

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned/Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 6th November 2018

Present Cllrs KL Benning (Chair) J Greatorex, F. Evans-Swogger, RW Edwards, GM Jones, E W Morris, E Owens, JW Thomas, TR Bates (WCBC)

Apologies –

Declarations of Interest -----

Minutes of the last meeting found as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas, seconded by Cllr RW Edwards

Matters Arising

139 Defibrillator –

The Chairman suggested we move directly to this subject as Jane Claybrook was present to discuss this matter. Jane informed the Council that an 18-year-old has donated the defibrillator & this has been inspected by Nick from Welsh Hearts, who has fitted new pads. A new battery is required which will cost £150. Jane delivered the new box provided by Welsh Hearts at a cost of £440, paid by the Community Council. This must now be registered.

A discussion ensued as to the best place to site the defibrillator. Jane Claybrook said the donor was concerned that in light of the disappearance of the old defib from outside The West Arms, a suitable location should be found. It was suggested that the 'phone box might be a suitable location. Cllr Greatorex said that it had been offered by BT to The Hand for £1. However, as it was a listed building, he declined as he did not want to be responsible for its upkeep. Cllr Evans-Swogger volunteered to find out more about costs (insurance, painting etc) for the Community Council to take on responsibility for the 'phone box.

The Chairman called for alternative site suggestions in the interim, as it is an urgent matter. Cllr Greatorex volunteered to have it fixed to The Hand Hotel where it would be covered by CCTV & clearly visible. It was generally agreed that this was a good plan.

The Chair thanked the donor for her kind donation, but he noted that it was the Community Council who have the responsibility to site it in the best possible location for the benefit of the community as a whole. Further, as we live in a distant, rural community, we must ensure the defibrillators are registered & properly maintained.

Cllr Bates (WCBC) updated us that Welsh Ambulance Had provided 3 new defibs, one for each Community Council. They do not come with the required box.

Cllr Owens noted that time is of the essence & proposed siting one defib. outside The Hand & the second in Tregeiriog. This was seconded by Cllr EW Morris & carried unanimously. As the largest population is in Llanarmon, it was decided that the defib. which is currently

that a second box be purchased by the Community Council, seconded by Cllr EW Morris. Cllr Bates (WCBC) will investigate new boxes (Welsh Hearts tel; 02922 402670)

Tomos Hughes will install them.

#### 140 Police Reports / Off-roading

PCSO Martin Griffiths has provided Glyn Valley figures – 2 x off-road complaints; arson x 1 (mini digger); burglary x 1 (from shed); theft x 1 (diesel from tank); fraud x 1 (online attempt)

#### 141 Finance/Bank – Clerk reported bank balance as at Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 -

HSBC account                      £5,747.41

Outstanding cheques            £ 745.00

This financial year the council has an income of £2.012.50 and an expenditure of £2.872.50, leaving a minus of £860.00. This will change with the decision to buy another defib box & to install the two.

#### 142 Planning -

No planning applications notified.

#### 143 Road & Lighting –

Street lights have been out in Tregeiriog for some time. WCBC claim it is a Scottish Power problem ??? Clerk to chase this up. In Llanarmon, the highway retaining wall of the culvert by the 'phone box is crumbling away & needs urgent attention. Were the culvert to block, there would be a serious flood. Cllr GM Jones reported the very poor state of the Hafod Adams road & Cllr RW Edwards the same for the Cwm Road.

#### 144 Reports from Committee Reps –

The meeting of the 4 Councils in Chirk had been well attended & was lively in parts. Mainly concerned with Ambulance response times & defibrillators.

#### 145 A.O.B –

Cllr Bates (WCBC) remains keen to receive nominations for Community Award, either for the Ceiriog Valley or individual Community Council Areas. Further information in the Glyn News.

Letters seeking funds from Nightingale House & Dinas Bran school. Annual charitable donations have already been made.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018