

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 22nd June 2023 AT 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Alan Pryce

IN ATTENDANCE: Gwyneth Davies

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lisa Payne gave her apologies for absence.

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis apologised as he had another appointment

Cllr Thomas Colbert gave his apologies for absence as unwell.

Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No declarations of interest were declared.

Minutes of last meeting 18th of May 2023 were read, accepted by all and signed by the chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 18th May 2023:

Minute 123.2023

Public Right of Way

Cllr Caroline Baldwin discussed the public right of way from Erwood Village to Erwood bridge with Rachel Carter at the meeting on the 8th of June. Rachel Carter suggested that we contact SUSTRANS to see if they are able to help. Cllr Stephen Davies said that we must wait and discuss this with the land owner before moving forward. This was accepted.

Minute 124.2023

Meeting with One Voice Wales – Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer

Reference 100.2023 Cllr Caroline Baldwin, Cllr Alan Pryce and 2 Erwood residents from Victoria Terrace met with Rachel Carter, OVW Local Places for Nature Officer, on the 8th of June in Erwood to review common lands that could be enhanced for the enjoyment of Erwood residents, as well as for enhancing biodiversity of wildlife. Ms Carter is currently working on her report which will be shared when ready.

One immediate opportunity that was noted is for a more sensitive approach to mowing of the upper common, which has recently been mowed completely down. As Erwood Community Council has declared support of the Erwood Climate Action Plan, Cllr Caroline Baldwin proposed that going forward, the grass on the common should be mowed 2 metres in from the verge at the roadside to ensure good visibility for vehicle safer on the road; a 2 metre strip alongside the hedge to mitigate against possible fire risk; and a 2 metre strip through the middle to allow for easy pedestrian access

across the common, as well as use for parking for the chapel, when required. The rest to remain unmowed to allow for wildlife to flourish, and a good balance of all needs being met. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Alan Pryce.

Minute 125.2023

Bus Shelter

Reference 101.2023 Cllr Alan Pryce has spoken to the owner of Erwood Hall to discuss a bus shelter. The owner said that they will think about it. Cllr Alan Pryce shared his and the clerk's contact details and posted a letter, which was presented at the meeting and being held on file by the clerk.

Minute 126.2023

Defibrillator

Reference 103.2023No change.

Minute 127.2023

Phone box

Reference 117.2023No change.

Minute 128.2023

Vacancy of Councillor

We will be notified on the 23rd of June when we can advertise the vacancy of community councillor. It was agreed that we will set an end date for the application of Monday the 24th of July 2023. Posters were shared for the notice boards ready for when we are able to advertise the vacancy and this advert to be put on the Council's web site.

Minute 129.2023

Adoption of OVW Model Standing Orders 2023 (WALES)

The New OVW Standing orders were shared before the meeting. Several amendments were made to Standing Orders and agreed that the revised copy be sent by the Clerk to each Councillor for their information. Adoption of the new standing orders was proposed by Cllr Alan Pryce, and seconded by Cllr Caroline Baldwin.

Minute 130.2023

OVW Invitation for Motions at AGM

It was discussed, and no one present had anything to put forward.

Minute 131.2023

Clerk's Internet Bills

As the previous Clerk's internet bill was paid for by Erwood Community Council, it was agreed that this will be continued with the new Clerk's internet bill at a cost of roughly £24 per month. It was agreed that the Clerk will provide an invoice and claim back monthly. This was proposed by Cllr Alan Pryce and seconded by Cllr Caroline Baldwin.

Minute 132.2023**AGM for Bronllys Wellbeing Park**

The invitation to Bronllys Wellbeing Park AGM was shared.

Minute 133.2023**OVW Innovative Practice Conference**

Invitation to attend the OVW Innovative Practice Conference 5th July was shared.

Minute 134.2023**Barclays Bank Statements**

The current financial accounts were read out by Cllr Stephen Davies and were accepted: Barclays – Bank Statements for 31st May 2023: Community Account – £1,713.40 (6 cheques paid - £1,291.71). Savings Account – £2,274.33 (same). Approval of Cartridge Save invoice for £41.59 for 3 Ink Cartridges. Approval of Payment of G. Davies’s salary for 3 months, April to June 2023 - £1105.20. Payment of G. Davies’s expenses April to June 2023 - £200. Payment of Clerk’s salary for May 2023 - £348.90 Payment of Clerk’s Salary for June 2023 – £348.90. These figures were accepted by all Councillors and cheques were signed at the close of the meeting.

Minute 135.2023**Change of Barclays Bank Details**

Cllr Stephen Davies and Cllr Alan Pryce signed the paperwork for Gwyneth Davies to be removed as recipient of the monthly Barclays Bank statements and taken off as a signatory of the cheques, and for new Clerk, Carrienne Ralph to be the new recipient and included as the third signatory for signing cheques.

Minute 136.2023**Annual Accounts 2022-23**

Gwyneth informed the meeting that she had now completed the accounts and posted them to Audit Wales, Cardiff on Saturday 17th June. Audit Wales has stated that it would not be possible for the Council accounts to be inspected before September time. Cllr Alan Pryce agreed to give Pam Banks, our Internal Auditor, the Thank You card and money for checking the Council’s accounts for year 2022-23. Gwyneth also said it would be her last official meeting as the Account were done.

Minute 137.2023**PCC Planning Ref: 23/0794/FUL.**

Planning Application for retention of and alterations to existing building, external and internal alterations and associate works to allow its use for short term holiday accommodation for Mr & Mrs J Cahrilton, Corn Barn, Crickadarn, LD2 3PJ. The Clerk presented the plans for planning application Ref:23/0794/FUL so that councillors could see the building and the plans. It was agreed that Erwood Community Council supports the application.

Minute 138.2023**Clerk iLCA Application**

The Clerk asked Council for their support in applying for iLCA training with a bursary from the SLCC to cover 50% of the costs. Total cost of the course will be £120, but if bursary application is accepted the course will cost £60. Cllr Caroline Baldwin proposed the council should support this, Cllr Alan Pryce seconded and Cllr Stephen Davies signed the bursary application.

Updates as Necessary

Minute 139.2023

Highways

Cllr Stephen Davies discussed that a pothole is forming on the Crickadarn road, 20 yards from the A470, on the corner. It was agreed that the Clerk will email Daniel Relf to see if works can be carried out.

Minute 140.2023

Powys Environment & Nature Event 14th June 2023

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis was booked in to attend the Powys Town and Community Council Environment and Nature Event at The Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells on 14th June 2023. However Cllr Geoffrey Lewis wasn't present, so we will receive an update at another time.

Minute 141.2023

Coronation Mugs

It is thought that we are short of mugs and will need to order more. Minimum mug order is 6, Cllr Stephen Davies suggests that we buy 10 more mugs to ensure that every child in the village receives one. Gwyneth Davies will order more this week. The cheque to pay for the extra coronation mugs was signed by Cllr Stephen Davies and Cllr Alan Pryce.

Minute 142.2023

Footbridge

Cllr Stephen Davies raised concern that there is a footbridge in Gwenddwr village which is seriously undermined and at risk of collapse. It was agreed that Cllr Stephen Davies will forward photographs of the bridge to the Clerk who will raise the concern with Daniel Relf.

Minute 143.2023

PAVO Training

Gwyneth Davies presented the PAVO training courses available in June and July. Cllr Caroline Baldwin asked if the information could be forwarded to all Cllrs over email, which was agreed.

Minute 144.2023

Clerk New Printer

The New Clerk has a printer which belongs to the Community Council and is valued at £120. Payment to be decided in due course.

Minute 145.2023

Pit Stop Erwood Toilets

Cllr Alan Pryce said that the refurbishment of the Pit Stop toilets should be complete soon and there will be a photo shoot on the 30th of June at 3pm. All community councillors are welcome.

Items for Next Meeting

Minute 146.2023

Broadband

Cllr Caroline Baldwin hopes to have an update regarding Erwood Community Broadband Project for the next community council meeting in July.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 13th of July 2023.

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