Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 in the village hall.

Present, Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, Clare Rooke, Amanda Williams, Matthew Sims, Christian Pateman, Sheena Duller, Ifan Jones Evans,

Also present was Councillor Wyn Evans.

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Wilkinson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Cllr Sheena Duller and seconded by Cllr Clare Rooke.

**Matters Arising**

**Village Signs,** The clerk reported that he had heard no more about the new village signs for Pontrhydygroes and Ysbyty Ystwyth.

**Annual Audit,** The clerk reported that he been in touch wit Audit Wales about the annual audit for 2021-22, gave contact details and was told that someone would call. Still no response. Clerk will try once more and will also contact One Voice Wales for advice.

**Bottle Banks,** The clerk has asked for the bottle banks in the village hall car park to be removed. Ceredigion will put signage on the bins informing public that the bins will be removed within one month of the signage being placed.

**War Memorial,** The clerk reported that the contractor, Kieron Evans is happy to carry out the work on the War Memorial, but it will have to wait until the new year as he is busy.

**Defibrillators,** The clerk has received a quote for 2 new defibrillators to be placed in New Row and Penrodyn area of Pontrhydygroes. Councillors agreed to go ahead with the purchase. It was proposed that another defibrillator be purchased in 2024 and sited in Ysbyty Ystwyth.

**Planning Application Pantffynnon Isaf,** Cllr Ifan Jones Evans and Amanda Williams declared an interest, both were asked by the clerk to leave the room whilst the matter in question was being discussed. Cllr Wyn Evans reported that he was in the planning meeting where this application was discussed. The decision was to hold a site meeting attended by the planning committee. Cllr Evans will be in attendance and will report back.

Summer of Fun, The summer of fun activities have now finished, the events were a success with good attendance. It was decided to hold a Halloween disco on the 30th October as a thank you to all that attended.

Financial Report, the clerk reported that there was £6591.64 in the current account and £2480.66 in the reserve account. Grant money for the summer of fun has been received and payments have been made.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Cheque Number** | **Income** | **Amount** | **Expenditure** | **Amount** |
| July 15th |  | Summer of Fun Grant | £1520.00 |  |  |
| 29th July |  | Ceredigion Precept | £1000.00 |  |  |
| Sept 1st | 100803 |  |  | Clare Rooke  SoF | 106.50 |
| 5th Sept | 100801 |  |  | Ceredigion Street lights | 40.84 |
| 6th Sept | 100802 |  |  | Walkes Audit | 434.25 |
| 14th Sept | 100804 |  |  | Zurich Insurance | 257.60 |
| 23rd Sept | 100809  100805 |  |  | Clare Rooke  Cynon Rose | 60.00  336.00 |
| 27th Sept | 100807 |  |  | Topsoil | 159.60 |
| 4th Oct | 100810  100811 |  |  | Sioned SoF  Gwenan SoF | 60.00  180.00 |
| 6th Oct | 100806 |  |  | One Voice Wales | 81.00 |
| 14th Oct | 100812 |  |  | Sheens SoF | 148.30 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

St John’s Church, Cllr Wyn Evans reported that he has received an email from the Church of Wales regarding the sale of St John’s church in Ysbyty Ystwyth. The church is on the market but access will still remain for the public to attend to graves and for funerals. The future of the building itself will be governed by the Local Planning Authority (Ceredigion County Council), as any alterations, as a redundant church building, will need to be agreed by them.  Whilst the Victorian Church there is not, itself, a listed building, it is within the setting of the older listed church, and as such we understand that the Conservation Officer will likely wish to see any plans for proposed change, and, indeed, may well regard it as a listed building within the curtilage of the listed church down the hill.

An email has been received from One Voice Wales providing guidance on the preparation of the councils training plan. The training plan has to be ready by 5th November. The clerk informed councillors that some of these training modules have to be completed. No training plan has been arranged as yet and the clerk suggests we contact other community councils in the Lledrod ward to discuss a way forward. Cllr Wyn Evans said he will be attending meetings in Lledrod and Ystrad Meurig and will discuss the possibility of joining forces to organize and attend these training sessions.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings. As the cost of living crisis worsens and with winter approaching, Ceredigion County Council and CAVO are offering to support residents during these difficult times by providing grant funding of up to £1000 to provide a network of warm spaces to support anyone struggling with the cost of living this winter.  They want to work with any community group or organisation that would be able to provide warm spaces within their community.

It was suggested that the village hall in Ysbyty Ystwyth could be used and provide a coffee morning once a week for residents of the community. The clerk will make more enquiries.

AOB

Cllr Wyn Evans reported that the C1115 from Pontrhydygroes to Llanafan will remain closed until well into the new year before work commences. He and the councillor for the Trawscoed ward have sent numerous emails to Ceredigion County Council complaining about the length of the closure and disruption to locals.

Cllr Ifan Jones Evans would like to thank everyone who joined him in a fundraising quad bike trek to raise money for Bronglais Chemotherapy unit. A total of £3000.00 was raised.