**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday 3rd October 2019**

**Present**

Penny Wingfield, Lisa Brand, Jane Parry-Evans, Frank Chambers, Peter McFadden, Margaret Trevette, Caroline Oldfield, Sue Kenwell, Rob Kenwell, Sue Beaumont, Sue Galston, Judy Boddington, David Elliot, *Linda Anderson, Jimmy Logan, GJ, CMH, Dennis Oliver, Sean Brand, Eileen Burtonwood, Janet Haworth, John Burtonwood, Charles Hawkins, Helen Hawkins*.

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Jean and Graham Morris, Heddwen Roberts, Goronwy Edwards.

1. **Sign-off Minutes**

Minutes of 27th June were approved and signed.

1. **Matters Arising**

*Croeso banner*: Sean reported that some of the eyelets have been destroyed in the recent storm. To be repaired. **Sean**

*Cenotaph Restoration*: Jimmy reported that this has been done. It was agreed that Rowen Community still wanted to contribute towards the costs. **Jimmy L** to advise the committee of these costs and then we’d decide what we’d give.

*Skip*: Charlie investigating prices. **Charlie**

*Field Access*: GJ reported that following further discussions the stile is to remain as it is.

*Pub Quiz*: August 28th saw a very successful fund-raising evening for Rowen Community. £200 was raised – thank you to everyone for their support.

*Dog Fouling*: Kerys Smith from Regulatory and Housing Services with Conwy County Borough Council has provided new signs and poo bags which have been sited in problem areas identified by villagers. She is providing top up supplies – see Helen if you need more near you. Please allow visitors to use these. Sightings of people breaking the law can be made on line www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Environmental-problems/Dog-Issues/Report-Dog-Fouling.aspx **Helen** to investigate getting another poo bin at the junction with the Henryd back road.

Gwenan also advised the meeting that some of their livestock has recently been savaged and some killed by dogs. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times on farm land.

1. **Car Boot Sales**

August brought in £481 and September£546.

Due to bad weather we have only had 4 Car Boot Sales this year. Our costs were £388 and we are very happy to report a profit of £2,236.

Thanks again to all our brilliant volunteers and the excellent handover from Jean and Graham at the beginning of the year.

We are always keen to take onboard any suggestions and respond to the CBS-users. As such we are going to publicise an 11.00am start. Other aspects of the CBS are under review. Dates for 2020 are on the website.

The health and safety sign re children being around moving vehicles will be amended to “Keep children under supervision”. **Helen**

1. **Village Toilets**

Janet gave an update on the current position following several conversations/emails with stakeholders. Given the wider political picture, we need to discuss the long-term future of the toilets as a village and decide what we want as we could be at risk of losing them.

We need more information, including practical options, from the responsible County Council officer, Steve Teale, along with funding opportunities and other examples of sustainable village toilets.

Jimmy reported that the Community Council are committed to the toilets remaining as they are and that they will definitely be opening next year.

In light of the future threat to ongoing funding for the toilets, on behalf of the village, the Community Group Committee are committed to working for the best outcome for all interested parties.

This requires a separate meeting for the village to discuss. **Janet** to invite Steve Teal to meet with the community.

1. **Winter Festival**
2. The Community Group is buying a local Christmas Tree and will supply lights. Ti y Fi will make the star. The lights will be switched on by the Mayor of Conwy at 5:30pm as part of a celebratory evening. **The road will be temporarily closed between 16:45-17:45**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

There will then be a hog roast and live music at the pub from 18:30-20:30 free for all who are part of the community of Rowen. Invitations will be hand delivered. RSVP essential by 31st October. From 1st November any extra tickets will then be made available more widely eg to friends and family at £5 per head. Vegetarian burgers will be available at cost price.

Please book with Lisa at Orchard Cottage, text 07527 780572, or email events.gcrcg@gmail.com

1. Carol Singing on Saturday 21st December. Starting from the Christmas Tree with a street parade to the Chapel for indoor singing. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the pub.
2. Christmas jumpers (optional) at all events!
3. **Remembrance Sunday and related matters**

A poppy wreath will be laid by Graham and Jimmy on behalf of the Rowen Community at the Ty’n y Groes Cenotaph ceremony on Sunday 10th November. **Helen** to follow up order.

The memorial bench/sculpture that was suggested costs £1,100 (plus extra costs and permissions). Dewi was grateful for the invitation to create something for the village but couldn’t compete pricewise. An indicative vote showed less than half of those present wanting to spend this amount. However, there was support for some other form of memorial. Suggestions included a memorial walk, thinking garden, bench in the grounds of the memorial hall, consider recent conflicts too. Aim towards something to mark VE Day anniversary 2020. **Eileen/John** to investigate further.

1. **AOB**

Peter McFadden raised the future use of the old school. Concern was expressed about how overgrown it has become. **Charlie** to contact the Bulkeley Estate.

Penny reported on the success of the Play Days. The Community Group funding didn’t get released in time for a 3rd date to be added this summer. We would be happy to support next year.

Thanks given to Margaret and Ian Trevette who have generously donated lots of Christmas lights (indoor and out) for use by the community.

There is an auction taking place in the Memorial Hall on Sat 12th Oct for Ty’n y Groes vestry.

A Pub Quiz is being held on Wednesday 23rd October at the Ty Gwyn to raise funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Help with raffle prizes needed please.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

**AGM Thursday 14th November 7:30pm**

The meeting was drawn to a close with thanks for support and contributions.

Accepted as a true record on (date)………………………………….and signed:

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