Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council

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**Minutes of the Community Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2024**

**The meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Minutes No. 398**

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

Members of the public**:** C. Barnett, S. Lewis.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** E Whitby, J Roberts.
2. **Colin Barnett – Withyhedge Landfill**

C Barnett asked to attend the meeting to talk about the smell coming from Withyhedge Landfill which is an ongoing issue for residents of Spittal and other communities. He shared the document from the recent NRW online meeting and explained various elements of the document. The company have a permit to accept 150,000 tonnes of waste and have exceeded this by 44.085 tonnes. A large volume of complaints has been submitted to NRW. Complainants have been experiencing headaches, sore eyes, smell inside their houses and are concerned as to what the gasses are doing to peoples’ health. NRW measure strength of odour but not toxicity. PCC, NRW and the company have put in place a three month plan to resolve the issue. NRW are looking to set up monitors in the community to measure levels of gas/odour. Cllr S Yelland said that the company have started to pipe the methane off and the monitors are being sent out. Rev D Rees suggested one could be placed in the Church yard. C Barnett is looking to set up a Steering Group to change legislation.

There is a public meeting on 26th February at Crundale Hall.

C Barnett and S Lewis left the meeting.

1. **Read and sign minutes of the last meeting (No 398. 05.12.23):**

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

1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
2. J Roberts – Declaration of Acceptance of Office. J Roberts has decided to resign as Community Councillor. E Forrest will arrange for a Casual Vacancy to be advertised.
3. Bus shelter – repairs to the roof and painting – still waiting for a quote from J Whitby. E Forrest has emailed J Whitby to chase up the quote.
4. PCC Playground maintenance / Service Level Agreement – Neil McCarthy responded saying that he couldn’t find C Williams’ email. He had gone through the annual inspection report and the faults highlighted (the majority are observations rather than faults) are either low or very low risk and there’s nothing of concern (and some items are unresolvable i.e. uneven surfaces, wear and tear etc.) He would arrange for someone to have a look at the items highlighted in red on the list. A Jones said that the gates are not locking properly.
5. Disruptive tenants and antisocial behaviour – No update.
6. Golden Hill – tree stumps – no update. Remove off agenda.
7. Wesley Way public footpath – Work complete.
8. Road sinking by Swallow Barn (different to other one that was reported in July) - E Forrest understands this is a Dwr Cymru issue. Not done – E Forrest will chase up.
9. **Planning:**

21/1080/PA – Erection of free standing glass canopy to courtyard and change of use from storage to wedding venue, plus building restoration – The Old Stables, Scolton Manor – no objections.

1. **Finance:**

* Lloyds TSB Account balance on 11th December - £8694.98
* NS&I balance on 31st December - £2637.99

1. **Appeals:**

Paul Sartori Hospice at Home – £100 agreed.

1. **Correspondence:**
2. PCC Electoral Services looking for people to assist in the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on 2nd May 2024 – Noted.
3. One Voice Wales – Buckingham Garden Parties nomination invite – noted.
4. Once Voice Wales – Cost of Living Crisis Survey 2023/24 – E Forrest will complete.
5. PCC – How to Contact Pembrokeshire County Council guide – noted.
6. **Any other business:**
7. W Oriel reported a pothole on the corner on the road from Spittal Cross towards Spittal. E Forrest will report.
8. The owner of the School House contacted E Forrest to enquire if the Community Council had any plans for the maintenance of the trees on the hedge bank on the path along the play area as one of the smaller trees in the hedge fell down in the recent storm and blocked their garden access. She wanted to know who was responsible for them. E Forrest had made enquiries with the Property Team at PCC and was advised that the trees are not on community council land
9. **Date of next meeting -** Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm via Zoom.

**Signed ………………………………………….….**

**Date………………………………………………….**