

YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18.07.23. AT 2.00P.M.* IN YARNFIELD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillor Margaret Broader, Mrs. Tina Collins, Mr. Stan Collins and Councillor Stella Hughes.

CAG-23-31: APOLOGIES: Mr. John Smee, Ms. Karen Chapman and Mrs. Linda Eyre.

CAG-23-32 SIGNING OF THE PREVIOUS SET OF MINUTES: To approve the previous set of minutes as previously circulated. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Margaret Broader and seconded by Mr. Stan Collins.

CAG-23-33 Councillor Beeston has spoken again to the owner of the building occupied by the lighting company regarding siting a defibrillator on the outside of the premises. The owner had not given his permission and suggested the building may be undergoing some changes. I explained that there are grants available now that would make obtaining the defibrillators easier and that this was a matter of some urgency. A grant of £250, 000 had been given by Severn Trent to AED Donate and Staffordshire County Council had a pot of £1000,000 for defibrillators. Mr. Beeston said that he would make a further approach.

CAG-23-34 Information regarding the cost of solar and wind powered cabinets was discussed. There was still a question regarding whether solar power alone would be sufficient. It was thought that costs were excessive and would await information regarding siting on lamp-posts.

CAG -23-35 The costs of monitoring the above should be ascertained (believed to be £250) and whether second-hand defibrillators from schools are available in the Stone area.

CAG-23-36 Mr. Collins understood that the defibrillator sited at Ashdale required both replacement pads and batteries after use. It was felt that it would be worthwhile to check this information. When he reports on the status of the defibrillator at Ashdale he does not receive a response/confirmation from WMAS. He receives feedback from WMAS when he reports on the other defibrillators he monitors.

CAG-23-37 Ms. Amber Mottishead from AED Donate, with whom we had held a meeting, had now left. Arrangements were made to meet with her replacement. Unfortunately, her replacement left after one week leading to further delays. A meeting has now been arranged for 24th July.

CAG-23-38 Mr, Fraser has not been able to obtain information regarding the siting of defibrillators on lamp-posts in Shropshire but has found information from another local authority regarding this matter. He had written to Councillor Pert to see if this option can be adopted.

CAG-23-39 Bedding plants have been difficult to obtain because many nurseries have reduced their supplies owing to the increase in heating costs. Purchases of plants and compost have been made costing approximately £131.

CAG-23-40 Councillor Hughes and Councillor Broader planted the bedding plants in early June.

CAG-23-41 A number of people have made positive comments on the plant display.

CAG-23-42 A successful afternoon tea was organized for Sunday, 25th June.

CAG-23-43 Numbers were disappointing as many people were away either for the weekend or for the week.

CAG-23-44 The people who attended were very generous and we received a generous donation from one villager who could not attend the event.

CAG-23-45 Councillor Hughes has sent letters of thanks to all those who had helped in various ways including: Ms. Hilary Pemberton, Mrs. Marion Cromeey, Mrs. Rachel Cooper, Mrs. Joan Gater, Jean (from the coffee club) and Patricia.

CAG-23-46 The total raised was £313.55 after expenses had been paid. Very positive feedback has been obtained from attendees.

CAG-23-47 Other fund-raising activities were discussed. Some, but not all, were in favour of exploring a wine and cheese evening or a wine-tasting evening.

CAG-23-48 The coffee club would be running throughout the school holidays. On 4th August it would be held at Stone Wharf bar at 11a.m. as the village hall would not be available on this date. It was hoped that some would stay for lunch.

CAG-23-49 Additional information to be included in red. Aims and Objectives of C.A.G. i) Propose projects, **including environmental projects**, for the benefit of the community of Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish, promoting wellbeing and inclusion.

CAG-23-50 A request for a budget has been made to the Parish Council. Copies of the current budget were circulated, and Councillor Hughes would ensure that absent colleagues will be given copies.

The meeting finished at 3.30p.m.

After the meeting it was realised that a decision would have to be made regarding the purchase of bulbs to be planted during the Autumn Clean Up held on 21st October. All committee members were contacted by email on 12th September and it was agreed to order quantities of daffodils, hyacinths and tulips.

*The village hall was not available in the evening.

Proposed by: Margaret Broader

Seconded by: Tina Louine * post meeting

Signed: S. Hughes

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 17th October, 2023.