

22nd May 2025 MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 22nd May 2025 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carrienne Ralph
Mike Love

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

Declaration of interest

No declarations of Interest were shared relating to an item on the agenda.

Matters Arising

55.2025

Wind2 Parc Ynni Celyn Wind Farm 19:04 – 19:24

Member of the public spoke to the community council regarding the Parc Ynni Banc y Celyn proposal. Worry for the ecological impact of the proposal was shared and a scale model was provided to the community council to demonstrate the size of the proposed wind turbines.

Interest was shared in the meeting being arranged between the community council and Wind2, and it was agreed that information would be shared when the date and time was confirmed.

It was agreed that the clerk would share contact details with any councillors who would like to discuss the matter further and that some documents and maps could be pinned to the notice boards in the village hall for local resident's information.

The importance of ensuring personal opinion and feeling did not influence the behaviour of councillors was noted, due to the responsibility of councillors to represent their community.

56.2025

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted by all.

57.2025

Road Traffic through Erwood

County councillor Tom Colbert had been working with MS Jane Dodds regarding the issue of speeding through the village in request to receive street furniture to support the slowing of traffic through the village. MS Ken Skates responded to say that when Welsh Government are in the process of reviewing the speed limit through Erwood Village, a speed survey would be undertaken, the results from which would be shared with GoSafe. Information regarding 'Operation Snap' was also shared.

County Councillor Tom Colbert also spoke to James Evans, who suggested that if Erwood Community Council could fund the street furniture themselves there would be no opposition from Welsh Government. It was agreed that Erwood Community Council would like the clerk to contact Powys County Council and the Trunk Roads Authority in pursuit of this.

58.2025

Erwood Common Grass Cutting

Cllr Stephen Davies has arranged for Erwood Common to be cut. It was agreed that the common will next be cut in June. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to provide contact details for clerk to pass on to Land Owner.

59.2025

Planning application 25/0376/FUL

It was noted that the above planning application at New Dwelling At Cwmgwenddwr Gwenddwr Bulth Wells Powys LD2 3HZ, had been approved by Powys County Council.

60.2025

Agreement of End of Year Accounts 2024-25

The end of year accounts were presented to committee and agreed by all.

61.2025

Post-payment approval of Payment to HMRC

It was noted that a payment of £476.64 was paid to HMRC for the last quarter. This was agreed by all.

62.2025

Post Payment Approval Audit Wales Full Audit

It was noted that a payment of £670 was paid to Audit Wales for the Full Audit performed last year. This was agreed by all.

63.2025

Insurance Renewal

The Clerk had received an Insurance quote for 01/06/2025 – 31/05/2025 for £264. This was the same price as the previous year and it was agreed by all to renew. The clerk would pay via online banking.

64.2025

Internal Audit 2024-25

The internal Audit for 2024-25 was read out by the clerk. It was agreed by all that the invoice of £46 for the internal audit would be paid via online banking.

65.2025

Cllr Allowances for the year 2025-26

The Councillors noted that they were eligible to receive £208 for the year for consumables and allowance as set out in the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2025. Cllr Caroline Baldwin opted out of receiving the payment.

66.2025

Signing of the Annual Return 2024-25

The Chair signed the Annual Return for the year 2024-25

67.2025

Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk updated the Council that no enquires for the position had been received. The role was now being advertised on the council's Facebook page and on the Powys County Council Website.

68.2025

Training

Training was shared to the councillors via email.

69.2025

Highways

An incident of fly tipping in Gwenddwr had been reported to the clerk and councillors. It had now been picked up by the County Council.

Pot-holes opposite the Chapel in Gwenddwr had been reported to the Clerk, and Powys Highways had logged the work.

It was requested that the clerk report the following to Powys County Council Highways:

- It was identified that strimming was needed at the top of Erwood Common, 2-3 yards in between the salt box and junction.
- Roots of a tree at the bench by the Holmes housing estate has begun to move the pavement and the tree is covering the streetlight.
- There were potholes between Crickadarn and Springfield turn. As well as the road between Llwyngwyn and Lower Epynt.
- On the road between Hirdir Bridge to Forest Farm there is a drop off the tarmac down the one side and it is quite dangerous.

70.2025

Matters for next meeting:

Website

Biodiversity Report 2025

Planning application