Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council

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**Minutes of the Community Council held on Monday 3rd December 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm.**

**The meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Minutes No. 410**

**Present:** Community Councillors: R. Elston, E Whitby, Rev. D Rees, Clerk & Treasurer: E Forrest

1. **Apologies for Absence:** A Jones
2. **Read and sign minutes of the last meeting (**(No. 409) 04.11.24. With one minor amendment required, the minutes were agreed and will be signed later as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
4. Road sinking by Swallow Barn & Barn Court – a resident has complained to Dwr Cymru regarding the sink hole by Swallow Barn
5. Casual Vacancy – No interest
6. Withyhedge Landfill Update:

* A report has been published in the Western Telegraph.
* Cllr S Yelland will attend a meeting on 04.12.24
* Public meeting arranged 05.12.24 at Spittal Church Hall
* Deliveries of material will recommence 09.12.24

1. Antisocial behaviour at Wesley Way – an incident occurred last week which was reported to PCC. Cllr S Yelland asked to be kept informed of any incidents which will help build up the case
2. Blocked drains in Spittal and on the road to Corner Piece – No update
3. Roof repairs and painting the bus shelter – No update
4. Lloyds Bank – changing account name to a Community Account – E Forrest had other Clerks for opinions on what other banks charge, the consensus was that most other banks have started charging a monthly account fee, and that Lloyds Bank was one of the cheapest
5. Christmas meal – will be organised for January
6. Grit bins – No update
7. **Planning:**

Nil

1. **Finance:**

* Draft Budget – due to unconfirmed costs on the boundary wall and painting of the bus shelter, it was agreed to finalise the budget at an extraordinary meeting early - mid January
* Hire of Pressure washer to clean playground equipment – work has been postponed to end January/beginning of February.

1. **Appeals:**

Nil

1. **Land at Meadow View – Land Registry Notice of Adverse Possession –**

Mr Taylor has asked for a response to two questions:

Q1 – Does the community council have any claim to the piece of land:

Response: We have seen a historic map which shows that the land in question was part of the village green.

Q2 – With reference to the SCC parking concerns expressed in David Howlett’s letter, and proximity to the village green, what intentions does the community council have for the piece of land in question should registration be denied?

Response: If the registration is denied, the community council has no plans for the land. The CC would like the fence removed and the land laid back to its original state.

E Forrest to get advice and quotes from Solicitors for legal advice and cost for representation at Tribunal. It was agreed to withdraw the objection if the advice received is that it would be difficult and costly to challenge the case at tribunal.

1. **Boundary wall of play area:**

John Boyle has checked his deeds; it does not say who is responsible for the boundary wall. Neil McCarthy said that it appears on Land Registry that the wall is each individual property’s responsibility. PCC have indicated to Cllr S Yelland that the wall running along the play area became the CC’s responsibility when they took it over.

E Forrest to ask J Whitby for a revised quote for

* 1. Removing any loose stones
  2. Render both sides of the wall and put a new capping on
  3. Paint one side of the wall (Old Police House side only)

1. **Community Council website:**

Four companies contacted for a quote, only two responded, Easy Websites and Aubergine. E Forrest gave a breakdown a set up cost and ongoing monthly amount plus VAT, pros and cons of both.

Easy Website set up fee - £250, Annual fee, payable monthly - £396

Aubergine set up fee - £499, Annual fee, payable monthly - £299

Easy Website will transfer all documents across, Aubergine will only transfer one year and a fee of £200 for every additional year. Easy Website had given a Zoom Call to show how the back office worked, how to upload future documents etc.

It was considered and agreed to appoint Easy Websites.

1. **Audit Conclusion:**

Audit opinion: Unqualified Except for the matters reported, a Minor error in Accounting Statement There is a minor rounding error in the Accounting Statement. We recommend that the Council checks the arithmetic and consistency of the Accounting Statement prior to approval.

1. **Correspondence**

* PCC 2022/2026 Budget Consultation
* One Voice Wales – Digital Guidance Use of Email
* One Voice Wales – Digital Guidance Procurement
* Citizens Advice – Thank you for the donation

1. **Any other business:**

E Whitby had been asked to report traffic speeding on the Golden Hill Road, road to Haverhill and also the road towards Scolton. Cllr S Yelland suggested that the complainant raise his concerns on Facebook.

1. **Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

**Signed ………………………………………….….**

**Date………………………………………………….**