Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council

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**Minutes of the Community Council held on Tuesday 7th November 2023**

**The meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Minutes No. 397**

**Present:** Community Councillors: W. Oriel. R. Elston, E Whitby, J Roberts, A Jones, County Councillor Steve Yelland, Clerk & Treasurer: E Forrest.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Rev D Rees
2. Jayne Roberts:
* Welcome – This was J Robert’s first meeting, and she was welcomed by all.
* Declaration of Acceptance of Office – J Roberts will complete by next meeting.
1. **Read and sign minutes of the last meeting (No 396. 03.10.23):**

The minutes were agreed and will be signed later as a true record by W Oriel (Chairperson).

1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
2. Bus shelter repairs to the roof and painting – waiting for the quote for the roof repairs.
3. PCC – Working Better Together – E Forrest and W Oriel attended the meeting for Community Councils in County Hall on 23 October at 4.30pm – At a recent meeting of Pembrokeshire County Council, County Councillor D Howlett put forward an amendment of the proposal that Community Councils of 500 or less electors will merge with a neighbouring Community Council be amended to have the option to voluntarily merge if they wish. This amendment was accepted. To note that the Boundary Commission would have the final decision. The consultation runs from 23 October to 17 December 2023. Comments will need to be submitted before 17 December to give reasons why we feel we should remain as is. The Boundary Commission offered a Teams meeting to look at the boundaries and consideration can be given to amending the boundaries of the community council. The map of the boundaries is on their website. A draft proposal will be published in Spring 2024 and will have an eight-week consultation period. The final recommendation will be submitted January 2025.
4. PCC Playground maintenance / Service Level Agreement – No update.
5. Disruptive tenants and antisocial behaviour – Cllr S Yelland has reported the issue twice and is waiting on a report. He will call up to see the complainant next week.
6. Golden Hill tree stumps – No update.
7. Wesley Way public footpath – J Roberts saw workmen at the site but was unsure if the works have been done and will check.
8. Road sinking where Dwr Cymru have dug up the road on the road going down to Penrhiw lane, Golden Hill – Not done.
9. Road sinking by Swallow Barn (different to other one that was reported in July) – Not done.
10. Pothole near Scolton Home Farm – Done.
11. **Planning:**

23/0236/PA – Convert garage into family annex – The Old Manse, Spittal – Conditionally approved.

1. **Finance:**
* **Accounts update:**

Total receipts including balance brought forward at 31.03.23 - £19,903.62.

Total payments £5434.39

Lloyds TSB Balance 28.09.2023 - £14,469.23

**£5434.39 + £14,469.23 = £19,903.62**

* **Draft Budget 2023/2024 for the period: 01.12.2023 - 30.11.2024**

Projected expenditure - £15,981.00

Projected receipts - £20,713.67

It was agreed to keep the precept at £3618.00.

* Invoice from J Whitby & J Gwillt (G & W Construction) for the balance for works to the village green. Total cost of works £10,585.00 minus deposit paid £3704.75, balance due £6880.25. Proposed by E Elston, seconded by W Oriel to make payment.
1. **Appeals:**

Wales Air Ambulance – Proposed by R Elston, seconded by A Jones and agreed to donate £100.00.

1. **Village Green Enhancement:**

The project is complete. Members thanked both J Whitby & G Gwillt for taking on the work.

1. **Annual Audit 2021/2022 - Audit opinion – Qualified**
* The balance carried forward from the prior year does not equal the balance brought forward in the current year. The difference of £2615.00 relates to an investments account and should have been included within Line 9 for the current year.
* The arithmetic is incorrect on the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the prior year.

There were no further matters drawn to the Council’s attention.

1. **Correspondence:**
2. Pembrokeshire County Council will carry out a review of polling districts, polling places & amp, stations from October 9th. This has been posted on the Facebook page.
3. One Voice Wales – Review of Democratic Health in the Community and Town Council Sector.
4. Paul Davies, South West Wales Community Cohesion Officer – The Bevan Commission is inviting members of the public to have your say about Health and Social Care Services in Wales. This has been posted on the Facebook page.

1. **Any other business:**
2. Withyhedge Landfill – comments on Facebook from residents regarding the smell drifting from the site. E Forrest phoned the office and was told that they were aware of the complaints, and that directors from Resources Management had arranged to meet residents on Wednesday 8th November at 11am. Cllr S Yelland will attend and Cllr D Howlett will be representing Paul Davies.
3. A Jones explained the reason the gate to the church yard was locked at Halloween was because children had got into the yard and had gone wild.
4. Four teenage boys were seen hanging around in the bus shelter that weekend and were not recognised.
5. W Oriel reported a large amount of surface water on the road from Corner Piece to Spittal Cross Road.
6. E Whitby reported mud on the road between Spittal and Spittal Cross after a farmer had been working in a field which caused hazardous conditions. E Forrest will write to the landowner.
7. **Date of next meeting -** Tuesday 5th December at 7pm via Zoom.

**Signed ………………………………………….….**

**Date………………………………………………….**