**Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council**

**Report to Annual Public Meeting May 2023**

At the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom in June 2022, Mr Andrew Jones elected as Chair and Mr David Williams elected as Vice Chair.

During the year meetings were held on Zoom and were overall successful. There were no meetings held in August 2022, January, and March 2023.

In the April 2023 meeting, Mr David Williams decided to resign from his post with immediate effect. Andrew Jones thanked him for all his support and appreciated all that he has done for the community for the past ten years.

**Topics discussed by the Community Council included –**

* **Village Green** – the drainage works on the Village Green is yet to commence. There are new owners in the Old Police House and the scheme has changed. It has been agreed that the bollards and plastic matting are no longer required. Two further quotes have been received, and a decision is imminent and work to commence in 2023.
* **Spittal Community Forum** – are still holding the £500 towards the erection of bollards which was part of the resurfacing and restoration project, however, since the bollards are no longer required, an agreement has been made that the £500 can be spent on another project.
* **Highway matters**:
* Potholes are an ongoing problem and are reported to PCC.
* Blocked drains have been a problem and have been reported to PCC.
* Faulty streetlights, drainage problems and other general issues are reported as they arise.
* **Queen’s Jubilee –** a mug to commemorate the Queen’s jubilee was purchased for each child in the village.
* **The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022 –** Will plant native pollinator friendly flowers in the border at Westgate Corner and will plant wildflowers on two hedge banks in the village. Consider installing nesting boxes in the area to provide safe places for species of birds that are struggling to nest. Research into which boxes and location of them being undertaken.
* **Clarbeston Road football club** renewed the football nets and laid new turf in the goal posts on Spittal green as their contribution to the community for being able to use the green for fun days.
* **Dog fouling** is an ongoing issue.

**Finance:**

* Council Tax Precept the precept for financial year 2023/2024 remains unchanged at £3618.00.
* Lloyds TSB account balance on 31.03.23 - £**£16,982.92**
* NS&I account balance on 31.03.23 - £**£2,617.74**
* End of year financial accounts up to 31.03.23 are attached.
* Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – A mandatory payment of £150 is offered to all Community Councillors. All Community Councillors chose to opt-out of receiving this payment.
* Insurance is in place with BHIB Insurance and complies with regulations.
* Service Level Agreement for the playground is in place.
* Completed Audit Report 2020/2021 (31 March 2021):-

Audit opinion – Unqualified. There were a few matters arising and recommendationswhichdo not affect the audit opinion.

**Planning:**

* The Local Development Plan review (LDP2) is ongoing and has been delayed due to new guidance from National Resources Wales on Phosphates.
* Planning applications considered have been development to private dwellings and tree felling.

All planning applications can be viewed on PCC’s website.

**Appeals:**

Donations this year total £275

* Paul Sartori - £25
* Pembrokeshire YFC - £25
* Wales Air Ambulance - £75
* Spittal Play Group - £150

Appeals for donations are considered for local charities or of direct benefit to the local community.