

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER, 2024, AT 7.30P.M.

IN YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Margaret Broader, Ms. Karen Chapman, Mr. Stan Collins, Mrs. Tina Collins, Mrs Linda Eyre, Cllr. Stella Hughes, Mr. John Smeed.

APOLOGIES: None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

18th July, 2024, minutes proposed by Mrs. Linda Eyre and Cllr. Margaret Broader and duly signed.

CAG-24-61 A grant of £1000 has been received from Eccleshall and Mercia Rotary towards the cost of a defibrillator and cabinet for Cold Meece.

CAG-24-62 Letters of thanks had been sent to Mr. Ogbourne who had dealt with the application and a separate letter of thanks had been sent to Rotary members.

CAG-24-63 Information had been obtained regarding a Government-backed match-funded scheme which would enable organisations to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet for the sum of £750. It was hoped that we might be able to utilise this scheme.

CAG-24-64 The defibrillator, which was formerly sited at the village hall, has now been returned to the Community Heart Beat Trust as it had been on long-term loan to the CAG and was no longer functioning to our satisfaction.

It was unanimously resolved that the CAG should donate £100 to CHT as thanks for its support and for the long-term loan of their equipment.

CAG-24-65 The appeal letter requesting help to purchase a defibrillator for Cold Meece resulted in a donation of £150.

CAG-24-66 An offer of help has been received from Euro-Lighting which, we hope, will resolve all the siting problems associated with a defibrillator for Cold Meece.

Note: A meeting was held between Mr. Fraser, Cllr. Hughes, and representatives from Euro - Lighting in which the extent of the support from Euro-Lighting was established.

CAG-24-67 Cllr. Broader and Cllr. Hughes held a brief meeting with Mr. John Fraser to discuss the fact that part of this year's budget remained unspent. It had been suggested that an amount of money from the CAG's general account be moved to the defibrillator fund.

Cllr. Hughes outlined this proposal and it was unanimously resolved that the amount of £750 could be transferred into the defibrillator fund. This, it was felt, would leave sufficient funds in the general account to cover any expenses until the budget allocation in 2025-6.

CAG-24-68 Mr. Fraser has filled in a request for an unmetered supply connection form along with additional material supporting the application.

CAG-24-69 Mr. Fraser has applied for a licence from S.B.C. to obtain permission to site a defibrillator on the green at Ford Drive. Additional support material has been supplied.

CAG-24-70 A similar appeal letter to that prepared for residents of Cold Meece has been prepared for the residents of Ford Drive including its cul-de-sacs, and Meadow View.

CAG-24-71 The hoops for rubbish collection are still being assessed for robustness.

CAG-24-72 1000 Dutchmaster daffodils and 100 red and yellow tulips had been ordered at a cost of £85.40. An additional purchase of three bags of compost was also made at a cost of £20. Bulbs were planted on the village green; in containers at the centre of the village; and in pots to place outside the village hall. A large quantity of bulbs were given to Mr. Fraser for the green at Ashdale.

CAG-24-73 After a discussion with the Parish Clerk both Mr. Fraser and Cllr. Hughes were in agreement that there were a number of health and safety issues involved in clearing the Himalayan Balsam - much of which was growing in the stream rather than on its banks. It was considered risky to use volunteers on this occasion. Mr. Fraser and Cllr. Hughes met with a representative from Trent Grounds Maintenance to assess the spread of Himalayan Balsam in and along the banks of the stream. A price of £40 plus VAT for the plants' removal was proposed and agreed. Removal of the balsam began immediately. It will be necessary to continue to monitor the area in future to ensure that any future spread is controlled.

CAG-24-74 The Autumn Village Clean Up resulted in a disappointing response from villagers. Cllr Hughes abandoned the morning session on the Yarnfield Park Play Area as no one had responded. (It was apparent that a small group of adults and children who attended the afternoon session had tried to attend the morning session half way through the morning - by which time the session had been abandoned.) A total of 7 adult and child volunteers attended. The committee considered whether it would be worthwhile to provide refreshments in an attempt to attract further help. It was felt that this would involve more man-power and expense but not necessarily improve attendance. The event had been held on a Saturday to see if the change of day might attract more people; this had not been successful.

CAG-24-75 The coffee morning is currently very well-attended. It is intended to hold a Christmas buffet as in previous years. Details will be finalised nearer the time.

The meeting finished at 8.31p.m.

Margaret Broder proposed
Tina Coline seconded

S. Hughes
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