

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY, 2024, IN YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr. Margaret Broader, Ms. Karen Chapman, Mrs. Linda Eyre, Mr. John Smee, Cllr. Stella Hughes.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Stan Collins, Mrs. Tina Collins.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

SIGNING OF THE MINUTES: To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd April as previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr. Broader and seconded by Mr. John Smee. The minutes were duly signed.

CAG-24-43 Mr. Collins had ascertained that the age of the defibrillator previously sited at the village hall, was in the region of 15 years old. Cllr. Hughes had discovered that the life of a defibrillator was approximately 10 years, although in Mr. Collins' experience, this may be an underestimation. However, it was agreed that it was unwise to spend more money on a machine that had exceeded its "life" or to rely on a machine of this age.

CAG-24-44 Mr. Fraser had requested that we delay writing to Orbital until we had written to the residents of Cold Meece seeking donations. Meanwhile Orbital have put in a planning application in which it is proposed to alter the whole frontage of the property. Therefore it was no longer feasible to approach them about siting a defibrillator on their fence.

CAG-24-45 Mr. Fraser has written for a second time to Staffordshire Highways with regard to siting a defibrillator on a lamppost after he discovered that East Cheshire local authority had allowed this. Mr. Fraser would pursue this matter rigorously as his letter had not received a reply.

Post meeting note A reply has since been received from Staffordshire Highways in which they again refused our request. Apparently East Cheshire will no longer agree to site defibrillators on lampposts because of concerns involving insurance and danger to pedestrians.

CAG-24-46 Cllr. Hughes drafted a letter to be sent to the residents of Cold Meece. Mr. Fraser redrafted the letter and its contents have been agreed. It will be delivered to residents in Cold Meece in the hope that some residents might be willing to contribute to the fund to purchase a defibrillator.

Post meeting note The letters have been delivered.

CAG-24-47 Cllr Hughes had been directed to other funding sources but these funding rounds were now closed or for training only.

CAG-24-48 Mr. Fraser is considering applying to Severn Trent Community Fund for additional funding for the defibrillators in Cold Meece and Yarnfield.

CAG-24-49 Cllr. Hughes had asked Mr. Collins to contact CHT to register the replacement defibrillator sited at the village hall and to enquire if the charity could benefit financially if we returned the "old" defibrillator to them. He had written to them but reply was somewhat confused and did not answer the question asked.

CAG-24-50 The internet map showing all the defibrillators in the County now include all the defibrillators in Yarnfield. It is apparent that the map was in its early stages of development when seen by Cllr. Beeston.

CAG-24-51 After some consideration of the hoops for rubbish bags, Cllrs. Hughes and Broader chose a more robust hoop with a handle that had been made from recycled marine waste. Unfortunately, only four were available as they were on offer as the design of the hoops had been altered. The newly designed hoops cost £14.95 each. It was decided that we would wait until we saw if the hoops worked well before considering ordering more. Cost of 4 hoops £51.99.

CAG-24-52 Bedding plants and compost had been purchased immediately before the bank holiday weekend in the hope of obtaining the widest choice of plants. The selection was still somewhat disappointing. Cost of bedding £100. Cost of compost £20.

CAG-24-53 At fairly short notice Walton Hall Special School had asked if some of their pupils could help with some voluntary work in the village. They took part in weeding, planting and clearing some vegetation. Mrs. Eyre, Cllr. Broader, Cllr. Hughes from CAG; Cllr. Parkin and her husband; and teachers from Walton School, supervised the students. The students also helped to provide lunch for the Wednesday lunch club. N.B. If this is to be done in future, it would help to co-ordinate purchase of the bedding with the date the volunteers would be helping.

CAG-24-54 Cllr. Hughes was approached by a member of VHMC to provide refreshments for the D. Day talk in the village hall. She and Cllr. Broader provided refreshments. Donations were received and these were divided equally between the Village Hall and CAG. £16.92 was added to the defibrillator fund.

CAG-24-55 The strawberry tea had been very successful. VHMC had kindly allowed us to have the village hall free of charge. The number of people attending had increased on last year but the raffle did not do as well. The sum of £310.04 was raised. It was felt that the present formula worked well.

CAG-24-56 The book-box was in abeyance until the alterations to the village hall were completed.

CAG-24-57 The Bleed kits are in abeyance until the defibrillator project is completed.

CAG-24-58 The Friday Coffee Club celebrated D Day with a buffet lunch. It was decided to run the club during the summer holidays.

CAG_24-58 It was agreed to purchase spring bulbs for the village. Cllr. Hughes suggested purchasing 2 bags of daffodils and some tulips for next spring.

CAG -24-59 Cllr. Hughes expressed concern about the growth of Himalayan Balsam in the stream on the village green. A number of committee members were willing to help but Cllr Hughes had some reservations about safety. She would visit the site again and consult with Mr. John Fraser.

CAG-24-60 The autumn village tidy will take place in late September avoiding the 27th.

Post meeting note: The date was fixed for 21st September.

Date of the next meeting 1st October, 2024 at 7.30p.m. in Yarnfield Village Hall.

Proposed: Linda Eyre
Seconded: Margaret Broader

S. Hughes. 1/10/24