MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST September 2022 in the village hall.

Present; Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, (Chair) Clare Rooke, Sheena Duller, Amanda Williams, Matthew Sims, Alan Wilkinson and Ifan Jones Evans.

Apologies were received from Cllr Christian Pateman.

Also present was Councillor Wyn Evans.

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

Cllr Gwyneth Davies welcomed all to the meeting.

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**Village signs;** the clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Ceredigion County Council about purchasing 4 new village signs for Ysbyty Ystwyth and Pontrhydygroes to be erected on the B4343. We have asked for the blue signs instead of the standard black and white signs. Cllr Sheena Duller has designed a picture to put on the sign and we are awaiting confirmation from the sign maker to see if these are suitable. Clerk to chase up by next meeting.

**Internal Audit;** the clerk has still not received any news from Audit Wales regarding the annual accounts for year end March 2021. The clerk has completed the 2021-22 audit but is unable to return to Audit Wales until the previous year has been approved. Numerous emails have been sent to Audit Wales but no reply yet.

**Bottle Banks;** The clerk reported that the bottle bank in the village hall can be removed. The clerk will arrange with Ceredigion County Council for collection. A notice will be put on the bins and remain there for one month before the bins will be removed.

**Meeting Attendance;** The poor attendance to recent meetings were discussed and the question raised again if another night would be more suitable. The clerk explained that meeting dates have to be made available to the general public and also put on the community website and notice boards. Having to change evenings or cancel meetings because of poor attendance is not good practice and has to stop. After a brief discussion it was proposed to move the meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**War Memorial;** it was reported that the contractor who was to carry out repair work on the war memorial is unwell and will not be able to do the work asked of him. It was agreed to ask the contractor who was second if he was still prepared to do the work and how soon.

**Summer of Fun;** Cllr Gwyneth Davies reported that the Summer of Fun activities had gone really well and thanked Cllr’s Clare Rooke, Amanda Williams and Sheena Duller for their help. Cllr Sheena Duller will be providing a report for Ceredigion County Council so any pictures of the events would be greatly received. Thanks also were passed on to Gwenan Williams and Sioned Thomas who helped out with the activities.

**Community Garden;** Now that new planters have been built as a Summer of Fun activity to replace the rotting planters in the garden an evening was arranged to replace the old planters with new and also plant the flowers. It was decided to do this work next Tuesday at 18:00, as many helpers as possible.

**Defibrillator Grant;** The clerk reported that funding up to £300.00 was available to purchase more defibrillators for the community through Calon Hearts. It was suggested that purchasing two more defibrillators would provide a greater coverage for the community, one to be placed in New Row and the other on the unclassified road between Pontrhydygroes and Ysbyty Ystwyth near Penrodyn. The clerk to make enquiries.

**Tregaron Eisteddfod;** Cllr Wyn Evans reported that the National Eisteddfod in Tregaron was a resounding success and the efforts of communities throughout Ceredigion was greatly appreciated.

**AOB:**

**Fly Tipping:** Cllr Ifan Jones Evans reported that someone has started fly tipping in the quarry near Pantycraf. The clerk said the situation would be monitored and if signs were required, he would contact Ceredigion County Council.

**Planning Application A220202, Land at Pantyffynnon Isaf;** Cllr Ifan Jones Evans said he was disappointed with the lack of support received from the Community Council to the above planning application. He also stated that the concerns sent by the Community Council were factually incorrect and a planning application notice had been erected. Cllr Evans showed the planning application to the councillors. Cllr Sheena Duller reported that the planning notice was put in place three days after comments from the Community Council were sent. Cllr Gwyneth Davies reminded everyone that the Community Council were there to represent the whole community and what was sent in from the Community Council were concerns and not an objection to the application.

The clerk reminded everyone that the Code of Conduct states that any matters discussed that a councillor had a personal interest in the said councillor would have to declare an interest and leave the room, and if they wanted to speak then they would require a dispensation.

**St John’s Church Ysbyty Ystwyth;** There are reports within the community that St John’s church in Ysbyty Ystwyth is to be put on the market for sale with planning permissions. Councillor Wyn Evans was asked if he could make enquiries if this was the case.