

Saltash Defibrillators report for Saltash Town Council from Saltash Rotary Club

The Fore Street Defibrillator was purchased by Saltash Rotary in 2015 funded partly by a Rotary District Grant and partly in conjunction with one of the Fire Cadets a lad called Jack Phelan. We fund raised in partnership in order to be able to purchase the Defibrillator at a cost of £3,100. Bloom Hearing very kindly agreed to host the unit and supply the wi-fi and power source that was required.

Saltash Mayor at that time Cllr Hilary Frank unveiled the Defibrillator together with Jack Phelan and Rotary Club Vice President Brenda Samuels.

All three people were interviewed by the BBC who did a small documentary on this unit being the first in Saltash and the Gateway to Cornwall.

Following on from that Jack continued to fund raise and another defib was installed at Appleby Westward on Callington Road hosted by them similarly to Bloom Hearing.

Because of the ongoing cost of maintenance, the Mayor took the suggestion to a services meeting of Saltash Town Council in November 2016 and we believe that it was agreed that STC would maintain the machine as it was a public access unit and was of benefit to the Town.

This has continued since the unit in Fore Street was installed in 2016.

Having discussed the issue with Saltash Rotary Club it was agreed by members that we would fund the cost of the replacement door at a cost of £125 plus VAT and also our members would be prepared to undertake the checking of the machine on a weekly basis so that it would relieve that task being added to the Service Delivery Team who we understand are short staffed. Rotary Club members are always in Fore Street so it would be no problem at all, once we were trained to undertake the necessary checking.

With regards to the unit at Appleby Westward, we understand that this one was removed mainly because of the dropping in and out of the wi-fi system which could not be relied on. This information has come from Jack Phelan who was contacted by our Club President.

Jack fundraised for this machine and got several donations from businesses in that area so would like, if possible, for the unit to be placed back in that area. He wondered whether the new MacDonalDs might be willing to host the machine. If that were the case Saltash Rotary would also be prepared to fund a replacement door for that cabinet and undertake the checking that would be required, a similar arrangement as the one in Fore Street. Rotary President has agreed to approach the MD of MacDonalDs to see if that would be a possibility. We have not heard back from the MD yet but will update further when a reply has been received.

Saltash Rotary Club would like to request the Town Council to continue to pay the annual maintenance fees of £190.00+vaf per defibrillator unit at a total cost of £380.00+vaf for both units owned, managed and maintained by Saltash Rotary Club.

The previous Appleby unit is subject to confirmation of approval to install at McDonalds.

The Town Council will not be liable for either defibrillator unit if used, deemed faulty or subject to any vandalism, should Members agree to pay the annual maintenance cost.

Saltash Rotary Club have confirmed they will undertake the weekly maintenance checks. Duchy Defibrillators has confirmed the Town Council will not be liable for any additional costs unless the weekly maintenance checks are not completed on a regular basis.

Duchy Defibrillators has confirmed the following process:

Saltash Rotary Club will be alerted via an application / email to complete weekly checks. If maintenance checks are continuously not completed on a regular basis by the owners (Saltash Rotary Club), Duchy Defibrillators will send their own employees to check.

If the weekly checks continue to not be undertaken and it becomes a regular occurrence, Duchy will contact the Town Council to rearrange suitable weekly maintenance checks, there could be a cost invoiced to the Town Council as the payee of the Annual Maintenance Contracts. This will also have a cost impact to staff time allocation that Members must be aware of prior to an agreement with Saltash Rotary Club.

Budget Information:

Annual Cost: £380.00+vat (Fore Street and MacDonalds)

Budget Code: 6504 SE Street Furniture (Maintenance)

Available Budget: £1,321.00

End of report

Brenda Samuels Saltash Rotary Club Secretary 2022-2023