

JUNE 2024 MINUTES**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2024 AT 7PM.****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllr Caroline Baldwin
Cllr Alan Pryce
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
Cllr Lisa Payne
Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carrienne Lloyd-Ralph

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING SIGNED

The minutes of the last meeting 23rd of May 2024 were read. It was noted that the clerk forgot to mention the signing of members allowances forms. The clerk is to present these amended minutes at the next council meeting to be approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 13th July 2023:**86.2024****Acceptance of Office of Chairman****Ref: AGM 86.2024**

It was proposed that Cllr Alan Pryce could hold the position of Chair of the council, this was proposed by Cllr Caroline Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Lisa Payne. Cllr Alan Pryce accepted this and signed his declaration of office.

87.2024**Acceptance of Office by Vice-Chair****Ref: AGM 87.2024**

Cllr Caroline Baldwin was proposed as and accepted the position of vice chair at the AGM in May. She signed her declaration of office as vice-chairman.

88.2024**Councillor email Addresses****Ref: 48.2024**

No update

MINUTE 89.2024**Councillor Signing of acceptance of Annual Allowance 2024-25 and Work From Home Declaration**

Louis Macdonald-Ames opted in to accepting the councillor allowance and declared in writing that he works from home on a regular basis and does not already claim tax allowance for working from home against another source of taxable income. Payments have not been made for councillor allowances, this will occur at a later meeting when the item is on the agenda.

90.2024**Insurance****Ref: 80.2024**

The clerk received confirmation in writing that the insurance from Zurich covers the street furniture owned by the council and hence the insurance was bought at a cost of £264 on the 29th of May 2024. The invoice was presented and the cheque for this was signed by Cllr Alan Pryce and Carrienne Lloyd-Ralph so that the insurance could be secured before the renewal date of the 1st of June. The reporting of this was done at the next council meeting in accordance with point 6.6 of our financial regulations.

91.2024**Post box****Ref: 75.2024**

The Clerk has had difficulty contacting the correct people. The clerk will continue to pursue this and bring an answer to the next community council meeting.

92.2024**D-Day Celebrations****Ref: 74.2024**

The D-Day celebrations did not go ahead in Erwood Village due to the lack of a safe place to carry out the lighting of a beacon.

93.2024**Phone Box****Ref: 73.2024**

The clerk sent the contract to the relevant address in May, we are now waiting to receive the ownership documents in the post. In the mean time the phone box is in continued disrepair and needs an undercoat of paint to keep it from rotting. The paint we have for this are currently with residents in the village who offered to help with restoring the phone box, Cllr Alan Pryce said he will ask for the paint tins back.

94.2024**PCSO Trudy Davies**

PCSO Trudy Davies and PCSO Emma Jackson were made aware of the meeting of Erwood Community Council but couldn't attend due to being on annual leave. It was agreed the clerk will continue to extend an invitation to our meetings.

95.2024**Council Notices on Crickadarn Notice board**

Due to Stephen Davies stepping down from the council, there is a vacancy for putting up agenda items on the Crickadarn Notice board, note that Pam Banks put the Agenda for this June meeting onto the Crickadarn notice board for this month but Cllr Caroline Baldwin is happy to take on this responsibility going forward.

96.2024**Co-option of Cllr**

We have had an application for councillor. It was agreed that the council will not co-opt any members until after the general elections in July but will offer the resident to attend the next meeting of Erwood Community Council after the general elections have finished.

97.2024**Erwood Show****Ref: 72.2024**

For the council to have a stall at Erwood Show the cost will be £20. It was asked whether the council would like to be a sponsor of the show but it was queried whether this is legal. The clerk said she will look into this.

98.2024**Flagpole****Ref: 74.2024**

Clerk presented research regarding community councils having flagpoles. It was agreed this was something Erwood Community Council would like to do in the future and we will enquire whether we could have a small flagpole on the village hall. The clerk is to continue her research on this matter and include this in the budget for 2025.

99.2024**Stephen Davies's leaving gift**

Due to Stephen Davies's long term work with the community council, it was agreed that the councillors would personally like to offer a leaving gift. This will not come from the council's budget but from the councillor's personal accounts. Cllr Lisa Payne said she will ask a local friend for some gift ideas.

100.2024**Website**

The clerk has contacted Stephen Davies to request that minutes and agendas are continued to be uploaded and she has requested that the Notice of Electors Rights is uploaded too. The clerk has not received any communications back from Stephen Davies and due to no one else having access to the website it is a worry that these needs may not be met.

101.2024**Gwenddwr Show****Ref: 72.2024**

The clerk queried who will bring a table and marquee for our stand at this show. It was agreed by all that the council no longer wants a stall at Gwenddwr show as we are likely able to fill our vacancies of councillors.

102.2024**Listening Programme on 20mph Limit**

Councillors have asked local residents their opinion on the 20mph speed limit through the village and all responses were positive regarding the speed limit. The council has received communications from a resident asking us to support the 20mph limit as it makes the village feel safer. It was agreed that the council will write to the local highway authority in Powys to declare that we wish to keep the 20mph and actually want more enforcement measures in place.

103.2024**May Bank Statements**

The May Bank Statements were read out by the Clerk and correlated with the cheques written in the council's cash book. There was no change to the savings account, the balance remained at £536.28. The accounts were agreed by all.

Community		Account		
Date	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Reference
01/05/2024			£3810.37	
02/05/2024		£180		Llaneglwys Hall Donation Minute 68.2024 Donations to Charities Ref: 46.2024 Cheque no:100721
16/05/2024	£71.17			VAT Return
Month Close			£3701.54	

104.2024**Audit Documents**

The Notice of Electors Rights have been put up on our Notice boards today (13th June 2024) and the clerk has contacted Stephen Davies to ask him to upload the Notice of Electors Rights on to the council website. The clerk has all the documents required for full audit and is in the process of scanning them all into her computer to ensure copies are made.

105.2024**OVW Training**

Invoice has been received from OVW for the training that Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames has completed and the 50% bursary has been applied to the invoice. However the invoice only lists one course and Cllr Louis attended two so the clerk is to contact OVW to query this. The current invoice states £20.

106.2024**Planning application ref: 24/0659/OUT**

The council read and discussed the planning application ref: 24/0659/OUT. Proposal: Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling and all associated works (Outline with some matters reserved) Site Address: Land At, Forest Farm, Gwenddwr, Builth Wells Powys
It was agreed that there were no objections to this application and the clerk is to contact planning to inform them of this.

107.2024**Highways**

The state of local roads continues to be a problem for local residents. Cllr Geoffrey Lewis will take photographs of potholes on the roads between Nantymynach Farm and Llaneglwys, local residents have started to put bricks in the potholes to try to improve the roads. These photographs will be reported to Highways by the clerk. It has also been requested that the verges are strimmed around the road junctions in the village as lack of visibility is making driving dangerous.

The Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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