Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council

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**Minutes of the Community Council held on Monday 4th November 2024 which commenced at 7.30 pm.**

**The meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Minutes No. 409**

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor S Yelland
2. **Read and sign minutes of the last meeting (**(No. 408) 01.10.24.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed later as a true record.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
2. Road sinking by Swallow Barn & Barn Court – PCC has referred it back to Dwr Cymru.
3. Casual Vacancy – Co-opt – no update.
4. Withyhedge Landfill Update – No update.
5. Antisocial behaviour at Wesley Way – Gone quiet.
6. Pothole on the corner of the road from Spittal cross to Spittal – done.
7. The debris left on the verge near Scolton Cross junction – done.
8. Blocked drains in Spittal and on the road to Corner Piece – not done.
9. Roof repairs on the bus shelter – E Forrest to ask J Whitby to commence work. A Jones to ask Lloyd Graffiti to meet up with the school children to agree on a theme, and request a revised quote for painting the whole of the shelter and not a touch up as previously quoted.
10. Bollards - cars parked on the pavement by Crosslyn also, by Magnolia Cottage and Rose Cottage – following a further discussion, it was decided to disregard this proposal.
11. **Planning:**

Nil

1. **Finance:**

Accounts update:

* Total receipts £13,086.69
* Total payments £2,862.27
* Lloyds TSB balance 10.09.24 - £7636.43
* NS&I balance 31.12.23 - £2,637.99

 Draft Budget 2024/2025:

* + Projected receipts – £13,901.12
	+ Projected expenditure - £14,544.00
	+ Current precept - £3618.00

Due to a couple of unconfirmed expenditures (Item 8 & 10a) it was agreed to wait and discuss further at next meeting.

1. **Appeals:**
* Wales Air Ambulance - £50 donation agreed.
1. **Land at Meadow View – Land Registry Notice of Adverse Possession**

PCC has advised Cllr. Steve Yelland that they could not represent the Community Council. It was suggested to ask a Solicitor who lives in Spittal if they would be willing to help.

A response needs to be sent to Land Registry by 20 December 2024. If the dispute has not been disposed of by agreement the matter will be referred to the Tribunal.

1. **Boundary wall of play area**

Roger Lamb and Gwyn had looked at the wall, said structurally it was quite good. They gave a couple of options:

1. Remove loose stones, render both sides and put a new cap on top. Will paint the Old Police House side, or could paint both sides, but recommend leaving the playground side to save on future maintenance costs.
2. Remove loose stones and render the Old Police House side, point the playground side and put a treatment on the tree stump to kill it.
3. Point both sides of the wall which will be the most time consuming and expensive option.

Councillors agreed to Option 1, render both sides and paint the Old Police House side only.

* E Forrest to check first if it is PCC or the Community Council’s responsibility.
* Roger and Gwyn will quote for the work.
* J Whitby & J Gwillt will be asked to requote the work.
* A third quote will also be needed.
1. **Correspondence**

Lloyds Bank – changing account name to a Community Account and from 14 January 2025 will be charging a monthly fee of £4.25. E Forrest was asked to shop around for cheaper accounts.

1. **Any other business:**
2. E Forrest gave an update on the Community Council website.

PCC website will be switched off on March 25th, 2025.

New website needs to meet accessibility guidelines, GDPR Compliant, have a gov.uk domain name, Clerk’s email address to end in gov.uk, also it is advised that Councillors have individual gov.uk email addresses. Google sites is a free website; however, no support or training is given once the website has been set up. Other companies range from £500 - £1000 to set up with an annual charge for support, training, gov.uk domain name etc.

It was agreed to not use the Google sites option.

Further research needed and a decision to be made in the December meeting to ensure the new website is up and running before March.

1. W Oriel said the grit bins need checking.
2. R Elston reported a damaged lamppost on the left side in Southgate Park. Looks like a vehicle had hit it and the internal wiring is exposed.
3. R Elston said the playground equipment, walls, benches etc. need cleaning. The gate latch has not been repaired. R Elston’s son-in-law has offered to fix the gate latch, and clean the play equipment etc. He will need to hire a power washer. Agreed for him to get a quote for hiring the equipment.
4. E Elston asked about arranging a Christmas meal/night out. Will circulate some dates.
5. **Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7pm via Zoom.

**Signed ………………………………………….….**

**Date………………………………………………….**