

Agenda Item 12 – Replacement Defibrillator Cabinets

Introduction

The Council has received a request from Dave Maynard, a Director of the Pre-school, asking the Parish Council to contribute towards replacement cabinets for the defibrillators outside the Gables Pre-school and the Post Office.

Location of Defibrillators in Willand

There are three 24/7 accessible defibrillators in Willand – Outside the Gables Pre-school, the Post Office and Pencarrie. There is also a defibrillator at Willand Rovers Football Club, which is accessible when the ground is open.

The Pre-school raised the funds to purchase the defibrillators at the Post Office and the Pre-school; these were not paid for by school funds but through fund raising. Dave ensures that these are maintained with the Parish Council paying for items such as replacement pads and batteries. It is not considered appropriate to use pre-school funds to finance the defibrillators as the monies are intended for the direct benefit of the Children at the school. The defibrillators are for the benefit of the village as a whole.

Replacement Cabinets

The cabinets which house the defibrillators are rusting and it is estimated that they will need replacing by next Winter.

Cost

The cost for each cabinet is £555 plus VAT, £666 inclusive. A total of £1,110 plus VAT, £1,332 inclusive for both.

There is no installation charge as Dave will fit them.

Budget & Spending Power

The Council has power to spend funds on the provision of life-saving appliances under the Public Health Act 1936 S.234.

There is a Community Facilities Reserve with a current balance of £7,088.73, which could be used for a contribution or purchase.

Options for consideration

1. Decide to make no contribution.
2. Decide on a fixed sum contribution, in which case the items would not be purchased by the Parish Council and VAT could not be reclaimed.
3. Decide to purchase both cabinets at the full cost and retain ownership adding them to the Asset Register. Maintenance would be undertaken by Dave Maynard as for the rest of the equipment at these locations. VAT could be reclaimed by the Parish Council as the purchaser and owner. It is also possible to gift the items for no financial consideration and still claim back the VAT as long as they are fully purchased by the Parish Council.

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