Cyngor Cymuned Spittal / Spittal Community Council

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**Minutes of meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 4 October 2022**

**The meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Minutes No. 387**

**Present:**

Community Councillors: W Oriel, A Jones. Rev. D. Rees, D Williams, R Elston.

Clerk & Treasurer: E Forrest

1. **Apologies for Absence:** E Whitby & County Councillor S Yelland
2. **Read and sign minutes of the last meeting (No 386. 06.09.22):**

The minutes of the previous meetings were read, approved, and will be signed later as a true record by A Jones (Chairperson).

1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
2. Jubilee gift for the children of Spittal – Eirian has received delivery of the mugs and will arrange to drop them off to Rachel for her and Edith to deliver them to the children.
3. Fallen trees on Bridleway between Spittal and Cardigan Road have been removed.
4. Tree overhanging 20mph sign by the Vicarage - not done, this is on vicarage land, Rev D Rees will arrange for them to cut back.
5. Dog fouling by Penrhiw Lane – No update.
6. Tree overhanging play area – not done.
7. Public path at Wesley Way – not done.
8. Clearance work and container on Common land at Swbrd-y-Nant – The container has been removed.
9. Trees on Westgate corner have been cut back by Birch Utilities free of charge.
10. Bus shelter painting and repair – it was suggested and agreed to wait until next spring/summer to consider any maintenance.
11. **Planning:**

22/0442/PA – two storey rear extension at 4 Castle Rise, Spittal – no objections to this proposal.

1. **Finance:**
2. Lloyds TSB account balance on statement dated– 16 September 2022 - £16,836.91.
3. NS&I balance - £2615.31
4. **Appeals:**

Nil

1. **Village Green:**
2. Jon Whitby, Christopher Henton and DKAN Groundworks have been asked for a quote for the revised plan, no quotes received yet.
3. Spittal Forum have agreed for the £500 which was reserved for the bollards to be spent on something else.
4. **WG Section 6 Biodiversity & Ecosystems Resilience Duty**

A nature emergency has been declared with not enough progress being made to meet global targets and reverse the decline in biodiversity. The S6 duty requires that public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions, and in so doing, promote the resilience of ecosystems. A report is to be published by the end of the year.

Couple of suggestions as to how to comply with the S6 duty:

* Plant wildflowers on Westgate hedge bank
* Plant wildflowers on Castle Rise hedge bank
* Place bird nesting boxes

 E Forrest will ask T Theobald for his advice before proceeding.

1. **Correspondence:**
2. Dr Steven Jones, PCC – Council has passed the ban of giving live animals as prizes – noted.
3. WG – St David Awards 2023 raising awareness and encouraging nominations.
4. WG funded defibrillator opportunity.
5. PCC – Electoral Registration Forms – noted.
6. Reece Simmons, Broadway Partners – asking for details for a village hall for a community meeting for the Spittal Community Broadband project – contact details given.
7. Western Power Distribution – unmetered connection for Christmas lights form. Rachel will ask Lyn to complete the form and post it.
8. WG ‘It’s for Them’ campaign – asking communities to raise awareness that reducing mowing on road verges and amenity areas will create a better habitat. Members agreed that allowing the verges to grow would reduce visibility for road users and therefore to not use the signage.
9. **Any other business:**
10. A resident has raised concerns that Heras fencing had been erected around Clereview, wondered if the development had planning consent, and if a bat survey been done. Eirian had checked the proposal, which is the removal of the outer structure and replacing it with a timber frame skin with blockwork and a side extension), the scope of the works fall within Permitted Development Rights therefore planning permission is not required. There are no plans to remove the roof which avoids disruption to bats, if there are any. If evidence of bats is found the builder is responsible for reporting it to the relevant authorities.
11. Terry Bevan who used to be a member of the community council has passed away; Wendy suggested sending a sympathy card to Mrs Bevan. Eirian will arrange a card.
12. Wendy mentioned the issue of the branches overhanging the streetlight and post box by Crosslyn again. Following a discussion, it was agreed to write to the occupier asking for the branches to be cut back.
13. Wendy reported that all the drains In Spittal are blocked.
14. Andrew asked if members wanted to hold the meetings at 7pm instead of 7.30pm. This was agreed.
15. **Date of next meeting -** Tuesday 1st November at 7pm via Zoom.

**Signed ………………………………………….….**

**Date………………………………………………….**