Councillors held the monthly meeting on the 27th September 2023 with Cllr Holgate presiding, apologies from Cllr Duffee, Cllr Sion Evans and Cllr Coviello were absent, Cathie Cook has resigned from the community council.

No public participation.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes were confirmed, proposed by Cllr Otway and seconded by Cllr Eryl Evans**.**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Clerk vacancy, Rhiannon Williams has sent in her CV and a letter of introduction. She is clerk to Bronant and Lledrod now and is therefore very knowledgeable of the council’s ways. She is willing to start in January, Michelle is willing to continue until then. The Councillors thanked Michelle for carrying on for longer than originally agreed. The Councillors agreed unanimously to her becoming the new clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Clerk to contact Rhiannon to confirm her success, ask if she would be willing to attend next month to shadow Michelle, and to complete a contract.

Councillor vacancies - Cllr Eryl was speaking to Lowri Pugh-Davies regarding the vacancy we have for a councillor, she is interested, the councillors discussed and agreed - proposed by Cllr E Evans and seconded by Cllr D Davies.

Vice Chair vacancy – Cllr E Evans has agreed to be Vice Chair for a chair, proposed by Cllr Otway and seconded by Cllr D Davies.

Phone box in Betws – Cllr Coviello has been in contact with BT – we are unable to adopt as they need to have a certain number of working phones. Cllr Coviello spoke to the owner of the land that the box is on regarding the tree that is growing up the side of it, he was quite happy for us to remove it.

Electoral Boundaries – Nothing will change in the near future.

**FFRINDIAU CAE CHWARAE**

Playground inspection has been done. Cllr E Evans has received a phone call to say that the swing looks unsafe. The Chair ran through the report to see if there were any major issues, there weren’t any. Need to discuss the report with the playground committee. Clerk to put this on next month’s agenda.

**CYFEILLION CYBI**

Nothing to report other than the quiz was held last night.

**DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Otway has been pricing up replacement parts for the one we already have and for getting a new defibrillator. Cllr Evans advised that there is new grant funding being announced soon. Cllr Evans will notify us when this becomes available.

The pads on the Silian defibrillator need replacing, it was asked if the council could pay for these, proposed by Cllr Holgate and seconded by Cllr D Davies.

There is grant funding available to hold defibrillator training if the Wellbeing group or Cyfeillion Cybi apply for it.

**FINANCE**

Audit forms have been sent in and receipt acknowledged. Last year’s return has still not been returned to us!

Payments required: -

Elfed Jenkins – website - £660.00

Playgound – inspection - £65.00

One Voice Wales - £38.00

Menter Silian – barbecue (Coronation) - £100.00

Clerk’s wages - £600.00

HMRC PAYE - £150.00

**PLANNING**

Letter has been received advising that an appeal has been lodged for Cae Tren’s planning!

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Llanfair has contacted us to ask if we would like to join them for Councillor’s training and share the cost, it was agreed, proposed by Cllr Holgate and seconded by Cllr Otway. Clerk to notify Gwennan.

Tegwen Cornelius of Hamdden has emailed to ask if one of the councillors would be willing to give a talk to their group about ‘The Role of a Councillor’ Cllr D Davies has agreed to attend on Friday 3rd November to do this. Cllr Holgate will reply to Tegwen to confirm this.

Clerk to update the banking mandate to remove Cathie and Phillipa and to add Cllr Otway, Cllr E Evans and Lowri Pugh-Davies.

**UPDATE FROM CLLR ERYL EVANS**

There is a Wellbeing Day in the Wellbeing centre in Lampeter on the 2nd of October, there’s a talk on the menopause, on general health and wellbeing, they will take your blood pressure, there will be armchair aerobics – let anybody you know who could benefit.

The 585 buses have been restored with a reduced service.

The plug has been pulled on the Bwcabus!

There is a free bus pass available for the over 60s, reduced rates available for students – clerk to put the link on the website.

The 20 miles per hour – any damage to these signs will be at the expense of the residents by an increase to their council tax – spread the word that this will be the case.

**The next hybrid meeting will be on Wednesday 25th October at 7.30 p.m.**