

JULY 2024 MINUTES**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 11th July 2024 AT 7PM.****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carrienne Ralph
Cllr Tom Colbert
PCSO Emma Jackson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Caroline Baldwin was unwell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF LAST MINUTE SIGNED

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th of June 2024 were read, accepted by all and signed by the chair. The amended minutes from the 23rd May 2024 were read, agreed by all and signed by the chair.

Matters Arising**108. 2024****Erwood Show Stall**

Clerk was awaiting a response from One Voice Wales to see whether Erwood Community Council had relevant powers to sponsor the Erwood Show.

109.2024**Emails**

No update, agreed that the clerk was to contact Steve to ask if he could help.

110.2024**Co-option of Councillor**

A resident shared interest in joining the council and was invited to the meeting, but had not attended. The clerk had notified Electoral Services of Stephen Davies's resignation and received permission to advertise the vacancy of councillor.

111.2024**Erwood Phone box**

Clerk had spoken with BT and the telephone equipment had been removed from Erwood phone box. The community council are to put up a notice of ownership as per the contract. The council enquired

about whether there was a community service scheme available that could be used to clean up the phone boxes in Erwood and Crickadarn. County Councillor Tom Colbert said he will look into this. It was agreed that the Clerk was to research grants for renovating the phone box. Clerk to forward information regarding the materials of the phone box.

112.2024

PCSO Emma Jackson

PCSO Emma Jackson attended the meeting and discussed the issue of speeding through the village. The council shared their worry of the 20mph limit not being enforced. PCSO said she will speak to traffic and go-safe colleagues and see if it would be possible for a speed van to attend the village.

County Councillor Tom Colbert asked who had the last word over the speed limit on trunk roads - was it the county council or the trunk road agency? It was important to know so that Erwood Community Council could correspond with the relevant body to ensure the limit remained. It was asked that the clerk reminded County Councillor Tom Colbert to contact Head of highways/ traffic department to see who made the decisions regarding the above.

113.2024

Erwood Post Box

Clerk contacted Royal Mail Customer Services and had been told that Royal Mail would not be replacing the post box due to another post box being situated within 0.5 miles.

114.2024

Update Regarding 20mph response to Highways

Clerk filled in the survey for Highways and stressed the importance of keeping the 20mph speed limit in the village. This was received by highways, but no response had been given.

115.2024

Gwenddwr Show

Clerk had notified Gwenddwr show that a stall was no longer needed.

116.2024

Planning Application 24/0875/HH

The following application was discussed and the council had no issue.

Application Reference: 24/0875/HH

Grid Reference: E:309489 N: 243083

Proposal: Construction of a side single storey extension. Site Address: 10 The Holmes, Erwood, Builth Wells, LD2 3EQ.

117.2024

Bank Signatory

Clerk received confirmation that Councillor Lisa Payne was now a signatory on the accounts and would be able to sign cheques in the next 3-5 working days.

118.2024

June Bank Statements

June 2024 Bank Statements were presented to the council and accepted by all.

Community			Account	
Date	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Reference
01/06/2024			£3701.54	
07/06/2024		£264.00		Insurance: Ref: 80.2024 Cheque no:100727
Month Close			£3437.54	

Savings			Account	
Date	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Reference
01/07/2024			£536.28	
03/07/2024	£2.00			Interest Earned Gross
Month Close			£538.28	

119.2024

Budget Update

Budget update was given for Quarter One. Major points included:

- £236 was saved by changing insurance provider,
- £4017.18 remained in budget for clerk's salary
- Clerk's Annual expenses were over spent by £160.87 due to last year's expenses being paid out in this financial year.
- It was added that audit fee for this year was expected to be higher than anticipated due to the council having a full audit this year instead of a basic one.

		from	Spend from July	Spend from	Spend from	Total Spend	Budget	Differenc
1	Expenses	April -	- September	October -	January - March	2024-2025		e
2	Ink Cartridges	June		December			400	
3	OVW Subscription						90	
4	Insurance	264					500	236
5	Audit						250	
6	Donations to Erwood and Llaneglwys Halls						680	
7	SLCC Subscription						112	
8	Erwood Market Hall Meetings						150	
9	Llaneglwys Hall Meetings						0	
10	Donations to Charities						300	
11	Clerk Salary Including HMRC Tax	529.62					4546.8	4017.18
12	Clerks Expenses	360.87					200	-160.87
13	Training						300	
14	CLLR Allowance INCL. Consumables						1456	
15	Members Travelling on Duty						100	
16	Data Protection Registration						45	
17	BT Adoption of 2 Telephone Kiosks						0	
18	Interest incurred							
19	Mugs to Commemorate Kings Coronation						0	
20	TOTAL	1154.49						

120.2024

Bills Due

The following bills were due for the council to pay. It was agreed by all that the cheques would be signed at the end of the meeting.

- 1 - HMRC PAYE TAX - £75.60
- 2 - Cllr Allowances - £1040
- 3 - Ink - £85.87 (invoice provided)
- 4 - OVW - £20 (invoice provided). One Voice Wales confirmed the invoice was correct as the council was eligible for a 50% bursary.
- 5 – Clerk's salary - £902.40 (excluding tax). It was agreed that the clerk would be paid next month following the second instalment of precept, due to the bill being substantial.

121.2024

Highways

Council noted that a significant pothole discussed at the last meeting had been filled and requested that a thank you was sent to Powys Highways for dealing with it so quickly.

It was noted that there was still a sizable pothole on Victoria Terrace and the grass cutting on the verges had not taken place. The clerk had received a response from Daniel Relf that the verge cutting was a Highways authority responsibility and the clerk will try to contact them going forward.

122.2024

Training

Clerk continued to provide councillors with training opportunities via email. None had been taken up this month.

123.2024

Pontybat Cross Roads Update

County Councillor Tom Colbert provided a verbal update regarding Pontybat Cross Roads.

124.2024

Contacts for Clerk

County Councillor Tom Colbert offered to support the clerk in networking to gain contacts.

The Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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