

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson – Cllr R Spencer-Downe
Mayor – Councillor T L Williams
Councillors: G Baty, M Arnold, H Wright, A Burges,

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Ceri Anderson.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Cllr A Trousdell- Absent
Cllr J H Wallis - Absent

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on the 3rd September 2018, which are not already on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed that the holes at Twt Park had been removed and the stone removed as instructed. The Committee was also advised that the builder had been instructed to replace the plinths under the benches at Twt Park.

It was confirmed that details of the play benches has been sent to the local primary schools for them to make a choice on which design they want.

Item 4: Surface Edging Play Area Twt Park

The Committee was informed that a site visit took place on Thursday 27th September, Cllr Wright advised members that the wet pour would need to be replaced in three to four years and as such it was important to install the correct edging at this time.

Cllr Wright said that the contractor had confirmed that there was a need to trim and blend the wet pour edging into a concrete edging of approximately 91 metres. The specialist provider has confirmed the cost of repair or wet pour would be:-

Cutting back existing rubber by 100mm, Prime edge
Lay base and wearing course rubber to approx. 60mm depth to 91 metres of perimeter
Total price £1985.00 + VAT.

In addition to this there would be an approximate cost of £800 to install the concrete edging and some turf.

Following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: **That the Clerk seeks quotes for both the concrete edging and turf and on the grounds of expediency report full financial costs to the next meeting of Full Council for decision.**

Item 5: Trees – Aeolian House, Llanblethian Playing Fields

Members were informed that a resident had raised concerns about overgrown trees at Llanblethian Playing Fields.

Following discussion and consideration of the information provided:-

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: **The Clerk to make investigations as to who carried out the work previously and obtain costs to report back to the next meeting of the Committee.**

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: **That the Clerk brings the tree survey to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.**

Item 6: Emms Cottage & Southgate Park Quotations

Following lengthy debate it was agreed that the work would go ahead as confirmed at the last meeting of Council.

Item 7: Planting Schedule

The Committee considered photographs of The Limes and Southgate Park as provided by a member of Council.

Members agreed that the cemetery had now been cleared and that the work had been carried out to a good standard. It was further confirmed that the outstanding issues at Southgate Park and Emms Cottage would be resolved in the near future given the recent decision made by Council on these items.

It was confirmed that the Clerk as Line Manager to Mr W James would thank him for all his hard work in resolving some of the outstanding issues at the cemetery.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: **That when the clearance work had taken the committee would seek professional advice and guidance on the planting of areas in the ownership of Council and present a comprehensive report on this.**

Item 8: Beech Hedge – alongside Waitrose

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Amenities Supervisor would carry out the necessary works on the hedgerow to ensure it was not higher than 5ft.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That this item is placed on a works programme to ensure regular maintenance in the future.

The Committee was reminded that should they have any concerns about necessary maintenance works on areas in the ownership of the Town Council they should direct them to the Town Clerk who would either allocate the work to the Amenities Supervisor if within his remit or alternatively bring the concerns to the relevant committee for consideration.

Item 9: Entrance to Twt Park

The Committee was advised that the Ceonothus plant outside the area known as the Boot Room at the entrance to Twt Park was out of control and look g extremely untidy.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Clerk as line manager to the Amenities Supervisor would include this item into his Winter Work Schedule.

Item 10: Vale of Glamorgan Playground Inspection Report.

Following consideration:.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Clerk would contact Sovereign to complain about the wear and tear to the Rolling Beam installed in 2014 and report back to the next Committee Meeting.

Item 11. Insect Hotel

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the local schools get involved in this Project by designing and building an insect hotel and deciding where it should be placed.

Item 12. Leisure & Amenities Budget

The Committee were reminded that a Vision a Budget Meeting would take place within the next few weeks so members should be thinking about projects\programme of works they would like to see happen for the next financial year.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Leisure and Amenities Budget is accepted as presented.

Item 13: Amenity Supervisor's Report

The Clerk presented a verbal report to members of the work carried out by the Amenities Supervisor which was noted by the committee

Additional Agenda Item

Item 13A: Upkeep of Twt Park, Southgate Park and Limes Cemetery

The committee were reminded of the photographs presented and considered earlier in the meeting in relation to these areas and it was agreed that the items had already been discussed and considered at length.

Item 14: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 5th November 2018 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm