

AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

18th of November 2021

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On line at 7.00 PM

Present:

Councillors:

Rory Francis (Chair)

Erwyn Jones

Bedwyr Gwilym

Apologies:

Councillors:

Glyn Daniels

Annwen Daniels

1. To Receive Apologies

Apologies from Councillors Glyn Daniels and Annwen Daniels.

Recommend: To accept the apologies.

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

Item 6 - Councillor Rory Francis declared an interest in Planning Application C21/1060/03/LL (on the board of governors of Ysgol Maenofferen)

3. Playground Monthly Reports.

The Committee discussed the reports.

Recommend: Accept the reports

4. Discussion of the draft copies of the Monthly Survey to Encil Garden, Land around Baltic Field and Oakeley Square and Rhiw Memorial

The Committee discussed the draft additional monthly review.

Recommend: Councillor Erwyn Jones proposes that the Clerk or Deputy Clerk countersign the reports to prove that the reports have been read. Rhiw Retreat and Memorial Garden needs adapting - no hay and no bench in memory of Rhiw Column. The Deputy Clerk advised that Helen Jones, who inspects the playing fields on a monthly basis, was happy to carry out the additional inspections. The Committee requested that the frequency of the de-fibs be checked by a North Wales Ambulance Service officer.

5. Grant Applications Update

The Clerk advised that the Town Council had been successful in obtaining a grant from Snowdonia National Park to obtain new Zip Wire equipment for Cae Bryn Coed. The Council will be seeking a grant from the Gwynedd Council Chest fund for new equipment for the Park by 22nd November.

Recommend: To continue with the arrangements as last year but need to check details. The Committee will discuss looking at adult fitness equipment in the future.

6. Planning Applications

Councillor Rory Francis declared an interest in Planning Application C21 / 1060/03 / LL (on the board of governors of Ysgol Maenofferen)

1. C21 / 1060/03 / LL

Ysgol Maenofferen, Blaenau Ffestiniog, LL41 3DL

Construction of nursery and associated play area / Construct and nursery and associated play area

<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=32336&language=en>

Recommend: Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym proposed that the Town Council welcome the development but a member of the public has contacted regarding the concerns of the development as there is a garden and memorial tree on site to commemorate a former pupil. The Town Council needs more information about the location, to check that the development will not breach the memorial garden and that no trees planted in memory of a pupil will be felled. Councillor Erwyn Jones seconded the proposal.

2. C21 / 1063/03 / LL

The Little Bookshop, 1 New Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3TU

Change of use from former shop to holiday unit

<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=32340&language=en>

Recommend: The Committee considered the application. No objection as the building is vacant and in need of repair and renovation, it is in the town centre so it will be good for the nearby businesses, and the building is too small to become a local dwelling.

7. Deputy Clerk's update

Discussion with Dref Werdd regarding collaboration on litter / recycling campaign

Following a meeting with Dref Werdd, a number of ideas were discussed,

- running a litter / recycling collection competition,
- discuss the importance of recycling in local schools.
- contacting local businesses asking them to use biodegradable food and drink containers or a pilot scheme as Mold Town Council has done called "Naked Takeaways", where businesses use containers that can be reused by their customers. This scheme in Mold has reduced the amount of litter in the town and reduced the costs of buying containers for businesses.
- get recycling bins in every playing field and get local schools to create a colourful picture that can be transferred on vinyl to put around the bins, which will

hopefully encourage children and local residents to use the bins, which will more prominent with colorful artwork.

Recommend: The Committee discussed and agreed to work with the Dref Werdd and obtain the prices of recycling bins for the playing fields. The Deputy Clerk to obtain prices from companies who collect recycling, as Criccieth Cleaning do not offer this service. The Committee discussed the need to strengthen the Council's Environmental Policy and include a climate and nature crisis.

Stencil for the salt pins

The Committee discussed the stencils quote.

Recommend: The Committee agreed to order the stencils.

Llan bus shelters

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that the condition of the bus shelters in Llan Ffestiniog was in a state of disrepair and in need of urgent repair.

Recommend: The Committee discussed the matter and agreed to the Deputy Clerk requesting a quote from the Maintenance Officer.

Diffwys Square information board update

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that she is awaiting quotes for an information board. That a Gwynedd Council Officer has advised that there is some funding left and possibly available to pay for the information board. A little more research is needed regarding copyright for the use of photographs and discussions have been held with Bro Ffestiniog Historical Society regarding the historical information of the Square.

Recommend: To receive the information.

8. Youth Club

The Committee discussed that Gwynedd Council should be asked for a monthly report on the number of children attending and activities offered. The youngsters are eager for a Christmas disco, and the Council will arrange transport. Possibility to organize an activity with the Camera Club and ask the young people to take photos of the area for the Council to post on a Facebook page and maybe produce a calendar.

Recommend: To contact Gwynedd Council to request a monthly report and seek views on what activities the youth would be interested in.

9. Tan Manod Update

The Committee discussed the Tir Tan y Manod update. Work such as fencing and safe access will require a precept amount. The Deputy Clerk to forward plans and costs from Green

Town to councillors will be on the working group. There was discussion about the need to have a project officer. Leadership is needed to get the job done.

Recommend: Arrange a meeting through Zoom to update the volunteers, will need a translator. Contact Dan to ask if he could be a project officer to provide guidance.

10. Letter requesting financial assistance from Bro Ffestiniog Archaeological Society

The Committee considered a letter from Bro Ffestiniog Archaeological Society requesting financial assistance and a letter of support for a grant application.

Recommend: To discuss the financial aid application in the Ordinary Meeting in December, but to send a letter of support in their grant application.

11. Letter of Support to the Welsh Slate Bid for Heritage Lottery Funding

The Committee considered the request for a letter of support for the Welsh Slate application.

Recommend: Councillor Erwyn Jones proposed that a letter of support be submitted and Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym seconded.

12. Invoice from Llafar Bro Memorial Tree advertisement.

The Committee discussed the invoice from Llafar Bro.

Recommend: To pay the invoice this year, but the Memorial Tree Committee will have to apply to the Council for a donation next year for any advertisement.

13. Any urgent business

Patagonia Scholarship

2019/2020 winner Hanna Gwyn and 2020/2021 winner Gari Jones have been contacted indicating that they hope to travel to Patagonia in October 2022.

Recommend: To release the scholarship funding, which is £ 1750 each, to organize the trip.

Clwb Clinc

The Club has contacted the Council regarding their funding.

Recommend: To release the funding to Clwb Clinc.

Llan Ffestiniog Hall.

The Committee discussed the interest of the Bruhn Morris organization in purchasing the building. A representative of the organization has contacted the Town Council and the Hall Committee.

Recommend: You will need to obtain information regarding the conditions contained in the purchase agreement between the Town Council and Gwynedd Council. The Town Council will support the decision of the Llan Hall Committee. If their decision is to sell, then it must be a condition of the sale that the building remains in the community use of Llan. As the Hall is a charity, you will need to check that the trustees, which are on the Charity Commission website, are up to date. Legal advice, which specialises in the charity field, will be required if a trust can be transferred to the Bruhn Morris organisation, which means that the charity would continue. There will be a meeting of the Llan Hall Committee on the 6th of December 2021 at 1.30pm, and a representative from Ffestiniog Town Council will attend. The Town Council will support the decision of the Llan Hall Committee.

Meeting ended at 9pm.