

OCTOBER MINUTES**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7PM.****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Tracey Jones
Cllr Lisa Payne

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Cllr Thomas Colbert

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF LAST MINUTE SIGNED

Minutes of last meeting 21st of September 2023 were read, accepted by all and signed by the chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 21st September 2023:**OCTOBER****Minute 206.2023****Llaneglwys Pothole****Ref 188.2023**

Clerk contacted Daniel Relf and received a reply on the 09/10/2023 that the pothole will be getting repaired this week.

Minute 207.2023**Vacancy of Councillor****Ref 192.2023**

No application so far. The clerk now has access to the community council Facebook page but has not submitted a post advertising the position as she wanted advice on the style of the post from council. Cllr Stephen Davies has spoken to a resident who has expressed an interest in applying for the role. The resident will contact the clerk in due time.

Minute 208.2023**Barclays Bank Change of Signing Arrangement Form****Ref 193.2023**

The Clerk has rang Barclays to understand which form to sign. Barclays bank provided the correct

'Mandate change form', this was signed by the account signatories, Cllr Stephen Davies and Cllr Alan Pryce and will be posted to the bank this week.

Minute 209.2023

Council to Pay HMRC for Clerk's Taxed Salary

Ref 171.2023

Clerk now has full access to the council's Online Business Tax Account . For this quarter the council owes HMRC £179.04. This was agreed by all. The cheque was signed at the end of the meeting.

Minute 210.2023

September Bank Statements

The current financial accounts were read out by the chair and agreed by all. Barclays Bank Statements for 30th September: Community Account: £2,770.04 (Three payments left the account: £60 for OVW Course, £0.06 for Interest charged, £279.30 for Clerk's September Salary). Savings Account: £532.43, no change.

Minute 211.2023

Crickadarn Defibrillator Registering on Circuit

The Clerk has tried to log into the online system to update the Crickadarn defibrillator onto The Circuit, but has not been successful. Cllr Alan Pryce said that David Ronicle may be the local contact for The Circuit, and the clerk has his contact details to ask how to proceed with getting the defibrillator registered.

Minute 212.2023

Financial Toolkit

Ref 200.2023

The toolkit was shared with the present councillors again. The paperwork was reviewed and it was agreed that we will work with the toolkit as needed.

Minute 213.2023

October Quarterly Budget

The Clerk presented the council's spending up against the budget set at the beginning of the year. The account books and bank statements were all brought to the meeting and councillors were welcomed to review the files. No comments were made.

Minute 214.2023

PCC Planning Ref: 23/1405/FUL

County Cllr Thomas Colbert stepped out of the meeting, declaring a declaration of interest due to his position as a county councillor. Planning application for proposed change of use of a former forestry commission building to a holiday let together with internal and external alterations at an outbuilding near Oak Cottage, Erwood, Llaneglwys, Powys LD2 3BQ. Resubmission of application ref23/0298/FUL. The Clerk presented the plans for planning application ref23/1405/FUL so that the councillors could see the building and the plans. A letter of objection was shared by a local resident on the 27/09/2023, regarding this planning application. This was printed and shared with the councillors. It was agreed by all that the clerk will email Powys regarding this planning application and state:

Erwood Community Council has agreed that we support the application but we have continued reservations regarding limited spring water supply and limited sewerage facilities.

Minute 215.2023

Invitation for D-Day Celebrations June 2024

County Cllr Thomas Colbert rejoined the meeting. The council has received an invitation from OVW to celebrate D-Day in June 2024. It was agreed by all that the council would like to take part in this and we will discuss it closer to the time (March 2024).

Minute 216.2023

Climate & Ecology Bill

Cllr Caroline Baldwin said that the council has already supported this bill in February 2023. No further action is needed.

Highways:

Minute 217.2023

Invitation for PCSO Trudy Davies

Clerk emailed PCSO Trudy Davies following our previous meeting, to invite her to the council's meetings, but again has had no response.

Minute 218.2023

20mph Speed Limit

Cllr Alan Pryce noted that many local residents have shared gratitude for the safer roads in the village and have enjoyed the quieter traffic.

Updates as Necessary:

Minute 219.2023

Springfield Track

Council has not heard anything back regarding this.

Minute 220.2023

Data Protection Certificate

Council's payment for the updated Data Protection Registration Nov 23-24 has been accepted and we have received certification.

Minute 221.2023

Broadband Update

Cllr Caroline Baldwin updated the council on progress on the Broadband project. Erwood maintains its voucher protected status, but has not yet been picked up by an Internet Service Provider. There are currently two options. 1. OpenReach: OR have previously said they would be interested in taking on Erwood community; we have contacted the community liaison officer at OR and are waiting for them to get back to us. 2. Voneus, who recently acquired Broadway Partners; likewise, we have contacted the Voneus community liaison officer to understand if Erwood might fit into their rollout plans for the South Wales area. We hope to have discussions with both ISPs in the next couple of weeks and will provide a further update at the next meeting.

Minute 222.2023**OVW Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting 9/10/2023**

Cllr Alan Pryce and Cllr Geoffrey Lewis attended the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting via Zoom on the 9th of October. The topics discussed were: wind farms, & Hendu Wind farms, passive housing development Clyro, Radnorshire Wildlife trust & Welshpool Air ambulance base.

Minute 223.2023**Erwood Phone Box**

No update. Cllr Alan Pryce has not been able to contact the residents at Erwood Inn yet.

Minute 224.2023**Gwenddwr Footbridge**

No update yet. No meeting has been held with the Public Rights of Way Members. Cllr Stephen Davies said he will try to meet them before the next meeting.

Minute 225.2023**Right of Way Sign & Fence Fallen Over**

Case has been raised with Powys, but waiting list is incredibly long. The fence and style is the landowner's responsibility. The clerk will try to find contact details for the landowner.

Minute 226.2023**County Cllr Colbert to share Local Clerk Contacts with Carrienne**

County Cllr Thomas Colbert mentioned that it would be good if all the clerks in the area could meet and keep in contact with one another. He said he will share their contacts with Carrienne so that she has additional support in her new role.

Meeting closed at 20:06

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