

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 18TH May 2023 AT 7 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Gwyneth Davies

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies given.

Cllr Stephen Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr Stephen Davies declared an interest in point 5,b on the agenda and signed the appropriate form and agreed to leave the room when item 5,b is being discussed.

Minutes of last meeting 13TH of April 2023 were read, accepted by all and signed by the chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 13th April 2023:

Minute 96. 2023

Public Right of Way

Reference 76.2023 Cllr Caroline Baldwin said that the Rights of Way Officer at Powys County Council has said that PCC do not support permissive rights of way as permission can be removed at any point. As the proposed path from Erwood Village to Erwood bridge goes through private land, Erwood Community Council will need to work directly with the landowner to ask permission. Cllr Stephen Davies said that he will speak to the landowner.

Minute 97.2023

Coronation Mugs

Reference 66.2023 Gwyneth said she had brought the coronation mugs with her but had been unable to find out what families were still to receive them. Cllr Stephen Davies & Cllr Alan Pryce were prepared to deliver them once more details had been obtained. Gwyneth will contact them as soon as she has more information.

Minute 98.2023

Pot holes

Reference 73.2023 Carrienne emailed Mr Daniel Relf, in regards to potholes discussed in the last meeting. She received a reply on the 4th of May 2023 to say that he will look into these areas and raise the necessary works orders .

Minute 99.2023

Notice Boards

Reference 79 2023 Steve and Locals from Llaneglwys have filed down the notice board doors so they now close properly.

Minute 100.2023

Rachel Carter

Reference 60.2023 Rachel Carter , Local Places for Nature Officer for One Voice Wales has proposed to come to the village on the 8th of June 2023, as her meeting last month was postponed due to bad weather. Cllr Caroline Baldwin, Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis said that they will attend the meeting. Cllr Caroline Baldwin said that she will email Rachel with confirmation of the meeting and to say how many people will be attending. Gwyneth would write to the three people who had shown interest to her and will let Cllr Caroline Baldwin know.

Minute 101.2023

Bus Shelter

Reference 62.2023 Cllr Alan Pryce said that he and Cllr Stephen Davies will speak to the owners of Erwood Hall to ask whether they will grant permission for a strip of their land to be used to erect a bus shelter by the bus stop in Erwood.

Minute 102.2023

Coronation Mugs Grant

Reference 66.2023 Gwyneth said that the grant application for the coronation mugs was unsuccessful because the contact details were incorrect on the application form and when this was sorted, they said that they do not pay in retrospect.

Minute 103.2023

Defibrillator

Reference 69.2023 The Defibrillator for Crickadarn is still at Cllr Stephen Davies's House. It was discussed that when we sandblast the phonebox each of the windows needs to be covered with wood for protection. Cllr Stephen Davies said that he will see how he gets on with covering the windows with wood. Cllr Lisa Payne offered to organise a meeting with Cllr Stephen Davies and Mr Julian Moxon. It was agreed by all that the next step for the phone boxes was to get the windows boarded and ready for sandblasting.

Minute 104.2023**Annual Return & Governance Statement**

Mrs Pam Banks, our Internal Auditor, checked all the accounts and completed her AGAR report on 8th May. Gwyneth, as Responsible Financial Officer, signed the completed accounts on 11th May and these were accepted by all Councillors on 18th May 2023. It was agreed by all Councillors that Mrs Banks be given £20 cash for her work as Internal Auditor, which she could spend as she wished or give to her chosen charity as she did last year.

Gwyneth had completed the Accounting Statements for year 2022-2023 and these figures were agreed as correct. All Councillors discussed items 1 to 8 of the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that all these items had been followed correctly. The Chairman then signed the Annual Return as correct at this meeting of 18th May 2023.

Minute 105.2023**PCC Planning Ref: 23/0339/FUL**

Planning Application for Erection of a welfare building on land adjacent to Court Gwenddwr for Mr John Jones, Llandeilo Graban. Cllr Stephen Davies left the room whilst this agenda item was being discussed. It was agreed by all that there is no objection to this application as long as the previous reasons for rejection are resolved. Clerk Carriane Ralph to email Powys County Council as soon as possible with our response.

Cllr Stephen Davies was invited back into the hall after this agenda item was decided upon.

Minute 106.2023**PCC Planning Ref: 22/2182/HH**

Planning Application for Erection of Balcony at The Mill, Gwenddwr for Mr Robert Preece. Clerk Carriane Ralph mentioned that the previously discussed planning application Ref:2/2182/HH has been approved.

Minute 107.2023**PCC Planning Ref: 23/0598/FUL**

Planning Application for change of use of Forestry Commission Agricultural Building to a holiday let at Oak Cottage, Llaneglwys for Mr Peter Brown. The Clerk Carriane Ralph presented the plans for planning application Ref: 23/0598/FUL so that the councillors could see the building and the plans. An objection was received by a member of the public that was read out for the councillors to hear. It was agreed by all that the application will be supported but we wish to make clear that we have reservations regarding limited spring water supply and limited sewerage facilities.

Minute 108.2023**Finances**

The current financial accounts were read out by Cllr Stephen Davies and were accepted: Barclays Bank – Bank Statements for 31st May 2023, Community Account – £3,005.11 (Money out – 5 cheques £743.00) (Money In – Reclaim of VAT – £219.30 & 1st Precept for 2023-24 £2,834.00), Premium Savings Account – £2,274.33 (No change), Confirmation of Purchase of Ink Cartridges - £77.84, Confirmation of Clerk's monthly cheque - £348.90

Minute 109.2023

Clerk's Cheques

Gwyneth Davies asked if it would be acceptable for the new Clerk's monthly salary cheques to be signed without being an agenda item each month. It was agreed by all that as the payments will be the same each month it will be okay for it not to be an agenda item.

Minute 110.2023

Insurance

Gwyneth read through the new insurance policy for 2023 – 2024. All agreed that she can send the cheque off to BHIB Insurance for the sum of £381.87.

Minute 111.2023

Vacancy Cooption of New Councillor

All agreed for the cooption of a new councillor. Gwyneth offered to email the election office. Following this, advertisements for the position will be publicised.

Minute 112.2023

OVW Training

The new Clerk, Carrienne Ralph shared interest in attending the OVW training courses for councillors. It was agreed by all to support her if she is allowed to attend as a clerk.

Minute 113.2023

NHS Local Hero

Clerk Carrienne Ralph shared a letter she had received from the NHS to nominate a local hero to celebrate their work in the local NHS. It was agreed that councillors will ask around the village at coffee mornings and by sharing a poster on the notice boards and a Facebook post on the social media accounts to gauge public interest before we respond to the letter.

Minute 114.2023**Approval of Erwood Climate Community Action Plan.**

It was agreed by all that we are happy with the proposed Climate Action Plan for Erwood, and that it can be shared at the Powys Climate meeting in Llandrindod Wells on June 14th. All councillors are invited to attend if they wish. In addition, we are happy for Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer from One Voice Wales, to share it with the OVW team.

Minute 115.2023**Highways**

Cllr Alan Pryce brought up that it is time to trim the verges South towards Llyswen from Crickadarn road. The verges need cutting back roughly 2 metres. Clerk Carrienne Ralph said that she will contact Mr Daniel Relf to notify him of this.

Minute 116.2023**Pothole**

Cllr Alan Pryce brought up that there is a pothole developing and the manhole is moving on the A470 opposite the public toilets in the village. Cllr Stephen Davies said that he will have a look.

Minute 117.2023**Phone box**

Cllr Alan Pryce said that there is local support to redecorate the phone box in Erwood. Mrs Pamela Banks has got paint that can be used for this. However, because the phone box is owned by BT we need to have permission. Cllr Alan Pryce said that he will speak to BT on this and Gwyneth said she would try to find out a contact name for him.

Minute 118.2023**Brambles around phone box**

It was agreed that the brambles and overgrown greenery around the phone box needs to be cut back. Clerk Carrienne Ralph said that she will email Mr Daniel Relf to look at this.

Updates as Necessary**Minute 119.2023****Erwood Toilets**

Cllr Alan Pryce informed the meeting that Erwood Toilets would be closed for a period of three weeks from 5th June to end of June to carry out their refurbishment

Minute 120.2023**Broadband**

The Broadband officer for Powys Community Council has confirmed that Erwood is a voucher protected area, and so all vouchers remain secure. The UK Govt - BDUK and DCMS - are running a procurement project to identify a new supplier to take over the Erwood project. We are hoping to hear soon which provider will be awarded the project; at which point we will hold an open meeting with Erwood community to confirm if we want to go ahead.

Items for next agenda**Minute 121.2023****OVW Innovative practice conference**

OVW is running an innovative practice conference on the 5th of July. Gwyneth said that she will ask for more details to see if it is of interest to the councillors.

Minute 122.2023**Cllr Email Addresses**

Cllr Stephen Davies gave his laptop for the councillors to enter their passwords to activate their new email addresses.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Next meeting was agreed to take place on **Thursday 22nd of June 2023.**

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