

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON A REMOTE BASIS ON THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Dr M. Misra (Chairman for the meeting)
Councillor Mrs P Carreyett
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor Mrs P. Gay
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were none declared.

2. REQUEST FROM MR CL TO JOIN THE LEWIS ROAD RESERVE ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP.

The Clerk had received a communication from Mr CL who had recently purchased a plot of land which adjoined the roadway owned by the Council which formed the main access to the reserve allotments site. He had cleared most of the overgrowth from the land he had purchased to form a family allotment and considered that the access land owned by the Council could now support vehicular movement into the reserve allotments site. He indicated that he was passionate about community spaces, the environment and biodiversity and would be keen to join the Working Group to assist the Council in its planning to return the site into use as allotments from 2022. The Council was invited to consider his request to join the Working Group.

RESOLVED that: Mr CL be offered membership of the Working Group.

3. INSTALLATION OF BROADBAND FACILITIES IN LLANDOUGH WAR MEMORIAL HALL.

The Council was provided with a Welsh Government briefing which explained the reasons why Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 had been introduced which required Councils who wished to return to meeting on a physical basis to provide access upon request to Councillors, the

public and the press to attend from another location through telephone or video conferencing. In order to meet these requirements, it would be necessary for the Council to invest in broadband and related facilities which were not currently available in the Council Chamber or in the main hall. It was noted that the Hall Management Committee had recently resolved to approve the installation of such facilities if the Council wished to fund them.

Professional advice had been taken from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's ICT department and the following quotations had been obtained for consideration by the Council:

Cabling Work provided by external supplier - £958.25 plus VAT
Network switch and wireless access points including licences - £1286.67 plus VAT
Monthly Cost for BT Fibre Connection based on a 3-year contract = £71.80 plus VAT per month

There would be also be a charge for the professional services provided by the ICT department.

In view of the technical nature of the work required it was considered that on this occasion it would not be appropriate for alternative quotations to be obtained as the ICT department had recommended that the above proposal was the most effective way of securing the required digital connectivity.

It was noted that the costs could be met from the current year's contingency budget and savings on events being cancelled due to the COVID restrictions.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The costed proposal provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's ICT department be approved.
- b) The ICT department be requested to order the work on behalf of the Council and supervise the installation arrangements.
- c) Financial regulations be suspended on this occasion in relation to obtaining quotations as the main focus should be on ensuring that the installation meets the requirements relating to compliance with Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 based on the professional guidance provided by the ICT department.

4. USE OF S106 FUNDS FOR RE-SITING OF BUS SHELTER OUTSIDE LLANDOUGH WAR MEMORIAL HALL.

A request was received from the Transport Officer in the Vale of Glamorgan Council requesting the Council's support for funding to be released from S106 funds to meet the additional cost of the re-siting beyond that provided by the

Bus Company's insurance payment in relation to the damage to the shelter that had occurred last year. Details of the costs involved in relation to the re-siting of the bus shelter were provided by Councillor G. Carroll for the information of members.

In considering the request, the Council noted that the bus shelter had been removed in October 2020 and it was vital that the bus shelter was re-sited at the earliest opportunity to protect local people from adverse weather when waiting for their bus.

RESOLVED that: Full support be given to the additional costs for re-siting being funded from S106 funds ringfenced for the community of Llandough.

Signed..... Date: 16 September 2021
Chairman