

ERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
ERWOOD MARKET HALL ON THURSDAY 13TH November 2025 AT 7:00 PM

Members Present

- Cllr Alan Pryce
- Cllr Lisa Payne
- Cllr Geoffrey Lewis
- Cllr Stephen Davies (Chair)

In Attendance

- Saloni Srivastava (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from County Councillor Tom Colbert
- Cllr Louis Macdonald-Ames

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made in relation to any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(122.2025)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

a. Update on phone booth painting

(123.2025)

In continuance of the previous meeting. The Chairman, provided an update on the scheduled painting of the phone booth. He explained that, due to personal reasons, he has been unable to complete the work at this time. He confirmed that he remains willing to carry out the painting himself when his schedule allows and would prefer to do so before the Council considers outsourcing the work at a significant cost.

All members approved the update, and the item was noted.

b. Erecting a dog waste basket on the upper common

(124.2025)

The Clerk informed Councillors of the recent conversation with Powys County Council regarding the request to erect a dog waste bin. Powys County Council advised that they are unable to install a dedicated dog waste bin in

the requested area, but residents may dispose of dog waste in the general waste bins provided.

Alan confirmed that he is willing to speak with local residents to encourage proper disposal of dog waste in the general waste bins rather than leaving it on pathways. Councillors requested that new signage be placed on the Common to reinforce this guidance. The Clerk will contact Powys County Council to request new dog waste signs.

This item was noted and agreed by all.

c. Update on erecting X-mas tree at the common estate and risk assessment (125.2025)

The Clerk informed Councillors that permission had been granted by the estate owner to erect a Christmas tree on the Common, and no objections had been raised. A risk assessment was completed by Mr. Louis and has already been submitted to the insurance provider, Zurich. The only outstanding element of the assessment concerned confirmation of underground BT lines, as the exact location of cables beneath the proposed site is unknown.

Mr. Geoff agreed to contact BT to request information regarding any underground cables in the area where the tree is to be installed. This item was noted and agreed by all.

d. Update on advertisement of notice of casual vacancy (126.2025)

The Clerk reported that the notice of vacancy for the Councillor position has been displayed on the notice board in accordance with statutory requirements. It was further noted that, should ten members of the public request an election, a formal election will be held, and any eligible individual who expresses interest may stand for election to be chosen by the electorate.

This item was noted by all members.

e. Discussion regarding Road Signs location in the village. (127.2025)

The Clerk provided an update on the proposed installation of over speeding road signs in Erwood. In line with previous discussions, the Clerk contacted the GoSafe campaign to progress the request. Following a telephone conversation, GoSafe advised that the Clerk must complete a formal application on behalf of the Community Council and that specific sign locations are required for the form.

Mr. Alan identified three locations within the village where the over speeding signs would be most effective. He also consulted several local residents, who indicated they are supportive of installing the signs in Erwood to help reduce speeding in the area.

This item was noted by all members

7. Finance

Acknowledgment of Payment to GDPR of membership fees.

(128.2025):

The Clerk reported that, in line with the consent provided by Councillors via email, the GDPR membership fee being a legal requirement has been paid in the amount of £52. The payment has been fully processed and recorded. This item was noted by all members

Acknowledgment of Payment to HMRC

(129.2025):

The Clerk informed Councillors that payments of £97.00 and £61.22 have been made to HMRC in accordance with statutory requirements. The payments were acknowledged and agreed by all members.

Redeem clerk for stationary needed.

(130.2025):

It was reported by the clerk that she had purchased stationery amounting to £13.90, for which a receipt was presented to all councillors. Additionally, she paid £9.25 for postage related to the annual fees to One Voice Wales. It was agreed that this amount would be reimbursed via online payment.

Payment to clerk's Salary needs approval.

(131.2025):

The monthly payment for the month of October and November is due. It has been agreed by all to make bank transfer to the Clerk.

7. Prepare Budget for upcoming year.

(132.2025):

Councilors made some discussions on the budget. The agreed amount proposed was £11,500. The proposed outline budget was presented by the clerk and agreed by all.

8. Additional Items

Update on Potholes in Gwendder Village:

(133.2025):

The Clerk reported to the Councillors that a complaint had been received from Mr. Frank Banks regarding potholes in **Gwendder** Village. The Clerk had contacted the depot, which confirmed that the reported potholes were repaired two weeks ago and that additional repairs are currently underway on other sections of the village. The depot's response has been forwarded to Mr. Banks. The update was duly noted by all Councillors.

Use of Budget for Christmas Tree, Lights, Decorations, and Event Contribution:

(134.2025):

The Councillors discussed the allocation of the Erwood Community Council's budget for the purchase of the Christmas tree, lights, decorations, and contribution towards the Christmas event. It was agreed by all Councillors that any unused funds from the budget could be allocated for these purposes. The proposal was unanimously approved.

12. Matters for the Next Meeting

Meeting closed at 19:55