**Laryngectomy Club 19th September 2019**

**Faenol Fawr**

**In attendance:**

Sergeant Evans – (had to leave early to attend emergency response)

Dog Handlers – Gareth Wedley and Helen Evans

**Members Meeting:**

23 attendees

New member Tim and his wife Eurwyn welcomed

Recent good write up re Laryngectomy Club in Pioneer and Post. Peter will send a copy to CLAN magazine.

Letter of appreciation received from the AM – Janet Finch – Saunders

Actos – contact person – Holly is leaving – new person shortly to be appointed

Xmas lunch will be organized soon – at Faenol Fawr

Armbands and RADAR keys handed out

E mails – thanks to those who have responded – register being updated

Pharmacy services – meeting with BCUHB , Actos / Countrywide and ourselves being organized

Letter of thanks received from RNLI re our recent donation

Charity walk will take place on 11th to 13th October.

**Police Dog Handlers:**

Malamoa – like a German Shepherd – initially used with RUC – They buy the blood lines – approx. £4,000 for dog. Train from early.

German Shepherd good but get osteoarthritis after 5 years whereas the new dog will be in service for 10 years

Labrador, Spaniel, Springer or Collie all reliable

Handler – dog lives with them – teach ‘learnt behavior – rewards. Trained like a game – find and seek – bite – play with a ‘cong’.

Dog stays with Handler for length of service.

Support firearms team

Some track by scent others by sight

Training – environmental first then 10-week course – after 18 months start work.

Forensic dog – blood sense – search for location of offenses

If fails course – dog is rehoused.

15 dogs in service in North Wales

Finn’s Law – if a Police dog is injured in service this is considered a ‘serious offence’ by the perpetrator.

**Next meeting:** 17th October 2019 – Faenol Fawr 11.30 am. ENT Surgeon Liggy Tomas to attend.