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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
LLANFLEIDDAN

LEISURE & AMENTIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber and remotely by Microsoft Teams on Tuesday the 5th of September 2023 at 7:00pm.

Attendees Council Chamber: Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Mayor of the Council), Cllr Heather Weddell (Deputy Mayor of the Council), Cllr Terry Williams, Cllr Peter Carter, Cllr Charles Champion & Deputy Town Clerk Sarah-Jane Marshall.

Microsoft Teams: There were no remote attendees.

Committee Members: Cllr Beverly Tonkin (Chair of the Committee), Cllr Heather Weddell (Deputy Mayor of the Council), Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Mayor of the Council), Cllr Terry Williams, Cllr Rowena Harbour, Cllr Peter Carter, Cllr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies, Cllr Ian Watkins & Cllr Charles Champion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Tonkin, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Harbour & Town Clerk C Kennedy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of June 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting that were not included on the agenda.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The committee received the financial report ending 31st of August.

RESOLVED

The financial report was approved.

6. TREE REPORT

The committee received the annual tree report from ESA Tree Care.

RESOLVED

The annual tree report including recommendations were approved,

7. TWT PARK

The following updates were received:

7.1 The monthly safety check report.

7.2 Footpath light columns

1.3 Drainage of footpath adjacent to park and behind Waitrose

8. LLANBLETHIAN PLAYING FIELD

The following updates were received:

8.1 The monthly safety check report.

8.2 Goal Posts

8.3 Coronation Bench

8.4 Apple tree whips

9. SOUTHGATE PARK

A report was received that summarised public feedback regarding the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council's proposal to establish a wildflower area in Southgate Park. The responses primarily expressed strong support and enthusiasm for the project, highlighting its potential benefits and positive impact on the park's aesthetics and biodiversity. However, a respondent raised concerns about long-term maintenance based on experiences elsewhere, suggesting alternative locations and more extensive public input. The report emphasises the need for a balanced approach, acknowledging both the community's enthusiasm and valid concerns, and recommends exploring alternative locations and seeking additional public input to ensure the proposed wildflower area becomes a sustainable and well-received enhancement to Southgate Park. The council will heed the public consultation and carefully consider the responses received.

10. LIMES CEMETERY

- a) It was reported that Vinci Facilities <https://www.vincifacilities.com/> have kindly offered a volunteer day and will assist in clearing the overgrown bank in the cemetery. They have provided risk assessments and public liability insurance.
- b) There was a question raised from a member of the public regarding the possibility of burying a relative from a nearby village at the local price rate instead of the higher charge that is typically applied to non-local burials.

RESOLVED

The committee chose not to waive the trebling of the internment fees, and recommended that the cemetery costs be reviewed in the next meeting.

11. MEMORIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Committee considered a draft memorial management policy.

RESOLVED

The memorial management policy was approved.

12. HOLY CROSS CHURCHYARD

The committee considered recommendations resulting from a memorial stone safety check.

RESOLVED

The recommendations from the memorial stone safety check were approved.

13. BIO-DIVERSITY REPORT

The committee considered the annual biodiversity report. During the discussion, Cllr Williams expressed appreciation for the efforts of town council staff in maintaining the flowers on the lamp posts and the town hall itself. Cllr Weddell asked who was responsible for the report and remarked that it was an excellent piece of work. The deputy town clerk responded that the bio-diversity report was the work of the town clerk.

RESOLVED

The annual bio-diversity report was approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th of November 2023.

