

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

PRESENT

Councillor E. Penn (Chairman)
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor Mrs P. Gay
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears
Councillor Dr M. Misra

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER, 2018.

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

3. INSPECTION OF COUNCIL SITES.

RESOLVED that: The inspection be held on Friday 3 May, 2019 at 9.30am commencing outside the Hall.

4. DATE FOR LITTER PICK AND COUNCIL SURGERY.

RESOLVED that: The litter pick be held on Saturday 27 April, 2019 (10.00am until 12 Noon) and the Council Surgery on Saturday 4 May, 2019 (10.00am until 11.00am).

5. CONTENT OF SPRING NEWSLETTER.

RESOLVED that: The Newsletter to include the following items –

- Litter Pick
- Council Surgery
- MUGA
- Painting of Benches
- Grant for Defibrillator

- Seat on Cogan Pill Road
- Date of Fete and Civic Service
- Wildflower Seed planting
- Rogation Walk
- Flats Development – depending on decision of the local planning authority

6. BELLS SCHEME – UPDATE ON ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL.

It was reported that pupils had been involved in the planting of bulbs in the community.

7. MULTI USER GAMES AREA – UPDATE.

The consultation event with local residents would take place on 23 February and would be attended by the Project Manager Gareth Phillips. Gareth was keen to test the level of community support for the proposal before proceeding with the additional survey of the preferred site relating to drainage and the existence of a manhole cover. It was noted that the eligibility criteria for the Sports Wales grant scheme would not apply and it was clear therefore that a loan sanction application would be needed for £20k which could only be submitted when the preferred site had been agreed with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the lease on the land had been resolved.

RESOLVED that: The position be noted.

8. LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF PARK BENCH AT COGAN PILL ROAD.

A sum of £1k had been included in the 2019/20 budget for the purchase and installation of the park bench. Its location and arrangements for installation would need to be agreed with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and it was necessary for a site meeting to be arranged with the appropriate officer. Preference was given to the purchase of a bench to be made from polymer material. It was also the view of the Committee that a plaque should be attached to the bench signifying that it had been funded by the Community Council.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to arrange a site meeting involving Councillor Mrs Gay and other Councillors who might be available to discuss and agree on the type of bench to be purchased as well as its location. (To be noted that the budget of £1k should not be exceeded).

9. CONDITION OF VILLAGE.

The following matters were raised: -

a) Cogan Pill Road – The hand rail on the Pinewood Close steps had been damaged and required repair or replacement.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to ask Councillor Carroll to take up this matter with the appropriate Vale of Glamorgan Council officer.

b) Building Blocks on Grassed Area off Penlan Road.

The owner of the property in Dochdwy Road had been storing building blocks on the grassed area for some time which was considered to be unsightly.

RESOLVED that: A letter be sent to the occupier requesting that he removes the building blocks from the land.

c) Fence from Corbett Road to Hospital Entrance.

It was reported that the fence appeared to be partially unstable with certain sections leaning to one side.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to request Councillor Carroll to follow up this matter with the appropriate Vale of Glamorgan Council officer.

10. PAINTING OF BROOK GREEN BENCHES AND LITTER BIN/CLEARANCE OF CULVERT.

At the recent inspection of Council sites, it had been noted that the two benches and litter bin at Brook Green required painting and the culvert required clearance. It was also reported that some of the benches painted in 2018 needed to be re-painted by the contractor in view of the inadequacy of the primer he had been recommended to use by the paint supplier. This work would be undertaken in March, 2019.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Clerk arrange to obtain quotations for the painting of the benches and litter bin at Brook Green using blue paint.
- b) The Clerk arrange for the grounds contractor to clear the culvert.

11. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROGATION WALK.

The walk would be held on 22 May, 2019.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk and Councillor Dr Misra be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

12. DRAFT COMMUNITY DIRECTORY.

Members were supplied with the draft directory with a request that they let the Clerk have any comments by no later than 21 February, 2019.

13. GRANT FOR DEFIBRILLATOR.

It had been established that the Prince of Wales Trust grant scheme did not apply to public bodies and the Clerk therefore had asked Welsh Hearts to provide guidance on a re-submission under the Big Lottery Awards for all Scheme. An alternative approach should the Big Lottery application fail for the second time was for the Hall Management Committee to consider making an application under the Prince of Wales Trust scheme in the name of the charity.

RESOLVED that: The position be noted.

14. FLOODED AREA – PLAYING FIELDS.

The area to the northern end of the playing fields was still flooded and it was suggested that if a solution could not be found there might be merit in suggesting to the Vale of Glamorgan Council that the designated area be converted into a water-based feature. It was necessary for photographs to be taken of the area.

RESOLVED that: Further consideration be given to the suggestion when a report had been received from Councillor Carroll as to the likelihood of the flooding issue being resolved.

15. BIO-DIVERSITY ISSUE – CORBETT ROAD ALLOTMENTS.

An issue had arisen concerning the bio-diversity of the allotments and the planned actions of tenants where there was a possibility of disturbing wildlife habitats. The Clerk was planning to refer this matter to the Bio-Diversity Working Party for consideration and it was deemed necessary to obtain advice from the Ecologist in the Vale of Glamorgan Council to assist in determining the Council's position in the matter.