

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

29th JUNE 2021 AT 7:30p.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting.

Councillor Stella Hughes, Chairperson.

Councillor Malcolm Beeston

Also in attendance: Mrs Margaret Broader, Ms Karen Chapman, Mr John Smee, Mrs Giuliana Brownsword, Mr Stan Collins & Mrs Tina Collins.

CAG 21- 1 Apologies were received from:

John Fraser, Linda Eyre, Frank Cromeey

(Brief Introduction: Stella gave Malcolm Beeston a brief history of the Forum.)

CAG 21-2 No declarations of interest.

CAG 21-3 Defibrillators

Resolution: It was resolved that Stan would continue to monitor the defibrillators weekly.

Resolution: It was resolved that new pads would need to be purchased for the Village Hall defibrillator before they expire before the end of August.

The village is awaiting an electricity supply for third defibrillator to be sited in Ashdale Park.

Defibrillator Signage

Resolution: It was resolved that new signage was needed. Originally these notices were at the pub, the village shop, the hairdressers (now nail bar) where the sign has been removed, and on the noticeboards. This standard green sign can be downloaded from the British Heart Foundation website and will indicate where the nearest defibrillator is sited. Also residents need to know where the other defibrillators are sited.

Training

As part of our responsibility to our residents an annual training session on use of the defibrillators has been provided in the past. Stan Collins advised no training is taking place at the moment because of the Covid pandemic and that his training is now no longer valid.

Resolution: It was resolved that we run an outdoor demonstration session on September 19th, to reduce fear of using the defibrillator. If possible, this should coincide with new defibrillator being in situ on the Ashdale estate and take place at the site.

An invitation to attend a defibrillator training session has been sent out in the past, but has not succeeded in attracting many people to the training session. This was not huge expense but a lot of work distributing the information. It was felt that this was still worthwhile doing as people were encouraged to retain the information somewhere safe for future reference.

Resolution: It was resolved we produce a letter informing residents of the demonstration this Sept. It was also agreed to include basic instructions about what to do in a cardiac arrest emergency. (If possible combine with PC newsletter drop to save on workload.)

The purchase of more defibrillators was desirable as there were parts of the parish without a provision.

Resolution: It was resolved that we should research further into the purchase, loan or seek sponsorship for additional defibrillators.

We should consider purchasing a further defibrillator, expect a cost of £2090 initial outlay and running costs of approx. £100 per year, ZOL machine £1495 but have offer currently for £899. St John's Ambulance (a provider) tends to be more expensive. It is worth looking out for offers at the time we would want to purchase. Community Heartbeat Trust recommend that there is no need to provide for child as the risk of heart attack is low and one of our defibrillators already caters for a child. The Chair is continuing to research defibrillator options; Giuliana and Margaret to help with this research. It is possible to rent one, while there are also options regarding sponsorship deals with local businesses (8yr deal). CHT can help put us in touch with a local sponsor. The Parish Council might consider helping with purchase costs.

Resolution: Research whether we could obtain a grant to help with a purchase.

Resolution: Approach the Army to see if it is possible to share defibrillator provision with the community at Cold Meece.

CAG 21-4) Litter picking.

After considering the large amount of litter collected during the Village Spring Clean it was felt that this was an issue that should receive a higher profile.

Resolution: It was resolved to organise a monthly litter pick.

At the moment CAG does not have enough litter pickers and associated equipment to enable us to do this. Equipment could be loaned as before. After discussion it was felt that school children should be involved to educate them to take care of their school environment and village.

Resolution: It was resolved to approach the school to encourage children to be involved. (It was felt that as he is a governor of the school, Councillor Cromey would be the most appropriate person to discuss this with the school head/governors.)

It was thought that staff and children might want to take part in keeping the school grounds tidy. It is also clear that some families like to pick litter in family groups. This might appeal to

some families in the village. It would also build on the good work and interest created by the Village Spring Clean.

Resolution: It was resolved that we approach the Borough Council (StreetScene) initially for equipment - preferably donated, rather than loaned.

If the latter was not successful:

Resolution: It was also resolved that we then seek grants from one of the various businesses or local organisations such as Biffa.

We would need to obtain 15-20 adult pickers; 10 child size pickers; and 15-20 bag holders or trolleys and 15-20 Class 2 high visibility vests for adults and 10 Class 2 high visibility vests for children. The prices of each of the above were noted.

CAG 21-5 Dog fouling

A discussion was held on a source of irritation for some residents: the quantity of dog fouling in parts of the village; the failure to dispose of used bags and whether there was sufficient provision of bins, particularly on Yarnfield Park.

Resolution: It was resolved that we ask the village shop to stock bags provided by S.B.C.

After a detailed discussion regarding the responsibilities of dog owners a proposal to provide a bag dispenser was considered.

Resolution: It was resolved not to provide a bag dispenser unit and bags.

Resolution: Explore obtaining a bigger bin for lay-by on Yarnfield Lane towards Cold Meece

Resolution: Explore if the maintenance company at Yarnfield Park could increase the provision of bins.

Meanwhile we should ascertain if additional bin provision is needed in Yarnfield and Cold Meece.

CAG 21-6) Autumn village clean-up

After the success of the Spring Village Clean it was agreed that this would be beneficial for both the community and the village.

Resolution: It was agreed to set the date for Sunday 31st October for an Autumn Village Clean-up Day.

CAG 21-7) Strawberry Tea

After the success of the Strawberry Teas in the past it was agreed that it would be good way of bringing the community together after the isolation of the pandemic. However, it was

felt that a date should not be set at this juncture until there was greater clarity regarding the progress of the pandemic.

Resolution: To hold a Strawberry Tea as a community event. The date to be arranged later.

CAG 21- 8) Improvements to the appearance of village

It was the opinion of the committee that the provision of spring and summer plant displays was important in improving the appearance of the village and very much appreciated by residents of the parish and should, therefore, continue.

Resolution: It was resolved that bulbs and bedding plants for Yarnfield village and the traffic island in Cold Meece should be purchased. It was also resolved to establish if we would need to approach the maintenance company of Yarnfield Park to plant daffodils on the Y.P. roundabout. An enquiry could be made to see if they would consider part-funding this.

(£185 was spent last year on bulbs and plants in Yarnfield. Additional funding would be needed to cover Cold Meece.)

An eyesore at the moment is the garden on the wall opposite the Furlong.

Resolution It was resolved that the Chair should contact Mr Hood about the walled garden, fallen tree and broken fence opposite The Furlong.

CAG 21-9) Friday Morning Coffee Club

A small group of the original club are meeting informally on the Green. This has now been advertised to try to attract more of the residents who attended prior to the lockdown. It was felt that in September we would encourage the group to meet outside the village hall and eventually inside the village hall. Tina Collins would be willing to help organise the group's rota.

Resolution: We should continue to try to raise the profile of the group and provide some funding to help re-establish itself.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

CAG21 10. Date and time of next meeting - Tues 19th October at 7.30p.m.

Signed: *S. Hughes*

Chairperson of the Community Action Group

Date: 19.10.21.

*proposed Mrs. T. Collins
seconded Mr. S. Collins*