

December 23

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 14th December 2023 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Louis MacDonald-Ames

IN ATTENDANCE:

None

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Lisa Payne

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF LAST MINUTE SIGNED

The Chair welcome everyone to the meeting, the minutes of last meeting were read, accepted by all and signed by the chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING November 2023:

Minute 250.2023

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Louis MacDonald-Ames signed his declaration of acceptance of office and is now a councillor for Erwood Community Council. Due to this and the resignation of Tracey Jones, the clerk will contact the electoral office and explain the changes in the council and ask when we can advertise the new vacancy.

Minute 251.2023

Erwood Lamp Post

Ref 246.2023

The Clerk has raised an issue to Powys County Council regarding this, reference number is 8109-1715-0759-9891. Nothing else has been heard and the streetlight is not fixed, so it was agreed that the clerk will phone the direct number to report the problem.

Minute 252.2023

Retrospective Minute Amendment

The Clerk noticed that in the General meeting on the 18th of May 2023, a minute was omitted from the record of the meeting. The Chair read out the drafted Erwood Community Council policy for Councillor Allowances. The policy was agreed by all and signed by the chair.

Minute 253.2023**Cartridge Save Cheques****Ref232.2023**

Cartridge Save has emailed the clerk to say that the cheque (£40.06 sent following November meeting) has not arrived. It was agreed by all that we will ask them to wait to see if it arrives before our January meeting because it could be caught in the Christmas post. If it has not arrived by then, then we will send a second cheque.

Minute 254.2023**Barclays Bank Statements November 2023**

The Council's bank statements were read out by the chair and accepted by all.

Community Account - £1,800.40

Savings Account - £532.43

Minute 255.2023**Clerk Salary**

All agreed that Clerk's Salary will be paid (£303.50 due to NALC pay rise discussed in last meeting minute 233.2023). Cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting.

Finances**Minute 256.2023****Barclays Bank Forms**

The Clerk rang the bank and asked for an update regarding the change of signatory and the forms. The bank explained that they had to send out new forms because Gwyneth Davies was the only address on their system and they need a new address to send the bank statements. The change of address forms were signed by the Chair and Cllr Alan Pryce to be sent before the January meeting.

Minute 257.2023**Renewal of Clerk's SLCC Membership**

The Clerk's SLCC membership is up for renewal in January 2024 and the cost will be £112 for the year. The clerk requested that this be renewed as it offers useful, support & resources. It was agreed by all to go ahead with the renewal and the cheque was signed by the Chair and Cllr Alan Pryce.

Minute 258.2023**Audit Wales Invoice**

Audit Wales has provided their invoice for Erwood Community Council's 2022-23 Audit. The cost is £200. It was agreed by all that this will be paid.

Minute 259.2023**Defibrillators**

The Clerk has contacted David Ronicle regarding the Erwood Defibrillator to try to get it up as running on The Circuit because the defibrillator is working and ready, but this is not shown on The Circuit. The Clerk is awaiting his reply and will try to contact The Circuit directly to solve this.

Minute 260.2023**Repayment of Councillor Allowances.**

Cllrs agreed to ask for repayment of cllr allowance from Tracey Jones to make a repayment to Erwood Community Council of £57 (£3 per week for every week not worked in the year April 2023 – April 2024).

Minute 261.2023

Risk Assessment Accepted

The clerk shared the updated risk assessment for 2024-25 and this was read and accepted by all.

Minute 262.2023

Approval of Budget for 2024-25 Precept

The council discussed the budget for 2024, amendments were made and it was agreed that the clerk will present an updated budget to the January 2024 meeting to be confirmed and sent off for the precept.

Highways

Minute 263.2023

Ref 203.2023

Overgrown Weeds

The Clerk has asked Daniel Relf to organise the cleaning of foliage from the drains at Upper Terrace, Erwood and she has received a reply saying it is on the list to be done. However, the drains have not been cleaned and Cllr Alan Pryce has requested that the clerk asks again.

Updates as necessary

Minute 264.2023

ROW

Cllr Caroline has been discussing the path from Erwood village to Erwood Bridge with Powys Rights of Way Officer. It has come to light that Powys has funding for creating circular routes. In order to understand what we need to do to the field, we need to discuss what the path will look like. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to go back to the owner and discuss what they will be willing to have done in terms of putting in gates and/ or levelling paths.

Minute 265.2023

Noticeboard in Crickadarn

Cllr Stephen Davies has fixed this noticeboard.

Minute 266.2023

Meet Your Community Council Evening

Cllr Caroline Baldwin has asked for Erwood Communiy Council to organise a 'meet your community councillors evening' to increase community engagement and ensure local people understand how the community council can help.

Closed at 20:24.

Merry Christmas!

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