

January Minutes

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 11th January 2024 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Davies
Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames
Cllr Lisa Payne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Neil Evans

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Thomas Colbert

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 December 2023:

Minute 1.2024

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service Presentation

Mr Neil Evans, Deputy Divisional Commander of Northern Division of the Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service provided a presentation regarding the Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2040. He invited comments on this plan from councillors by the 15th of January. The Clerk agreed to send all councillors the plan to read through and make comments on following the meeting.

Minute 2.2024

Erwood Lamp Post

Ref: 251.2023

The Clerk has phoned Powys and notified them of the broken lamp post. The lamp post is now on their list of works but no time frame was given for when this will be completed.

Minute 3.2024

Repayment of Cllr Allowances

The Clerk has spoken to Tracey Jones to request the repayment of her time not worked with the council. Tracey Jones has told the clerk that she has now paid back the agreed £54. This will be confirmed at the next meeting when we receive the January bank statement.

Minute 4.2024**Overgrown Weeds****Ref: 263.2023**

The Clerk Contacted Daniel Relf a second time to request that the roads are swept. Daniel Relf responded to say that he has asked for the work to be done. The road was swept this week.

Minute 5.2024**ROW****Ref: 264.2023**

It was agreed that Cllrs Caroline Baldwin & Stephen Davies need to have a meeting there to see what needs doing. Following this, Cllr Stephen Davies can tell landowners what work would need to be carried out in order to seek their approval. Furthermore, Cllr Caroline Baldwin can request for Powys ROW to support us with acquiring materials.

Minute 6.2024**Meet Your Community Council Evening****Ref: 266.2023**

It was agreed that this is a good idea and Cllr Alan Pryce offered to bring it up at a local community coffee morning to see whether it would be of local interest. It was agreed that if there is local interest then we will arrange an evening and publicise it on the notice boards.

Minute 7.2024**Vacancy of Councillor**

The clerk has spoken to Electoral Services to acknowledge that Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames is now a community councillor and to acknowledge that Tracey Jones resigned as councillor. Erwood Community Council can now advertise for a new community councillor and must notify Electoral Services of the date that we begin to do so. It was agreed by all that the date we begin the advertisement will be Thursday the 18th of January 2024.

Minute 8.2024**Barclays Bank Statements**

The Bank Statement for December 2023 was read out by the chair and agreed by all.

Community Account - £4,199.84

Savings Account - £534.28

It was agreed that all councillors will receive a copy of the bank statements via email from now on.

Minute 9.2024**Clerk's Wage and PAYE HMRC January Quarterly Payment**

The Clerk's wage for January is £303.30 and the quarterly payment due to HMRC is £187.20. This was agreed by the council and cheques were signed at the end of the meeting.

Minute 10.2024**Budget for 2024 -2025**

The clerk talked through the budget for 2024-2025 as amended from the previous meeting. Each of the costs in the budget were discussed at length. It was agreed that the precept for 2024 – 2025 will be £8,500.00. This was agreed by all.

Minute 11.2024**Councillor Allowance**

It was agreed that Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames should receive his councillor allowance upfront for the weeks he will be working during the rest of the current financial year. It was agreed that he will be paid the sum of £64 (£3 per week for 16 weeks for working from home + £1 per week for 16 weeks for consumables). The Standing Orders for the Council and the policy for councillor allowances were emailed to Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames.

Minute 12.2024**Barclays Bank Forms**

Barclays Bank has resent the same forms to be signed as last month. These forms were signed, ready to post and it was agreed that the clerk will ring Barclays to understand where we are in the process.

Minute 13.2024**Defibrillator Update**

The Clerk has arranged to meet with Gwyneth Davies to access the Circuit and update Erwood Defibrillator.

Minute 14.2024**Planning Application Ref: 23/1860/FUL**

Powys Planning Application Proposal: Agricultural Barn Change of use to residential ancillary purpose for Church House. Site Address: Church House, Gwenddwr, Builth Wells, LD2 3HQ. The plans for this application were discussed and it was agreed that the council does not have any objection. The clerk will contact Powys to share our decision.

Minute 15.2024**Future spending purposes for dormant assets in Wales**

This was discussed by council and it was agreed that the councillors can have more time to learn about this and discuss it at the February meeting of the council.

HIGHWAYS**Minute 16.2024****Springfield Lane**

Springfield lane has seriously deteriorated due to local flooding and Cllr Caroline Baldwin has requested that Daniel Relf is contacted in order to repair the road or to request an update regarding the progress of works. It was agreed that Cllr Caroline Baldwin will provide the clerk with videos of the damage to forward to Daniel Relf.

Minute 17.2024**Fly tipping at Cilbedog Road**

Cllr Alan Pryce brought to the attention of the council that there has been fly tipping on Cilbedog Road. It was agreed that Cllr Alan Pryce will investigate this further.

Minute 18.2024**Powys Replacement Local Development Plan**

Powys County Council is preparing a replacement LDP. Comments are needed by the 28th of January.

It was agreed that the clerk will send more information on this and will forward any comments to Powys County Council.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm.

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