

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs)**CURRENT SITUATION**

The Parish Council owns two AEDs. They need regular monitoring and incur maintenance costs in terms of replacement pads and batteries. The boxes need a power supply to keep the battery at an ideal temperature as the battery will deteriorate in cold weather. They are covered by the PC's insurance policy.

Hilton

The AED at Hilton is kept in the decommissioned BT phone box. It was provided by Age Concern Appleby and has been maintained under a contract with Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT). The initial 4-year contract comes to an end on xxx and the PC has the option of continuing this contract or purchasing the AED for £1 and taking on the maintenance costs.

The CHT cost would be £126 per annum. This is calculated by adding up the total estimated costs of replacement batteries and pads, compliance checks, data downloads, loan of AED if not available and carriage costs. £525 for 4-year contract.

Advice has been taken and an estimate of the cost of purchasing replacement parts based on the likely usage is much lower. £360 over 4 years.

Murton

This AED was provided by the British Heart Foundation via the First Responders Group and is located on the wall of Bridge House, Murton. There have been problems with water ingress into the box since the outset and in summer 2019 the power supply failed. Contact with Eden District Council (regarding the connection to the adjacent footway light), Green Urban (original fitters) and WelMed (current company) proved difficult and inconclusive.

In December 2019 the Chairman and Clerk met with Appleby and District Community First Responder Group to discuss the repair of the Murton AED and a simpler approach to managing both AEDs.

The First Responders have since replaced the faulty box and the damp has now been eliminated. The door does not currently have a lock and the PC has been asked to make a decision regarding installing a lockable door. The advantage of a lockable door is that North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) has to be involved from the outset and security during Appleby Horse Fair. Some parishes remove their AEDs during Fair Week.

Future

Both AEDs are registered on the NWAS system and can be checked and updated on the NWAS system. The ongoing checks can be done by someone nominated by the PC (known as guardianship) or the First Responders.

FOR DECISION

1. Should the PC purchase the Hilton AED and take on the maintenance costs or renew the CHT contract for a further four years?
2. Should a lockable door be put on the Murton AED box (First Responders can supply with minimal cost).
3. Who will take on the role of Guardian for the AEDs?

THANKS

The Parish Council would like to note the contribution made by Brian Moncaster in the installation and monitoring (guardianship) of these AEDs over the last four years. He is now happy to hand over this role. The financial contributions and support from the Hilton, Murton & Appleby First Responders, Appleby & District Community First Responders, Age Concern Appleby, British Heart Foundation and the Community Heartbeat Trust are also acknowledged.

The two PC-owned AEDs were the first ones to be installed in the parish in 2016. There are now AEDs at the following locations:

Coupland Beck

Langton

Appleby Golf Club

Brackenber

Murton Institute