**Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council**

At the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom in May 2021, Mrs Edith Whitby was elected as Chair with Mr Andrew Jones elected as Vice Chair.

During the year meetings were held virtually on Zoom and were overall successful. The Clerk resigned from post in October 2021 and a new Clerk commenced in March 2022, there were no meetings held in November, December, January, and February.

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

* **Dog fouling** – This was a concern in 2020, posters have been displayed but the problem is still ongoing.
* **Village Green** – the drainage works on the Village Green is yet to commence. The work is to be carried out by Mr David Rees and was due to commence in May 2022 but has been delayed again.
* **Spittal Bus Shelter** – A consultation was carried out on painting of the bus shelter, with three options suggested:

1. Repaint the bus shelter in one colour
2. Partially, repaint the bus shelter one colour
3. Leave the current painting in place

The response received was unanimous to leave the current painting in place.

* **Service Level Agreement** for the playground which was agreed.
* **Spittal Community Forum** – are still holding the £500 towards the erection of bollards on the top of the village green which is part of the resurfacing and restoration project.
* **Highway matters**:
* Potholes are an ongoing problem and are reported to PCC.
* The road between Spittal Cross and Corner Piece is an ongoing issue, some repairs have recently been carried out.
* Subsidence between Swallow Barn and Lower House – work is complete.
* Faulty streetlights, drainage problems and other general issues are reported as they arise.

**Finance:**

* Council Tax Precept the precept for financial year 2022/2023 remains unchanged at £3618.
* Lloyds TSB account balance on 31.03.22 - £15,644.84
* NS&I account balance on 31.0
* 3.22 - £2615.31
* End of year financial accounts up to 31.03.22 are attached.
* Budget for 2022/2023 is 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.
* The new Clerk has set herself up on the Inland Revenue PAYE Basic Toolkit and will ensure her tax and end of year procedures are carried out as required. The payslips and P60 will be submitted with the annual audit to the Internal Auditor.
* The external annual audit for 2020/2021 report has not been received. Audit Wales have emailed saying there is a backlog which they are working through.

**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 £225:

* Spittal Forum Donation - £100
* Mencap - £25
* Wales Air Ambulance - £100

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