

## LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER, 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

#### PRESENT

Councillor E. Penn (Chairman)  
Councillor L. Barrowclough  
Councillor P. Carreyett  
Councillor M. Edwards  
Councillor P. Gay  
Councillor D. Mears  
Councillor Dr M. Misra  
Councillor W. Williams

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

#### **1. WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR L. BARROWCLOUGH.**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Barrowclough to her first meeting following her recent co-option as a Councillor.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

Councillor Dr M. Misra declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item no. 16 on the agenda.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE, 2018.**

**RESOLVED** that: The minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

It was noted that the order for painting of park benches had been placed and work would commence in the near future. It was noted that Brook Green was looking very good following the recent clearance of the brook and culvert.

#### **5. INSPECTION OF COUNCIL SITES.**

**RESOLVED** that: The Clerk to arrange a date in January, 2019.

## **6. COUNCIL SURGERY.**

It was agreed that the Surgery be held in early January, 2019 and that it be publicised in the Newsletter and on social media. It was agreed that the Police be asked to participate. It was noted that the Council's policy in relation to the use of social media should apply in all cases.

## **7. CONTENT OF NEWSLETTER.**

**RESOLVED** that: The Newsletter to include the following items: -

Dog Fouling

Odd Sock Reunion

Christmas Carol Service and Coffee Morning

Scout's Post

Recruitment of Guides

MUGA facility

Synopsis of the work of the Council in 2017/18 (To be translated in Welsh by Councillor W. Williams)

Allotments

Bio-Diversity

Clearance of Leaves in Cogan Pill Road and the use of the arisings at the allotments

## **8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ODD SOCK REUNION – COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.**

Consideration was given to the arrangements for the event. The Clerk informed the Committee that Father Mark Jones had agreed to attend to lead prayers on the remembrance of those that lost their lives in the war; the Royal British Legion Club had agreed to publicise details of the event and he would be writing to armed forces organisations and the Dinas Powys Guides Association inviting them to attend as well as local organisations including the Allotments Association. Councillor Edwards would play music on a gramophone as a means of creating a musical background suitable for the event. It was noted that the silhouettes funded by the grant would need to be displayed in the hall and on benches in the three pocket parks and Councillor Mears agreed to take responsibility for this task. The school had agreed to publicise the event and encourage parents and pupils to attend. The Clerk would invite the local MP, AM and County Borough Councillor to attend. The Clerk advised that there was an information pack available from the sponsoring organisation designed for use in schools and the Clerk would forward this to the Headteachers of Llandough Primary School and Ysgol Pen-y-Garth. The posters would be displayed on the Noticeboards, in the Hospital, on the Council's website and the Llandough Next Door App. Coffee and refreshments would be arranged by the Clerk and Councillor Carreyett.

The Clerk informed the Committee that he was unable to attend the event and it was agreed that Councillor Dr Misra would take photographs and the Clerk would write up a report on the event and a press release which was a condition of the grant provided by the sponsoring organisation.

#### **9. BELLS SCHEME – UPDATE OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL.**

Councillor Dr Misra advised the Committee that the School would be involved in the planting of bulbs at designated locations on the morning of 9 November, 2018 and the Clerk would provide him with details of the designated locations. A number of dibbers would need to be ordered to facilitate the bulb planting.

The Clerk advised that the contractor would be preparing the agreed sites for wildflower seed planting to enable planting to take place at the end of October. He would arrange for the volunteers to be notified of the agreed date for planting.

#### **10. MULTI USER GAMES FACILITY – FORWARD PLANNING.**

It looked very likely that the grant from the Strong Communities Grant Fund would be approved and it was now necessary to plan ahead for its implementation. There were a range of matters to be managed including agreeing of the location of the facility; planning permission, tendering, negotiating a lease on the land and funding arrangements.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) A Working Party be formed with responsibility for management of the project with membership to comprise of Councillors Dr M. Misra, Penn, I. Williams and W. Williams.
- b) There be no delegated powers granted to the Working Party and any recommendations would require endorsement by the Council.

#### **11. CHRISTMAS TREES 2018.**

**RESOLVED** that: The same arrangements to apply as for 2017.

#### **12. PURCHASE OF FLAG POLE.**

The Hall Management Committee was supportive of a flag pole being purchased for installation on the front apex of the Hall roof. Councillor Dr Misra had obtained a number of quotations for the supply of the pole which were considered by the Committee. Councillor Penn agreed to affix the pole to the roof when received. It was also agreed that a suitable supply of flags should be purchased.

**RESOLVED** that: -

- a) The flagpole from Flags and Flagpoles be purchased at a cost of £17.50 plus VAT.
- b) It be noted that the flagpole would need to be removed when not in use and should not be in place during high winds.
- c) The Clerk to purchase a Welsh, Union Jack and Red Ensign flags.

**13. PROPOSED PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PARK BENCH ON COGAN PILL ROAD.**

Councillor Gay proposed that the Council arrange for the purchase and installation of a suitable park bench near to the adventure play area. It was estimated that the likely cost would be around £1k.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) A sum of £1k be included in the budget for 2019/20.
- b) The Clerk to obtain a firm cost from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

**14. CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE.**

The following matters were raised: -

- There was builder's rubble and garden waste dumped in the layby on Leckwith Road
- It was noted that the Council's Grounds Contractor was doing an excellent job in the village
- Discarded cigarette butts outside the Hospital required regular clearance
- Although new dog waste bins had been installed the problem of dog fouling remained a problem. In order to assist in resolving the problem, residents needed to be vigilant and consider taking a photograph of breaches in bye-laws and reporting it to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reporting line. It was agreed that a link to the reporting line be included in the Newsletter.
- It was agreed to request the Vale of Glamorgan Council to install a restrictive device at the entrance to the playing fields to prevent unauthorised access by travellers.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2018/01023/FUL – PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING OF 50 AFFORDABLE UNITS ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING, HIGHWAY AND ANCILLARY WORKS, LAND NORTH OF LECKWITH ROAD.**

*Councillor Dr Misra declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter and left the meeting taking no part in the discussion or voting thereon.*

**RESOLVED** that: -

The planning application be strongly opposed on the following grounds: -

- a) The proposal represented a significant over-development on a restricted site and the apartment density was far too high for the location.
- b) The proposal is unneighbourly and would not fit in with the general environment of the adjoining area and the visual impact would be a major issue in terms of the environment of the area.
- c) It is understood that there might be existing drainage restrictions relating to the site which could impact on the development and possibly have an adverse impact on the adjoining properties.
- d) There is insufficient parking and amenity space identified in the proposal.
- e) The scale and size of the proposed development is far too great and overbearing and is totally unsuitable for this location.
- f) There would be a major issue for highway safety as a result of the number of vehicles accessing Leckwith Road from within the development.
- g) The local development plan had identified this site as suitable for 8 dwellings and the Council considers that this would represent an appropriate form of development on the site. The departure from the LDP is totally unacceptable.

If approved, it is considered that the developer should be required to contribute significant S106 funding to address transport infrastructure issues including the provision of a new bus stop and shelter facility as well as investment in issues relating to safe access to the school.