**CYNGOR CYMUNED CASMAEL /** **PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was on 26 April 2023 at Smyrna Vestry, Puncheston at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Anne Thomas, Susan Collins, Samantha Lewis, Dewi Lewis, Wyn Williams, Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk),

1. **Apologies:** Jamie Williams, Cllr Delme Harries.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (29.03.23)**

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members, it was agreed that they were a true record and were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
* Repairs to telephone kiosk at Little Newcastle – Richard Davies is getting a quote on doing this work.
* Dog fouling signs – No update.
* Sewerage smell by Heol Dewi – No update.
* Tree Planting – Anne has the spare cherry tree. Enquiries are being made in Tufton about finding a suitable parcel of land to plant it.
* Missed patches of resurfacing on Essex Hill – Not done.
* Garn Gwcw road – Not done.
* Sunken area on the left passed Station View – Not done.
* Fruit trees planted in border on Village Green by Emily Scott – Susan went to Ty Rhos trees and compared the ones in border to an older specimen and they will be too big for the borders. They said that eighteen inches soil will be deep enough for a M26. Ty Rhos Trees have indicated that if they were in good condition, they would take them back and swap them for a M26, but they cannot be removed until November. If the garden centre will not take them back, Susan, Robert and Janet are willing to donate a tree each. Janet, Robert, and Ellis have been weeding and watering the beds for years but have had to do nothing since Emily been doing the work. It is noted that Emily is working hard there. Susan will call at the garden centre to confirm that they would exchange the trees. Samantha will call at Emily’s to update her.
* Defibrillator heated cabinet – Ann told Susan that the smart meter has not been fitted yet and will tell Susan or Dewi when it has been. Robert has fitted the security light – waiting for invoice for installation of the cabinet and security light.
* Defibrillator training – Lloyd the trainer is available on 13th, 20th or 27th May, afternoon. Eirian to contact Amanda Lawrence to check if hall is available. When a date is arranged, will publicise on Facebook, notice boards, ask Amanda to notify parents. Susan can do fliers through doors. Eirian to send notice to Susan to translate first. Eirian to ask Gavin if he can attend too. Cost will be £40.
1. **Highway matters**

Nothing to report.

1. **Planning**

22/1151/PA – Former Pumping Station – Change of Use of former pumping station into dwelling with separate new garage. Agreed to support.

1. **Puncheston Village Green**
2. Cleaning of the wall – Susan said that Ellis has been spraying the wall for years with hypochlorite and is happy to continue doing it. Dewi has concerns about using hypochlorite in public space, Susan suggested buying patio type cleaner instead. Susan, Anne & Eirian will research prices.
3. Payment to Emily Scott for maintaining the flower bed - £100.00. Agreed and payment made. Samantha will drop off payment to Emily.
4. Dewi asked when another bench would be purchased for the village green and suggested getting one the same as the ‘Happy to Chat’ bench. It was agreed, and Eirian to find out a price.
5. **Play area lease**
6. Lease – No update.
7. Grass cutting – Eirian has emailed and texted Chris Hedley twice but has not had a response. Eirian will give him a ring.
8. **End of year accounts**
9. Annual Accounts -The accounts were circulated to members prior to the meeting. The end of year accounts receipts including the brought forward balance at 31.03.22– **£**13,066.78, payments total £10,927.17. Community Account balance at 31.03.23 - £2203.31, with one unpresented cheque £63.70. The annual accounts and bank statements were signed.
10. Asset register – The register was amended by the addition of the ‘Happy to Chat’ bench, defibrillator in Little Newcastle and Puncheston. Susan noted that the two benches that were removed from the village green and placed in the play area were not on the list. Agreed to add these and sign off at the next meeting. Total Asset Register will be £29,907.00.
11. **Correspondence**
* Invitation to a service of celebrations to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties The King and the Queen Consort - no interest, send invite to Jamie and Delme.
* PCC – Precept remittance - £1768.00
* PCC - Precept draw down EHP - £2138.00
1. **Any other matters**
2. It was agreed that a gift for Jamie’s baby girl would be bought. Wyn will arrange.
3. Smyrna vestry hall hire Dewi will find out how much we owe.
4. Samantha sends her apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm.

Date of the next meeting is 31.05 2023.

**Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Date………………………………………………….**