**ERBISTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm**

**At The Boat, Erbistock**

**Present; - Councillors John Evans (Chairman), Glenys Matthews, Sarah Cooke, Charles Barnett, 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 11th September 2023 -** These were agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Charles Barnett and seconded by Vicky Cooper and were duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising –** There were no matters arising.
5. **Police Matters –** PCSO Dean Sawyer had not been notified of the meeting due to an administrative oversight. However it was discussed as to the necessity of the PCSO’s attendance in such a low population/low crime area and perhaps it was not the best use of Police resources. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the PCSO on this theme with the assurance that if necessary he would endeavour to attend. Police reports will continue to be circulated.
6. **Planning Matters -** Planning Applications – previously circulated:
* Erbistock Mill Cladding/walkway P/2023/0483 – GRANTED
* Outline application for 6 dwellings in Eyton P/2023/0439 -PENDING
* Fourteen Acres, Erbistock. Removal of Agricultural Occupancy – PENDING
* Erbistock Village Hall conversion to dwelling – P/2023/0724 – PENDING
* Eyton Church conversion to dwelling – P/2023/0672 – PENDING
* Hillside, Erbistock conversion of outbuilding to holiday let – P/2023/0574 –PENDING
* Coed Derwen, Erbistock modifications to vehicle access P/2023/0775 – PENDING
1. **Review of Income and Expenditure**

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| **BANK BALANCES as at 18/11/2023** | **£** |
| **Charitable Account (current)** | **1825.73** |
| **Business Manager Account** |  **220.71** |
| **INCOME (precept)** |  **566.67** |
| **PAYMENTS AGREED** |  |
| **Clerk’s wages (quarterly payment)** |  **152.88** |
| **Donation- St Hilary’s Church** |  **150.00** |
| **Donation- Wales Air Ambulance** |  **100.00** |

1. **Audit Report –** The Audit Report for 2022/2023 had now been received and there were a few minor issues relating to the treatment of unpresented cheques which would not have occurred had the audit reports been returned from Audit wales in a timely fashion. The invoices for the 2021/22 audit and the 2022/23 audits had yet to be received.
2. **Setting The Precept –** The budget had been discussed at the previous meeting and as no extra expenditure was envisaged it was agreed to keep the precept payment at £1700.00.
3. **County Councillor’s Report –** Councillor Pritchard reported that Wrexham Council had now agreed to the LDP. Extensive work had been undertaken to solve the water flowing down past Manley Hall. Several previously buried drains had been dug out and the water seems to have stopped. It was thought a map of these drains should be made for future reference. Also he informed the Council of an interesting find of old record books at Eyton School which included registers, punishment books and details of war evacuees located in the area during WW2. Clerk to check them out with a view to publishing on Community Council FaceBook page and other potential viewings.
4. **Donations -** It was agreed to donate £150.00 for the upkeep of Erbistock Churchyard and £100.00 to The Wales Air Ambulance. The clerk will contact Eyton W.I. regarding an annual donation.
5. **Any Other Business**
* The Chairman requested that Wrexham Council expedite any road repairs/potholes etc.
* Councillor Pritchard also alerted the Council to the ongoing plan to reduce the fire service provision in the area, with the loss of a fire engine.
1. **Date and Time of next Meeting -** This was agreed as Monday 4th March 2024 at The Boat, Erbistock

**The meeting was closed at 8.30pm**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

**Date**……………………………………………………….