

Community Enhancement & Social Wellbeing Committee Meeting

An online meeting was held on Monday 20th January 2025 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Jackie Brown, Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Cllr Robin Young

1. Events for 2025

VE Day to be held on Thursday 8th May with lighting of the beacon at 9:30pm at Penrhodyn with tea, coffee & welsh cakes. Clerk to contact Hanes group to see if there is a potential project around VE day within the old village hall minutes.

Big Lunch dates are the 7/8th June; it was agreed to hold a picnic on the lower welfare park on Sunday 8th 1 till 3 o’clock. Clerk to book entertainment; will serve cake, tea and coffee

Pensioners lunch will be organised for 4th December

It was agreed that while everyone did enjoy the cinema trip they were more engaged with the pantomime; will organise a panto trip; will have to make enquiries what is on in Aberystwyth and Carmarthen.

Childrens New Year party to be held on 4th January; agreed to book entertainment.

New legislation Martyns Law is being introduced <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2024/09/13/martyns-law-factsheet/>.

Suggested that the council purchase a portable first aid kit to support all community events and t organise first aid training for volunteers. Clerk to obtain prices. Can identify first aiders as part of the emergency/resilience plan updates.

1. Poetry Trail App and improvements to the path

Cllr Sue Lewis provided an update: she has contacted the Jones family and they are going to meet to discuss things. Need to organise a consultation to gain support for the project; clerk to include in community survey. Going to produce an action plan with an aim to get the application submitted by May.

The work to install the tiles, improve and tidy up of the path and check condition of information boards need to be completed as a priority.

1. Recognition of past councillors

Clerk provided information and prices for telescopes . The committee were all in support of this idea and agreed that it would need to be wheelchair friendly which costed approx. £5000. There was discussion about it being installed as a tribute to past councillors though some members felt it needed to recognise more people.

The idea of an Annual awards with trophies in memory of past councillors was suggested.

1. Community engagement event

It was agreed to hold on 1st February as gave more time to organise; booked for the village hall, 2pm to 4pm. Clerk to produce posters and place information on facebook groups.

Laptops to be available for online completion of the questionnaire, hard copies to be printed as well. County councillors to attend.

1. Support for Community Initiatives

Community Food Co-op/ Fareshare/Community Fridge – Cllr Sue Lewis advised that the project is currently a pilot and it was agreed to review after the 3 month trial period. Village hall to produce promotional flyer for printing by the council.

Community minibus – Clerk advised she had been talking with Rod at Dolen Teifi, there is a 16 seated bus which is available to be located in Aberporth and will cover Cardigan area as well - needs some bodywork and then will be in touch. Council need to follow up on the electric bus funding with him. Need to consider issues with people accessing hospital; Cllr Sue Lewis advised there is a leaflet going to be produced to let people know how to access community transport – green dragon, electric car and bus.

Community Drop In – an update was provided and the village hall are organising various organisations to attend each Friday; Carys Owens, community connector is attending 1st Friday monthly, Barclays bank are wanting to attend.

1. Other Items

Newsletter - Content for the newsletter was discussed and it was agreed to look forward and not report on past things as this will be covered in the annual report. First one can include precept and community consultation information. It was agreed not to keep totally separate from village hall in order to avoid confusion around responsibilities. Branding will be logo colours.

Parcllyn – clerk has emailed solicitor for an update. Cllr Zoe Storer advised that she was going to speak with Mathew Roebuck about a multi sports day.

Toilets – email reply received from Ceredigion County Council accepting offer to contribute to the cleaning of the toilets this financial year; no response regarding being able to introduce a charge.

Clerk to check council insurance with regards to volunteers aged 80+

Cllr Jackie Brown would like to set up a weekly senior citizens club in the village hall. Cllr Sue Lewis noted that Age Cymru Dyfed can help set up a socialising club and Cllr Carys Owens advised that there is an officer in Ceredigion County Council that could also provide support.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:20pm