Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, Clare Rooke, Amanda Williams, Matthew Sims,

Apologies were received from Cllr’s Sheena Duller, Alan Wilkinson, Ifan Jones Evans and Christian Pateman and Cllr Wyn Evans.

Matters Arising.

Defibrillators; The clerk reported that the stands for the new defibrillators to be located at Penrodyn and New Row have arrived. The clerk said that he and Cllr Christian Pateman would put these up over the weekend.

Coffee mornings; Cllr Christian Pateman had asked the clerk to mention in the meeting that members of the Wednesday coffee mornings were under the impression that the Warm Spaces funding for the coffee mornings would be coming to an end at the end of March and if they wanted to carry on they would have to fund the hall hire themselves for the sum of £40.00 a week. If this were the case, they would go elsewhere.

This is not the case. The Village Hall hire for the coffee mornings is being subsidized by the community council for a period of three months. If this were to become popular then the funding would continue. Councillors decided that as the event was growing in popularity they would fund it for the rest of the year. The clerk will relay the message to the members on the community FB page and the mailing list.

Planning Application; Cllr Wyn Evans has informed the clerk that planning permission for the construction of a track to Pantffynnon has been granted.

Telecom Mast Llethr Villa, the clerk reported that he had emailed Cornerstone after the last meeting with suggestions of another location. He had sent grid references, what three words and a map of the site. To date there has been no reply from Cornerstone.

Training; the clerks of Lledrod, Ystrad Meurig and Ysbyty Ystwyth have been discussing the mandatory training that One Voice Wales are offering community councils. We all feel that smaller community councils don’t require all the training proposed. Cllr Annwen Isaac had emailed One Voice Wales asking if they could provide a bespoke training session. Their reply was that it was not possible, and all the modules had to be done. No further discussions have taken place.

Community Garden; the clerk reported that Kieron Evans has been and tidied up the community garden. He has also swept the path from Huanfa to the main road, Jacob’s Ladder.

Road Closure; Cllr Wyn Evans has received a letter from Ceredigon County Council informing him that work on the road from Pontrhydygroes to Llanaan will not start until July due to more NRW embargo’s that don’t finish until June 30th.

Correspondence was received from Ms Gill Ogden regarding the street light near her property. She is asking for this to be turned off overnight as the lights are coming into her property. A shield to deflect the lights has already been fitted. It was agreed to bring this matter up in the AGM as others may not want the light turned off.

There was no other business.

Extraordinary meeting 5th March 2023 to discuss site of New Row Defibrillator.

Present; Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, Christian Pateman, Sheena Duller, Alan Wilkinson, Amanda Williams, Clare Rooke.

This Chair asked for this meeting to be scheduled due to complaints received about the siting of the defibrillator in New Row.

Background. Cllr Christian Pateman and the clerk had sited a defibrillator on the highway verge in New Row between the bus stop and telegraph pole. Whilst most of the residents were grateful for this to happen, a complaint was received from one resident claiming that it was obscuring her vue. Questions were asked whether permission had been granted, why were the residents not consulted, there are far more public areas this could be located and if it were to go in New Row then there were far better places to locate it. A consultation had taken place with residents some months ago and all were in favour of receiving a defibrillator.

It was agreed to remove the device temporarily, prepare a questionnaire toasking firstly if they wanted this defibrillator and if so, where to site it. Responses have now been received and all but two residents are happy for the defibrillator to be erected by the bus stop. However Ceredigion County Council have asked the community council to fill in a section 115E form, this is a disclaimer to say the defibrillator is community council responsibility. Also to dig a hole in the verge a section 171 street works licence is required at a cost of £191.00.

The clerk was asked if we could put the defibrillator inside the bus stop, this may reduce the costs.