**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGHELD IN THE MAIN HALL TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.45 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Deb Vine (chair), Margie Bond, Jennie Clements, Sue Ashelby, Charles Twitchett, Michelle Clark and the Clerk Andrew Berry

There were four members of the public present.

**APOLOGIES:** Paul Sizer (Internal Auditor)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

It was agreed that these would be taken during the meeting if and when they arose.

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

These were approved

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk will follow up on the lane above the village hall and the possibility of a 3.5 ton weight limit on vehicles down Stouthall Lane.

1. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)**

The item on the playground will be carried over to the next (January) meeting as there was a concern about Covid 19 from people who were hoping to attend.

It was agreed that the council would consider a request from the Village Hall Association for funding of audio-visual equipment in the Minor Hall at the next meeting. This will allow the Council to meet the requirements to live stream meetings as set out in law to enable multi-site meetings to take place in future. Mr. Hugh Jones said that he thought that this would cost £500 at the most as the Main Hall had been funded by another grant.

Mr. Hugh Jones also mentioned the possibility of a cycle path being constructed between the Lower Green and the primary school in Knelston. Cllr. Bond said that the path would need to be wide enough to cope with both pedestrians and cyclists. This would then be part of a wider initiative to connect up all villages in Gower by cycle paths.

David Gibson asked whether the Council had found out about other playgrounds in the area as promised at the last meeting. Cllr. Clark said that she had contacted the Clerk at Crofty. Their playground was leased from the National Trust. The Council had made enquiries about other playgrounds.

1. **PROPOSAL FOR A VILLAGE PLAYGROUND**

Carried over to the next meeting

1. **VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Clerk said that these would cost about £1,000 each, grants are available but only for newly sited defibs away from current ones. The ones outside the hall and chapel have reached the ends of their lives and must be replaced urgently. The Clerk has bought new batteries and pads for these in the intervening period. Thanks to Jill Pitman for bringing this to the council’s attention. The defibrillators will need new carrying/storage bags as the old ones are disintegrating. The Church has requested a defibrillator for weddings, funerals etc. This will not need a cabinet. Each location will need someone to check on health of units every month for resupply of batteries pads etc. One person from Church, one from Chapel and one from Hall? Council could possibly commit to resupply parts when needed?

The proposal to buy three defibrillators and two carry/ storage bags was proposed by Cllr. Vine and seconded by Cllr. Bond. It was unanimously agreed. Cllr. Twitchett said there was an Ap that showed the location of defibrillators and that this and the location s should be advertised in the magazine. It was also suggested that regular training be provided for anyone interested. There will be a request for anyone interested to give or receive training to volunteer in the magazine.

The Clerk will arrange for purchase of new machines Zoll+ from one of four suppliers.

1. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Bond asked if the area at the top of the Higher Green was going to be reseeded as promised? Cllr. Ashelby said that this was not planned to happen before November 5th due to parking issues tearing up the newly planted grass. Cllr. Vine will contact Neil Pritchard to arrange for this to be completed.

1. **MOWER SERVICE.**

The Clerk said that this had not been done for a few years, it could be completed by Powercut Carmarthen who supplied the mower, it is expensive, but this is a roadgoing vehicle and the council has an obligation that it is fit for purpose and safe to drive and operate. It was suggested that it might be cheaper to ask Celtic Mowers in Fabian Way Swansea to do the work if they handle John Deer products. The Clerk will find out and arrange for the work to be done. This was agreed.

1. **TREES ON THE HIGHER GREEN**

Cllr. Vine introduced this as the idea had been to plant trees at the top of the Higher Green. This had been costed with quotes. Cllr. Twitchett has spoken to Bob Griffiths of the Commoners who had initially said that they had no objection, however the Somerset Trust have objected as they were concerned that in ten to twenty years-time the trees might not be looked after and there might be accidents/ insurance issues. Cllr. Twitchett will ask again to see if there is a way to complete the work. It was suggested that Rowan trees (for instance) could be quite small and cope with the conditions.

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. Twitchett said there had been two, the first was for Brynview there were no objections, the second was for Lower Hill End Farm including an extension and swimming pool with the same exterior finish as at present, there were no objections.

1. **GRANTS**

About had been £500 requested by RVHA for audio visual equipment to add to larger grant from another source for the main hall. This will allow the Community Council to hold multi-sitemeeting**s.** This will be a legal requirement (mentioned above)

The Clerk said that at this time there are usually requests from the church for grants towards the Christmas tree on the Lower Green and the upkeep of the community churchyard. He had not received these as yet. Cllr. Clements will write to the Clerk as treasurer for the church. These are:

Christmas tree £100?

Maintenance of community churchyard £1,000?

1. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

It was agreed that the next village magazine would include a report on the plans for the trees, the village carols would be mentioned along with the defibrillators and the next meeting discussion of the plans for a children’s playground.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk has forwarded a great many communications to councillors. The audit progress still ongoing. Very slow, they have quoted Covid as the reason, the Clerk is still responding to questions.

Welsh Air Ambulance donation? It was unanimously agreed that the Council would donate £500 to the Welsh Air Ambulance. Cllr. Ashelby asked the Clerk to check that the council was allowed to do this.

Lots passed on to Councillors, for future meeting should we invite first responder/ fire station/ambulance service together?

1. **FINANCIAL POSITION AND BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

The previous vice-chair– Peter Bowen Simpkins had kindly paid a bill from Just Host for the council website hosting renewal. The amount is £630.37 for the next four years. This was dated from the 7th November. It was agreed that he would be reimbursed. It was set up eight years ago, It was agreed that records be kept very carefully and passed on so that next time the web hosting can be renegotiated or with different providers.

Thanks to Rob Vine and Peter Bowen- Simpkins for the above.

Balance is: £17,319.76 plus £77.64 from closed deposit account

Payment to OVW of £72.00 since last meeting

Income 31st August £4166.67 (precept payment from Swansea CC)

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk Remuneration £556.89 (every 4 months)

HMRC (PAYE) £139.22

DEFIBS about £3000 total, Clerk will check current prices from four sources and go for the cheapest – could be Amazon, Cymru Hearts, Heartbeat Trust or Defib Warehouse.

Hire of Hall (including September) about £32.00

Clerk’s Reimbursement for batteries and pads for defibs £190.95

Possible grants for Churchyard, (£1,000) Christmas tree (£100) and hall audio-visual (for community council meetings amongst others)

1. **AOB**

There followed a discussion about ambulance provision. It was suggested that people be asked to write in the magazine about ambulance provision. A resident said that they had to wait a very long time for an ambulance after a child had a freak accident with a golf club embedded in a hand. This incident and the wait is to be discussed in the Senned. It is believed that volunteer responders such as those at Pennard are only able to give support. It was felt that there is a real confusion with the terms first responder and co-responder. It was suggested that local people be asked to write to the Wesh Health Minister Enid Morgan.

The council website was a discussed. The website hosting had been arranged for the next for the next four years. All the passwords have now been saved and the clerk will ensure that these are passed on in future. Thanks to Rob Vine.

Hugh Jones said that the Village Hall Committee would like to set up a village archive and that space had been set aside for this. The Clerk will pass on some of the community council records for safe keeping.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There will be a budget meeting in the minor hall or meeting room on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The next full Community Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30 in the Main Hall.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm.