

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD COMMUNITY HALL  
ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7 P.M.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Gwyneth Davies

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Lisa Payne was on holiday which was accepted

Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Miss Carrienne Ralph to her first official meeting as Clerk.

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of last meeting 9<sup>TH</sup> of March 2023 were read and accepted.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023:**

**Minute 57 2023**

**Email Addresses**

Reference to 44.2023 - Cllr Stephen Davies has organised the email addresses for the councillors. Not yet shared these. Cllr Caroline Baldwin raised concern that her email address is giving kickbacks. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed that he would look at her emails.

**Minute 58 2023**

**Consumables**

Gwyneth asked about consumables and how councillors would like to be paid. All councillors present agreed to be paid the full amount of consumables by cheque at the end of the meeting for year 2023-24- £52 each. A policy has to be drawn up if Councillors resign.

**Minute 59 2023**

**Potholes**

Reference 42.2023 - Cllr Caroline Baldwin sent an email regarding pot holes on the Ty Hir road, Crickadarn and she received a response saying they will be attended to in 4 – 6 weeks.

**Minute 60 2023**

**Meeting with Rachel from One Voice Wales**

Meeting with Rachel from One Voice Wales has been moved due to poor weather, no date rearranged yet.

**Minute 61 2023**

**Potholes**

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis raised a concern regarding the green lane in Gwenddwr to the old Blacksmith Shop. A flood has moved large stones on to the road and worried residents. Cllr Stephen Davies said he will go and investigate this.

**Minute 62 2023****Bus Shelter**

Reference 40.2023 - No news on the bus shelter. Cllr Stephen Davies suggested meeting with the resident living at Erwood Hall, Ms Irena Kovaleva, to discuss the use of their land for the bus shelter. Clerk Carriane is going to find the contact details.

**CORRESPONDENCE****Minute 63 2023****Letters of Acknowledgment**

Gwyneth shared acknowledgment of payment letters from Builth Wells Community Support (£25), Welsh Air Ambulance (£25), Brecon Advice Centre (£25), Kids Cancer Charity (£25) and Erwood Market Hall (£500 and £200). Gwyneth shared certificate of donation from the Kids Cancer Charity.

**Minute 64 2023****Clerk**

Cllr Stephen Davies acknowledged the transfer of a laptop to new clerk Carriane Ralph and he said that he will try to sort out a printer for Carriane next week. The contract of Employment for clerk and responsible financial officer was signed by Carriane Ralph and Cllr Stephen Davies. Carriane explained that she is sorting out her PAYE system. It isn't finished yet.

**Minute 65 2023****Bank Statements**

Gwyneth provided the bank statements for February 2023 and March 2023. YFC cheque, a charity cheque and audit invoice has not gone through at the time of the statements but they have been processed. Total in current account = £694.81. Total in savings account = £2274.33. All agreed and happy with accounts.

**Minute 66 2023****Coronation Mugs**

The Coronation Mugs have arrived. Gwyneth brought a mug for everyone to see. Everyone had a look and agreed that they're happy with the mugs. These will be presented

to children 18 years & under at 4 p.m. at the Coronation Tea held in the Market Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. It was also suggested that on the Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, volunteers were invited to clean up the villages, e.g. kiosk in Crickadarn & also area around the kiosk in Erwood etc. which will be organised by the Market Hall Committee.

### **Minute 67 2023**

#### **Training**

No takers for the training courses for One Voice Wales & PAVO.

### **Minute 68 2023**

#### **Councillor Expenses**

Cllr Stephen Davies agreed and signed the Councillor Expenses Forms, Declaration of Interested and Donations for the year 2022 – 2023. Gwyneth said she will send off the councillor expenses forms. These forms to be put on our website.

### **Minute 69 2023**

#### **Defibrillator Details**

Gwyneth sent off the details of the defibrillators to WALES NHS UK. Only missing detail is that of Crickadarn defibrillator battery. Cllr Stephen Davies took a photograph of the battery and showed it to Gwyneth. Cllr Alan Pryce mentioned that Michelle Slater from the Holmes, Erwood is a new observer for the defibrillator in Erwood Village Hall. Cllr Stephen Davies offered to pay for the cost of sandblasting the phone box in Crickadarn if it can be organised for someone to tape the windows. The cost will be £150.

### **Minute 70 2023**

#### **Councillor Expenses**

Everyone agreed that they were happy for cheques to be written at the end of the meeting to cover the Councillors Expenses & Consumables payments for 2023 – 2024. Cost will be £208 each for the councillors. (£3 weekly expenses + £52 annual expenses).

### **Minute 71 2023**

#### **White Paper**

Discussed and acknowledged the White Paper. All agreed.

### **Minute 72 2023**

#### **Post Box**

Reference 55.2023 - Gwyneth telephoned the Llandrindod Sorting Office to oppose the post box outside the old post office being moved. She was told that the post box will not be removed at this review. This was confirmed over the phone but we are awaiting confirmation in writing.

### **Minute 73 2023**

#### **Potholes**

There are new potholes on the road between Penrheol and Rheol Barn, Crickadarn and more between Crickadarn old school and Tyleheulog Farm. Carriane to e-mail Mr Daniel Relf, Boughrood Depot.

### **Minute 74 2023**

#### **Lottery Grant**

Gwyneth has sent an application for a grant for £800 to the Awards for All Lottery fund but to date, has not had a reply.

### **Minute 75 2023**

#### **One Voice Wales Standing Orders**

Gwyneth shared a letter from One Voice Wales regarding revising of the model on standing orders to be published at the end of the month.

### **Minute 76 2023**

Letter from a resident at The Holmes

Gwyneth shared a letter from a resident of The Holmes. He shared that he advised some local walkers to use a field at the end of the village to walk to Erwood Craft Centre. Cllr Stephen Davies thought the owners of the land were from Llaneglwys and he would find out then if agreed by the owners, we can work to make a right of way for the public to walk from Erwood village to the craft centre. Cllr Caroline Baldwin mentioned that she is a volunteer for the Rights of Way, PCC and would be able to help if things moved forward with this.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **Minute 77 2023**

#### **Broadband Update**

Cllr Caroline Baldwin had recently sent an update on the Broadband project in Erwood area to all residents. Our provider Beacons Telecom has been acquired by a company called Voneus and will be closed down. Our Government funding is already secured. The broadband team of Powys County Council will be working through the implications and options with the Erwood Broadband team to

secure super-fast broadband to our community as soon as is possible. The Community Council will be kept informed of any progress.

Cllr Alan Pryce mentioned that Rob & Jane had arrived at the Market Hall for the last council meeting (09/03/2023), but were not notified of the change of meeting location so were unable to attend.

### **Minute 78 2023**

#### **Monthly Crime Statistics**

Gwyneth presented the monthly crime report for the 9<sup>th</sup> of March to the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. Letter was also read for the new Welsh Government initiative for 20mph speed limit. Gwyneth also presented the Finance and Governance Tool Kit that needs to be completed.

### **Minute 79 2023**

#### **Notice Boards**

No change to the notice boards.

### **Minute 80 2023**

#### **Fly Tipping**

No change. Cllr Stephen Davies needs to find out who is Lord of the Manor through the Land Registry.

### **Minute 81 2023**

#### **PCSO Trudy Davies**

PCSO Trudy Davies from Dyfed Police would like to come to a future meeting. It was not deemed she should attend after our May meeting, due to it being the AGM.

**The meeting closed at 9pm.**

Next meeting was agreed to take place on Wednesday the **17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**.

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