had been discussed several times in the past at our Council meetings and would update her sometime again as running out of Zoom time tonight.

Minute 56-2023

- Next Meeting This would probably be in April when our new Clerk, Miss Carrienne Ralph, would be in post. Gwyneth will still be in attendance until the annual accounts have been completed and has offered to help Carrienne during the hand over period.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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