

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 19th May 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:   CLLR ALAN PRYCE  
                           CLLR STEPHEN DAVIES  
                           CLLR GEOFFREY LEWIS  
                           CLLR CAROLINE BALDWIN  
                           CLLR MRS KAREN LAURIE-PARRY (joined at 7.35 p.m.)  
                           CLLR LISA PAYNE  
                           COUNTY COUNCILLOR TOM COLBERT

The Chairman, Cllr Alan Pryce, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our new Community Councillor Lisa Payne and the return of Community Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry. On behalf of all the Erwood Community Council, he congratulated County Councillor Tom Colbert on his success in the recent elections gaining the post of Local County Councillor for the Bronllys and Felinfach Wards.

Cllr Lisa Payne was asked to give a few details of herself and County Councillor Tom Colbert introduced himself and thanked the Council for his invite to the meeting and said he will be happy to attend all the meetings in future and support the Council in any way he can.

The Clerk read out a Thank You Card sent by Mrs Elizabeth Williams to the Clerk and all members of Erwood Community Council to say a huge thank you for her unexpected gift of a crystal vase and bouquet of flowers which Cllr Alan Pryce presented to her following last month's meeting. She said she had enjoyed her 18 years as Councillor and hoped that the Council would keep up the good work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –Nil

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in 2021 were agreed by Councillors as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 73-2022

Appointment of Chairman	Cllr Alan Pryce had completed three years as Chairman throughout the pandemic. He thanked the Councillors and Clerk for all the support given him over these years. He proposed that Cllr Stephen Davies, our Vice Chairman become Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis. Cllr Davies agreed to this and before he took over he thanked Cllr Pryce for all the work he had done as Chairman of Erwood Community Councillor.
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MINUTE 74-2022

Vice-Chairman	Cllr Geoffrey Lewis was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Lisa Payne which he accepted.
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MINUTE 75-2022

Treasurers

It was proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Lewis and seconded by Cllr Caroline Baldwin that Cllr Alan Pryce and the Clerk carry on signing the cheques as present and that Cllr Stephen Davies replaces Mr Haydn Powell who has resigned. The Clerk to arrange for the necessary change of signatory with Barclays Bank.

MINUTE 76-2022

Internal Auditor

The Clerk stated that Mrs Pamela Banks had already completed her part of the Annual Accounts Return for last year and this to be minuted. It was agreed that the Clerk write to ask her if she is prepared to carry on as Internal Auditor for the coming year. It was agreed by all that Mrs Banks should be given a voucher to the value of £20 for carrying out this work as our Internal Auditor.

MINUTE 77 -2022

Appointment of  
Clerk & Responsible  
Financial Officer

Mrs Gwyneth Davies agreed to carry on as Clerk and RFO up to August 2022 and thanked everyone for all their support in helping her to make her job as easy as possible.

Cllr Karen Laurie Parry joined the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

MINUTE 78 -2022

Clerk's Salary

The Clerk left the room while this item was discussed. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk's salary be increased from £10.84 per hour to SCP 10 sum of £11.28 per hour and to increase the hours worked from 20 to 30 hours per month as the Clerk's work had noticeably increased over the last few years. The Clerk thanked all the Councillors for recognising this.

MINUTE 79 -2022

Financial  
Report

The Clerk handed out the financial accounts to each Councillor. It was agreed by all that they were accurate accounts. The Clerk reported that there were two cheques which had not been banked before 31st March 2022 - donations to Llaneglwys Village Hall and to Teenage Cancer Trust. These accounts to be put on the Council's web site.

MINUTE 80 -2022

Chairman's  
Report

It is now required by the 2021 Act, that the Chairman of the Community Council must publish an annual report of Council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year. Councillors had each been sent the report of the various activities the Council had been involved with which Cllr Alan Pryce read through which was agreed and accepted. This report to be put on the Council's website.

MINUTE 81-2022

Representatives -  
One Voice Wales

Two representatives are allowed to attend the One Voice Wales area meetings from each Council but only one is eligible to vote. Cllr Alan Pryce was prepared to represent the Community Council again this year and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis also agreed to attend. Councillors agreed to this.

MINUTE 82 -2022

Representative -  
Erwood Market  
Hall

Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to represent the Council on Erwood Market Hall Committee meetings as he already attends as Trustee of the Market Hall Committee. All Councillors were in favour of this. Cllr Pryce reported that the Committee was very grateful for our Council's donation of £500 as it helps to allow the Young Farmers' Club to meet in the Hall free of charge.

MINUTE 83-2022

Representative –  
Broadband Group

Cllr Caroline Baldwin agreed to continue as representative of the Broadband Group which was accepted by all.

MINUTE 84– 2022

Representative –  
Climate Change

Cllr Caroline Baldwin agreed to be a representative on the Climate Change project and the Chairman, Cllr Stephen Davies, and other Councillors said they would attend meetings when possible.

MINUTE 85 -2022

Declarations of  
Acceptance of  
Office

The Chairman and all Councillors signed their declarations of Acceptance of Office at the close of the meeting following the local Council elections. Cllr Lisa Payne was given the New Councillor's Pack of necessary files for her use.

This AGM closed at 7.50 p.m. and was followed by the Monthly Meeting.

THESE MINUTES ARE TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.