Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on the 2nd of August 2023 in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr’s Gwyneth Davies, Clare Rooke, Christian Pateman, Ifan Jones Evans, Alan Wilkinson, Sheena Duller.

Also present was Cllr Wyn Evans and 5 members of the public from New Row.

Apologies were received from Cllr Amanda Williams.

The clerk reported that he has received a letter of resignation as a community councillor from Mr Matthew Sims. The clerk has contacted Ceredigion County Council and posters advertising the vacant seat will be sent out.

Members of the public from New Row have been invited to the meeting to discuss the re-installation of the defibrillator in New Row.

**New Row Defibrillator:** In the meeting held on the 21st of June the community council decided to relocate the defibrillator next to the bus stop. From the survey results sent to residents earlier, this was the most favored site. Cllr Christian Pateman was asked to site the defibrillator, this was done on the 26th of July. The same day an email was sent from one of the residents objecting to the new location and also claiming that those installing the defibrillator were hostile towards her. The complainant is again stating that not all residents were asked if they wanted a defibrillator during the initial contact. It was also mentioned that the results of the survey were not made public as promised.

Councillors agreed to invite residents of New Row to this meeting to discuss. The clerk sent an email out to all residents who responded to the survey, apologies were received from three residents who couldn’t attend but had no issues with the new location. There were five residents in the meeting who were welcomed by the Chair.

These were the main topics to be addressed.

* **Consultation: *not all residents were contacted during the original door to door consultation.***Cllr Gwyneth Davies commented that she had spoken to four or five residents at the time who were all in favour of having a defibrillator. Cllr Davies did ask those she spoke with to relay the message to neighbours, and that she couldn’t help it if neighbours didn’t see or speak with one another. Those present were reminded that councillors are volunteers and have other commitments.
* **Questionnaire: *Residents did not receive the result of the questionnaire****.* The clerk apologised for this, of the twelve answers received, ten were happy for the defibrillator to go next to the bus stop.
* **Location: *Minimal Footfall, would only benefit New Row residents.***There are a number of properties located around New Row that would also benefit from the defibrillator along with smaller communities like Brynafan and Trisant along with passers by. The device has been logged on the National Defibrillator database so emergency services know the location and can direct any 999 calls to it. The Defibrillator is not only for New Row residents. After discussion with Ceredigion County Council, they are also happy with the new location.
* **Line of sight; *Defibrillator is yellow and directly in front of property. Also the sticker on the side showing a person lying down is causing distress.***The defibrillator has been sited next to a bus stop. The box is yellow as are most defibrillator boxes. Green boxes can be purchased; however, these would cost an extra £600.00. As for the sticker on the side showing a person lying on the ground having a cardiac arrest, this is standard on defibrillator cases. If it is causing distress, then it can be removed.
* **Bus Stop: W*hy can’t the device go inside the bus stop.***These devices need to be visible and quickly accessible, the reasoning for its location is there is a safe place to stop and park safely, the device is visible and easily accessible. Having assessed inside the bus stop, there is limited space, you would also have to dig a hole in the base of the bus stop. There is evidence of underground electric cables here.

Councillors felt that they had answered all questions clearly. However, some of the residents attending were not happy with the response and still wanted the defibrillator moved inside the bus stop. Cllr Christian Pateman said that the device would not be moved again. Cllr Ifan Jones Evans couldn’t understand the problem people should be grateful to have a life saving device on their doorstep and felt that the whole situation was pathetic.

As one of the issues was the colour of the box Cllr Christian Pateman suggested that a bespoke metal shield be made to hide the box from the residents hoses. This box would then be painted green. He was also happy to construct and erect the shield. Residents were happy for this compromise and once installed would pass comment.

As there was no more to discuss on this matter for now members of the public present were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting or they could leave. Three residents decided to leave the meeting, two remained.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Cllr Clare Rooke, seconded by Christian Pateman.

Community Garden: The clerk reported that the two benches for the community garden have arrived. There was a mention of a play area, Cllr Christian Pateman did say he has a slide they no longer use that we can have. There was also mention of some other equipment and a sensory garden. The clerk mentioned that if play equipment were installed in the garden, it would have to have regular inspections. The clerk will make enquiries.

St John’s Church: A meeting between members of Cronfa’r Llan and Canon Eileen Davies of the Church of Wales was arranged through the community council and Cllr Wyn Evans. The meeting was well attended, several questions were raised which were sent to the Church of Wales by email from Cllr Evans. No reply has been received yet.

Telecom Mast Ysbyty Ystwyth. The clerk reported that he had received a response to the Stage 2 complaint sent to Ceredigion County council regarding the planning situation with the Telecom mast. The clerk also reported that others who had complained received the same reply, word for word.

Coffee mornings: The coffee mornings are still being held every Wednesday at 11.00. As this is now well established, the councillors feel that payment for hall hire should be reduced or stopped. To be discussed further in next meeting.

Public Footpath: A report came in via email to the clerk and Cllr Sheena Duller of damage to the stiles on the footpath adjacent to the school. Cllr Duller forwarded the contact details of Ceredigion Rights of Way officer to caller.

Standing Orders; The clerk presented the councilors with the One Voice Wales model Standing Orders. These are the rules and regulations and procedures that Councils in Walles must adhere to. The Model Standing Order was discussed at the meeting and councillors agreed to adopt the Standing Order and that it should be reviewed every two years on the election of a new chair.

Payments have been made since last meeting to the following.

£89.00, One Voice Wales, £257.60 Zurich insurance company and £63.77, Ceredigion Council Streetlights.

The Community Council wish to extend their congratulations to Cllr Wyn Evans on being awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society for his services to agriculture at the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells in July.

There was no other business.