**ERBISTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 11th September 2023 at 7pm**

**At The Boat, Erbistock**

**Present; - Councillors John Evans (Chairman), Glenys Matthews, Sarah Cooke, Charles Barnett, Gareth Bailey-Rogers, Vicky Cooper and also the Clerk Liz Lewis and County Councillor John Pritchard.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence -** None
2. **A Declaration of Interests –** None
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th June 2023 -** These were agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Sarah Cooke and seconded by Charles Barnett and were duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising –** Councillor Pritchard had contacted WCBC Highways regarding the panting of white lines in Erbistock or extra signage to slow traffic, but unfortunately funds are too low to execute any at this time. The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator list was still a work in progress.
5. **Police Matters –** PCSO Dean Sawyer was unable to attend but continues to email his monthly report which is forwarded to all Councillors. It was noted that the only crime was a non- paying customer at The Boat. Councillor Matthews reported that there had been some unusual police activity in the Crabtree Green area but reason not known.
6. **Planning Matters -** Planning Applications – previously circulated:

* Erbistock Mill Cladding/walkway P/2023/0483 – RESUBMITTED
* Fourteen Acres, Erbistock. Removal of Agricultural Occupancy – PENDING
* Outline application for 6 dwellings in Marchwiel/Eyton P/2023/0439 – RESUBMITTED. Some observations from local residents were discussed and noted.

1. **Review of Income and Expenditure**

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| **Bank balances as at 18/08/2023** | **£** |
| **Charitable Bank Account**  **(formerly called Community Account)** | **2,231.69** |
| **Business Money Manager Account** | **219.65** |
| **PAYMENTS Agreed- cheques signed** |  |
| **One Voice Wales (Subscription)** | **84.00** |
| **Clerk’s Wages July-September** | **152.88** |
| **INCOME- Precept -2nd payment** | **566.77** |

1. **Audit Report –** The Audit Report for 2021/2022 had now been received and there was only a minor comment from Audit Wales regarding the inclusion of unpresented cheques on the form otherwise all was satisfactory.
2. **Annual review of the Budget, Effectiveness of The Council’s Internal Controls, Adoption of The Financial Regulations and the Revised Standing Orders.** Information relating to the budget had been previously circulated and the issue of main concern was the impending number of Audit Wales invoices (3) which may become payable all in one financial year due to the backlog at Audit Wales. This would cause the Council’s expenditure to exceed it’s income which would be breaking the Financial Regulations. Clerk to ascertain the timetable for the issue of future invoices. The budget would be reviewed in greater detail in the December meeting.

All other documents were discussed and approved, including the new revised Standing Orders issued by One Voice Wales in 2023.

1. **Highways/footpaths etc. –** The ongoing flow of water down towards Manley Hall and beyond had following several requests been inspected by Highways who considered it a burst pipe and reported it to Severn Trent Water. They promised to inspect it within the next few days.

Councillor Cooke also raised the issue of the condition and construction of stiles in the area following problems experienced by participants in the recent Church Fun Run/Walk. The footpath officer had been informed and was surveying the area.

1. **Correspondence –**

* Wrexham Area Civic Society – There were no suggestions for suitable awards
* The Welsh Government 20mph “Misinformation Fact Sheet” had been emailed out to Councillors shortly before meeting. No comments.

1. **A.O.B** Councillor Pritchard advised the Council that hedge/grass cutting etc. and bin collections were all affected by strike action and the need to reallocate staff.
2. **Date and Time of next Meeting -** This was agreed as Monday 4th December 2023 at The Boat.

**The meeting was closed at 8.10pm**

**Signed as a true and correct record**…………………………………………………………………………………

**CHAIRMAN**

**Date**……………………………………………………….