**Cyngor Cymuned Spittal/Spittal Community Council**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018**

**Minutes No 342**

1. **Present:**

Councillors: W Oriel, E Whitby, R Elston, D Rees, A Jones, D Williams

Clerk & Treasurer: C Williams

County Councillor: D Howlett

1. **Apologies:**

All present

1. **Minutes**

* The minutes (341) of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2017 were read, approved and signed as a true record by W Oriel (Chairperson).

1. **Matters Arising**

* Old Police House – the clerk informed the meeting of a possible incident of criminal damage which had been reported to the police since the last meeting. It was the opinion of the clerk that this had been a mis-understanding by a local resident and the matter had been dropped. The Chairperson had been kept appraised of the situation. The Clerk had conveyed this information to the owner of The Old Police House and read a response to the email to the meeting. It was agreed to forward this email to Mr Stephen Hill for his information.

Cllr Howlett informed the meeting that he had contacted Mr Sean Tilling (PCC) about earth from the new path still on the site following work to improve access to the playground and to request an update on the gate. He had not received a response to date.

* Pothole at Swallow Barn – Cllr Howlett had reported this to Welsh Water but no response to date and it was reported to the meeting that the hole was getting bigger. Cllr Howlett to follow up.
* Parking on the triangle – Mr Dalziel had positioned the bollards and a number of positive comments had been received. The Community Council expressed their thanks to him for this work and to Mr Watts for his co-operation. Clerk to write letters of thanks to both.
* Road to Salem Chapel – gap in hedge. Cllr Howlett had reported the matter and had been informed by PCC that the hedge was the responsibility of the land owner. The land owner had removed the tree because of damage and should repair the hedge. Nothing had happened to date – it was agreed to return to this matter at the next meeting.
* Golden Hill, Penrhiw – water crossing the road – this matter had been reported previously and Cllr Howlett had been informed that PCC regularly inspected this section of road. He would seek an update before the next meeting.

1. **Correspondence**

Emails –

* PCC – Changes to Car Parking charges – survey forwarded prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would respond on behalf of the Community Council.
* PCC – recent issues of Ombudsman Code of Conduct for Councillors Casebook – received.
* Dyfed Powys Resilience Forum – guidance for information received.
* Span Arts – Remote Choir Advert – information received.

1. **Finance**

* PCC – review of precept. Correspondence received from Mr Jon Haswell (PCC Director of Finance). It has been suggested that Town and Community Councils will be recharged for the administration of their Elections by PCC and might wish to increase their precepts to reflect these additional costs. An average cost for Town/Community Council if contested in May 2017 would have been £5,765.79. The cost per non-contested Town/Community Council Election in May 2017 (which Spittal was) would have been £255.86. Bearing in mind our current precept of £2,205 and savings of £2,015 this would need a huge increase to cover the proposed costs for the 2022 elections. After much discussion it was agreed that further information was required from PCC before a decision could be taken about a percentage increase. Clerk to arrange and keep Community Councillors informed – the current date for the submission of the precept is 12th January 2018 but the decision will await a response from PCC to the concerns expressed.
* PCC – remittance advice – final sum of £735 has been received for this financial year.
* Budget update – current account £1939.65. The budget was discussed and proposed expenditure to the end of this financial year was considered in the light of agreed financial commitments still outstanding.

1. **Planning**

* The Willows, Spittal – tree removal – approval.
* Scolton Home Farm Cottages – erection of gazebo – approval.
* The Oaks, Bethlehem – extension – application. No comment.
* Scolton Wood, South, Bethlehem – low impact timber framed storage – preliminary consultation sent out by land owner.

1. **Appeals**

* Urdd National Eisteddfod, Wales 2018 – not at this time although the Community Council would consider a request from Spittal VC School to assist with their commitments.

1. **Any Other Business**

* Pavement in Middle Town – there is a considerable amount of mud on the pavement - Cllr Howlett to report. Cars are also parking on this section of pavement – clerk to follow up.
* Hedges on boundaries of a number of properties around Middle Town and opposite are overgrown. Clerk to follow up.
* Potholes are becoming more pronounced on the road from Spittal to the Cardigan Road. Cllr Howlett informed the meeting that PCC regularly monitor roads but he would look at this section of road following the meeting with a view to taking forward to PCC.

1. **Date of next meeting**

**TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018**

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Date…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….