Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 in the Village Hall.

Councillors present. Gwyneth Davies (Chair) Clare Rooke (Vice-Chair) Sheena Duller, Amanda Williams, Matthew Sims and Ifan Jones Evans

Also present was Cllr Wyn Evans.

Apologies were received from Councillors Christian Pateman and Alan Wilkinson.

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

**Matters Arising**

Coffee Morning; The coffee morning is still being well supported every Wednesday morning, they have asked for the heating to be turned off.

New Row Defibrillator: The Chair reminded councillors of actions since the last meeting:

Following the siting of a new defibrillator in New Row the clerk received an email from one of the residents objecting to the site chosen, between the bus stop and telephone pole opposite the row of cottages. The complainant objected as they had not been consulted about the defibrillator’s location. Cllr Gwyneth Davies reported again that she had spoken to residents in New Row asking for their opinions to having a defibrillator and locating it near the bus stop. Those spoken to have no objection; however, Cllr Davies was aware that not all residents were at home and therefore asked those she had spoken with to relay the message to their neighbours.

A Zoom meeting was arranged to discuss this objection and it was decided to remove the defibrillator temporarily in order to send out a simple questionnaire to New Row residents and those in the surrounding area with two YES/NO questions, *1* *do you want a defibrillator, and 2 would you be happy for it to be sited near the bus stop*. Councillors asked the clerk to inform the complainant of their decision to remove the device temporarily. Questionnaires were to be returned by 31st March.

On receipt of 12 questionnaires the majority were happy for the defibrillator to go next to the bus stop, however some did mention that a consultation prior to the original siting would have saved a lot of hassle. Other locations were proposed and these were all given due consideration by the councillors.

Councillors still agreed that this is the most suitable location as there is a safe place to pull in opposite the bus stop and the defibrillator is visible and easily accessible to all. Ceredigion County Council were informed of the proposed location and had no objections. A section 115E license to place an object near the highway was applied for.

An email was received from Ceredigion County Council confirming that the bus stop in New Row was the responsibility of the community council.

The other defibrillator has been sited on the loop road from Pontrhydygroes to Ysbyty Ystwyth near a property called Preswylfa and residents living nearby have messaged the council thanking them for providing this life saving device. Both devices need to be registered with The Circuit and a volunteer is required to check the device monthly. The clerk is happy to do this until someone else comes forward.

Training; the councillors have all agreed they are not going to proceed with the training provided modules organized by One Voice Wales.

Community Garden. Councillors suggested that the path around the garden be removed and replaced with grass. Also new garden benches/tables will be provided to replace the timber ones that have perished.

Telecom mast on land adjacent to Llethr Villa Ysbyty Ystwyth. Cornerstone have put in a planning application for the siting of a telecom mast at the above location. It is likely that planning will be granted under the permitted development scheme. Councilors feel strongly that whilst there is need for improved telecommunications in rural areas there are more suitable areas within this community. The clerk was asked to send in a strong objection to this application.

Cllr Wyn Evans informed the councillors that he will be a motion put in front of cabinet in May for improved public transport in rural areas.

There was no other business.