

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Chairperson _ Councillor H Wright
Mayor – Councillor A Trousdell
Councillors: Cllr T Williams, Cllr S Vaughan, Cllr Spencer-Downe

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Ceri John
Assistant Town Clerk – Sian Hookins

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Cllr G Baty – Personal
Cllr N Thomas- Personal

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on the Monday 1 July 2019, which are not already on the agenda.

Page 4, Item 8 – Limes Cemetery Update - Planters

Confirmed planters had been purchased and installed at the cemetery.

Page 6 – Email Correspondence – Mr. Roberts – Table Tennis

Cllr Wright confirmed that he had spoken with Mr. Roberts about this matter and he seemed very keen to progress the project and had promised to get back in touch with Cllr Wright on this. To date no further progress.

Item 4: Leisure and Amenities Budget 2018/19

Members were advised that due to staffing issues only the accounts for July 2019 were being presented and that the August and September Accounts would be presented at the next meeting.

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that the first back payment for the Limes Shed had been received and the situation was being monitored on a monthly basis.

Following consideration:-

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the July 2019 budget as presented is accepted.

Item 5: Sensory Play Equipment, Twt Park

The Clerk advised that a cheque had been received for £920.00 from Zurich Insurance for the vandalised piece of equipment at the Twt Park. Members now needed to decide what piece of equipment should replace this given the complaints received about the noise from neighbours. Cllr Wright advised that Mr. Morgan was still unhappy about the Turtle Drum. Following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Clerk makes investigation about the costs of removing the 2 items of sensory play equipment and re-installing at Llanblethian Playing Field.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That once costs have been received a dialogue would take place between Council and Mr. Morgan who had indicated that he would be prepared to contribute to the re-location costs of the equipment.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Clerk would bring examples of alternative sensory play equipment to the next meeting for members to consider.

Item 6: Maintenance Contract Works – update

The Clerk advised that she had received concern from a resident about a cutting back of Beech Tree at Llanblethian however the Clerk had contacted the contractor about this who had advised that the tree would be pruned in September 2019.

Members were further advised that a number of residents had called in to the Town Clerk's office with positive comments about the works being carried out by the contractor.

Item 7: Benches- update

The Committee were advised that Mr James had completed the refurbishment of the bench outside the Town Hall. Cllr H Wright commented on the high standard of the work. It was confirmed that as part of the winter maintenance programme of work that any benches in need of refurbishment in the ownership of the Town Council would be carried out.

It was noted that there had been no progress with regards the poor condition of the area and benches outside the Old Hall despite the matter being progressed by the Town Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk should take photographs of the area in question and submit to the Vale Council reiterating the Town Council's concerns (Vale Councillors to be copied in).

Item 8: Limes Cemetery - update

Members were advised that the Mayor, Cllr A Trousdell, the Deputy Mayor Cllr S Vaughan and Cllr H Wright had met with the Cemetery Manager and operatives at Barry Town Council to discuss necessary risk assessment works at the Limes Cemetery.

The Committee was advised that one quotation had been received for the work involved at the Limes Cemetery by the operative at Barry Town Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should seek some alternative quotations for the works and ensure that all quotations include both the Holy Cross Church and the Limes Cemetery as both needed to be risk assessed. For expediency and given the Health and Safety requirements it was agreed that if possible, the information should be obtained in readiness for the next meeting of the Town Council to enable members to make a comparison of costs.

Cllr Wright advised members that he had visited the resident who had kindly offered to donate a bench to the Limes Cemetery however upon inspection the bench was not really suitable.

It was agreed that a “Friends of the Limes Cemetery” group should be pursued over the next few months.

Item 9: Southgate Park-update various matters

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Bird had been contacted regarding the condition of the wall backing on to Southgate Park and initially a speedy response had been received advising that the matter would be looked into. Agreed that the Clerk should chase this item.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That as Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee Cllr Wright would investigate the setting up of a Friends of Southgate Park group and report back to the next meeting on this item.

Members were reminded that Council had rejected the quotation for the installation of a Tarmac Path at Southgate Park to replace the unsafe path that existed at the present time. As requested the Clerk had obtained a quotation for a path from the contractors who had carried out the work in the Physic Garden and that had come in at £14,000.00.

Members reviewed the quotations received and following discussion:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That the Committee re-submits quotations for a Tarmac path to the Town Council on the basis of durability and cost effectiveness.

Item 10: Trim Trail

Agreed that this item would be discussed in conjunction with Item 11.

Item 11: Llanblethian Play Equipment

The Committee was advised that complaints had been received about the poor state of the play equipment at Llanblethian Playing Fields and issues had been reported about protruding nails. The Clerk confirmed that with regards the nails the matter had been acted upon immediately and temporary remedial works carried out by the Town Council maintenance person.

The Committee recognised that there was a growing younger population in the Llanblethian area looking to use the play area and the equipment there was out-dated.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That a meeting is arranged in Llanblethian Village Hall inviting residents to come and consult with members of the Town Council about what play equipment they would like to see installed at the park

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That discussion about the Trim Trail would take place at the Community Meeting.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That following the community consultation Meeting at Llanblethian the Clerk would submit relevant grant applications assist with the cost of installation of play and exercise equipment at Llanblethian Playing Field.

Item 12: Vale of Glamorgan Playground Inspection Report

Not received Playground Officer on annual leave

Item 13: Date and Time of next meeting:

Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.00pm