**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2022**

An extraordinary meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday 14 February at 4.45pm.

Present: Mrs. A Thomas (Chair), Mrs. Susan Collins, Mr. Dewi Lewis, Mr Wyn Williams and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies**: Nil
2. **Defibrillator at Puncheston replacement parts /maintenance costs –** The Clerk called this meeting to ask members if they were agreeable to increasing the precept by another £400.00.

Since the last meeting contact maintained via messenger and email - Susan had met up with Andy Adams who looks after some defibrillators in other areas had agreed to show Susan how to check the defibrillator. Andy advised that the pads were out of date, the battery was low, and needed a hygiene pack, a note was placed on the device ‘Out of order.’ The required parts would cost more than £300.00. It was unclear who was responsible for the maintenance costs, Dewi asked the Clerk to check back through the minutes as he felt it wasn’t the Community Council’s responsibility however, the clerk in an email exchange with Betty Devonald and Ann Garland end of 2021 relating to registering the defibrillator and guardianship etc, was told the WI had handed the responsibility over to the CC. It was known that Cariad Charity who were the original Charity looking after the device were no longer in operation and Calon Hearts had taken over. The Clerk contacted Tia who advised her there was no funding available towards the parts.

The precept was set in January at £4400.00, however an increase was needed to cover the unexpected costs that the community council had become aware of. Prior to calling the meeting the Clerk had emailed the Revenue Department at PCC to enquire if it were too late to increase the Precept and was advised that if the revised precept was sent to them within a couple of hours end of the day it would be considered.

It was proposed by Susan, seconded by Dewi and agreed that the precept was to be increased to £4800.00. Email sent to Heidi Morrison advising of the revised amount.

Since the last meeting Dewi had spoken to Dr Gavin Ross who was interested in becoming the guardian, which was agreed, and Susan will be a supporting guardian. Gavin suggested moving the cabinet to inside the bus shelter as it is holding water; Dewi and Wyn agreed to move it. Gavin also felt the battery had 12 months plus life left, therefore it was agreed to order the pads and hygiene kit, the remaining amount can be used toward the village green enhancements if needed or saved for the new battery when needed.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.15pm