

## **Memorandum of Understanding: Community Defibrillators & other equipment**

Thank you for hosting a defibrillator and bleed control kit of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council and helping us to improve the survival rates from Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests (OHCA). Every year in Wales over 6,000 people will suffer an OHCA in the community and it can happen to anyone at any age and at any time. At least 80% will happen in the home and **currently less than 9% will survive.**

Within the time critical period of 8 minutes the major factor limiting the number of people who survive is the ability to provide rapid defibrillation (a shock through the chest to restart the heart). It is essential this time period is supported with (at least) chest compression CPR before the arrival of the defibrillator (AED).

Since the technology became available AEDs have been placed in busy public areas and workplaces with the intention that they will be used to restart the heart of a person in cardiac arrest.

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council registers its defibrillators on [The Circuit](#). The Circuit is the national defibrillator network linked to all the UK Ambulance services. In the event of a nearby OHCA it enables the Welsh Ambulance Service to direct bystanders to the nearest PADS AED and help save lives.

# The Agreement

## Section 1 (General agreement):

The Community Council retains ownership of, and responsibility for, the case and all equipment within the case.

The Community Council will “guardian” the equipment, carrying out regular checks and clean, maintain and replace any equipment according to manufacturer guidance as necessary, any costs paid by the Community Council.

The Community Council will maintain and update the registration on The Circuit.

## Section 2 (Electricity):

Each May the Community Council will offer a payment to the electricity bill payer of the property hosting the Community Council’s life saving equipment. The honorarium will be paid to cover all expected and potential energy costs over the course of 12-months. In 2023 and 2024 this will be set at £60.

The defibrillator case must be hard wired into an electrical circuit and power must be maintained at all times to ensure the heater and light are always operational. The heater switches on to maintain a minimum temperature within the case of 5 degrees Celsius.

## Section 2 (Termination):

The Community Council retains ownership of the case and all equipment within. If you can no longer host the Defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit, please contact the Community Council and request removal of the case and all contents. This will be carried out at the earliest opportunity.

Name of property owner/electricity bill payer:

Address

Signature

Name of the Representative of the Community Council and position:

Signature: