

AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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On Line AT 7.00 PM

Present:

Councillors:

Rory Francis (Chair)

Erwyn Jones

Ronwen Roberts

Alun Jones

Bedwyr Gwilym

Mark Thomas

Apologies:

Councillors:

Glyn Daniels

1. Accept Apologies.

Councillor Glyn Daniels

Recommend: Accept the apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of interest

3. Playground Monthly Reports

The reports have been read, signed and dated by the Deputy Clerk.
The Committee discussed the reports.

Summary following Monthly Inspection of Playground and other Sites.

Baltic Field - wet pour corner raised at the swings (photo A)

Contacted GL Jones to ask for a quote to fix.

Oakeley Square - space under the gate allows a dog to enter the field

Ask Gwyn to do the work within a 20-hour contract?

Llan War Memorial - rubbish bin outside the gate full and broken. (photo B)

Have sent a complaint and a copy of the photo to Gwynedd Council

Bryn Coed Field - dog fouling by the Zipline

- a mound of grass has dumped on site

- some rubbish

Have sent a complaint to Gwynedd Council regarding the dog mess.

Cae Manod - "No Smoking" sign removed and broken

Helen is going to install a new sign.

Rhiw War Memorial - a bit of rubbish

- Gate slightly "stiff"

Helen picked up litter.

Ask Helen to put a little WD40 on her next inspection.

The Park - cat mess

- broken / rusty bins (photo C)

Have contacted Gwynedd Council regarding the price of recycling / litter bins, no reply received.

Getting quotes for new bins.

Tanygrisiau Field - gate not closing prop

Gardd Encil - dog fouling

Wooden bench, broken rod (photo E) (occurred after inspection)

Made a complaint to Gwynedd Council about dog fouling

Gwyn is going to put a new wooden slat on the bench, within 20-hour contract.

Cae Gild and Cae Penbryn - some litter

Helen picked up litter.

**AFTER THE MONTHLY INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THERE WAS
BROKEN GLASS IN THE SKATE PARK AND PARK**

**I HAVE ASKED GWYN (WITHIN 20 HOUR CONTRACT) TO INSPECT THE SKATEPARK AND PARK EVERY
MONDAY MORNING AND CLEAN ANY BROKEN GLASS.**

Councillor Ronwen Roberts has seen a person with a dog on the field ball foot in
Oakeley Square, though "No Dogs " signs

Recommend: Accept the quote from GL Jones to repair the wet pour in Cae Baltic.

Ask Gwyn (Officer) Maintenance do the work in Oakeley Square and Tanygrisiau Field within his agreement of 20hrs.

To do a Facebook post to remind the public that dogs are not allowed on Town Council land.

Check with the new Tenant of the café he has been opening and closing the Park gates

Check that the cctv in the Park is working.

Accept the reports.

4. Work Update from the Deputy Clerk

Painting of Playground Equipment

Met with Helen to discuss the work - COMPLETED - Oakeley Square, Baltic Field, Cae Gild, Cae Manod
NOT COMPLETED - Tanygrisiau
NOT STARTED - Park and Penbryn

The Community Centre

Create and send invoices the first Monday of the month.

Record paid invoices on QuickBooks, scan and attach a copy of cheque or remittance note.

Respond to e mails.

Show the rooms available to 2 people.

Send an email to the Centre's users to inform them of rising costs in May.

Banking cheques at the Post Office

Regulatory Committee

Write and implement the recommendations

Tan y Manod

Following site meeting - publish request for assistance on Facebook

- Create a planting plan (size and location of each tree)
- Contact and arrange wood chip from Alfa Tree Services
- Create a disclaimer form

Start creating another work plan for the site

Miscellaneous - draft Volunteering Policy

- Begin researching and drafting a plan for the playgrounds following requests for better equipment. After a discussion in Amenities.
- Create a draft "work brief" to obtain quotations.

5. Discuss the template for the Annual Report.

The Deputy Clerk read and explained what must and can be included in the report.

Recommend: The Clerk and Deputy Clerk to draft the report and send a copy to the Councillors, so that it can be discussed and a final report presented at the Annual Meeting in May 2022.

6. Footpath walker Tender

The Committee discussed that the current agreement has ended.

Recommend: To publish a new tender and increase the payment to £ 1200 a year.

7. Planting

The Deputy clerk asked which plants the Council wants to plant from the RHS list (Pollinators)?

The Committee discussed that there is a budget available to buy bulbs and plants for different areas. To look at the possibility of buying bee bombs in order to promote the growth of wild flowers.

Recommend: The Deputy Clerk to contact David Williams (Blaenau in Bloom) to seek advice regarding flowers and plants and to buy the flowers and plants, and "Bee Bombs."

8. Defib - Pay her install on belly electricity / lamp post

Blaenau Amateur Football Club applied for a financial contribution towards the installation of a defibrillator outside Cae Clyd field, Manod back in October 2021.

The matter was discussed at the regular meeting on 14/10/2021:

11140/10/21 09. FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

A letter received from Blaenau Amateurs Football Club asking about the purchase of a Defibrillator and a cabinet was discussed. Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym has found a brand new fund opening from the Welsh Government to allow the purchase of a defibrillator.

DECISION: To allow the Clerk to assist the Club to apply for the financial assistance from Welsh Government to purchase the defibrillator, and for the Town Council to fund the other costs ineligible for the grant, approximately £ 423.20 + VAT for cabinet after heating, and installation and protection costs. It was agreed that if the application for a defibrillator was unsuccessful, the Town Council would also be happy to contribute to the defibrillator.

The Clerk assisted the Club for a defibrillator grant, and confirmation was received of success and that the purchase of the defib by grant was possible.

Costs of installing the spring outside Cae Clyd football ground:

Item	Cost	Details
Heated defib cabinet	£433.20 heb TAW / Excl VAT	Already purchased
Connection to street light post and equipment	£550 – quote from Street lighting dept, Gwynedd Council.	Needs to be approved
Electrical connection – cost of electrician possible required.	Estimate £250	Awaiting confirmation if required.

There was an underspend of £1,768.80 from the 'General Contributions' budget to 2021-2022, which is now in reserves.

Could you kindly confirm that you approve the use of up to £ 800 from the reserves to cover the costs of installing the defib at Cae Clyd?

Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym asked if the defib would be transferred to the Town Council?

Councillor Erwyn Jones was of the view that the Football Club must be own a defib to allow them to play in the higher league

Recommend: The defib will be installed outside the field and so the community will also be able to use it, so Councillor Alun Jones proposed that the Council pay for the cabinet, Councillor Mark Thomas seconded.

Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym proposed an amendment, if the Council will responsible for the cabinet and the Football Club will be responsible for the defib, the situation could cause a problem in the future. So, it would better for the Council to give a financial contribution to the Club to buy the cabinet.

Councillor Mark Thomas seconded the proposal.

9. Request for defib in Pant Llwyd, Llan Ffestiniog

Tomos Hughes, North Wales Pads Support Officer, Welsh Ambulance service has received enquiries about placing a defibrillator in Pant Llwyd, Llan Ffestiniog.
Here are two e-mails that he has received:

From: MANYLION GAN Y CLERC

Sent: 13 February 2022 13:55

To: Tomos Hughes (Welsh Ambulance Service Trust) <Tomos.Hughes@wales.nhs.uk>

Subject: Defibrillator in Pant Llwyd, Llan Ffestiniog.

Hi Tomos

Hope you are good and keeping well. Long time no see.

Thank you for remember, that I ask and that we need a defibrillator here in Llan Ffestiniog.

There are quite a few older and fragile people living here on the top road, the road B4391 is busy goes over to Bala, lots of local and holiday makers use the road all year round.

Is there anything I can do other than get more of me neighbour to write to you as well.

Thank you so much.

Mette Byager

From: Marcus Williams E_BOST GAN Y CLERC>

Sent: 16 March 2022 14:21

To: Tomos Hughes (Welsh Ambulance Service Trust) <Tomos.Hughes@wales.nhs.uk>

Subject: Defibrillator in Llan Ffestiniog

Dear Mr Hughes,

My neighbour, Mette Byager, has suggested I mail you regarding the possibility of having a defibrillator located at our end (Pant Llwyd) of the village. I am aware there is one located by the Pengwern.

My reason for asking is that we have a number of elderly residents and also a good few who are of ill health, not necessarily the same people.

In the last 7 months or so I think the ambulance has been to 3 different addresses on the street.

Our street is about 0.5 miles out of the village but it is up a steep hill. In order to access the defibrillator in the village a car would be needed and I fear it might be driven unsafely through the narrow streets, especially as it would mean passing the primary school, should a situation needing such arise.

Thank you for your passion and enthusiasm in driving the provision of these life saving devices throughout North Wales.

Kind regards,

M. Williams,

XX Bryn Tirion,

Pant Llwyd,

Llan Ffestiniog.

Recommend: Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym proposed that the Council ask the residents of Pant Llwyd if they would be happy to organise a fundraising event to raise money towards defib costs. Councillor Alun Jones seconded.

10. Any matter urgent

Tan Manod

Councillor Mark Thomas asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Ffestiniog Railway for their gift of railway sleepers and to Helen Sharp for her a gift of black and red currants.

Recommend: The Committee agreed.

Request for a birthday party with Bouncy castle in the Park

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that a parent has asked permission to hold a child's birthday party in the Park with Bouncy Castle. The Bouncy Castle will be installed by private company that has its own insurance.

Recommend: The Committee agreed in principle with the following conditions:

- The Council to get copy of the insurance.
- A risk assessment has to be done.
- The Council's insurance will allow bouncy castle on the Park
- The responsibility on the parent to keep children safe.
- Any litter will be cleared by the parent.
- The Park will not close during the party.

Complaint by a resident in Tanygrisiau regarding traffic

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that a complaint has been received regarding visitor traffic going past the Tanygrisiau Playground, looking for Lakeside Cafe and the waterfall at Cwmorthin . They asked if it was possible to erect a "No Through Road "sign."

Recommend: The Deputy Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council regarding the issue.

Complaint regarding offroad motorbikes on the old Rugby Club Field in Tanygrisiau

Councillor Ronwen Roberts informed the Committee that she has received complaints that offroad motorbikes are being driven on the field and that the noise is disturbing residents nearby.

Recommend: For residents to contact the owners of the land, Gwynedd Council, and the Police with their complaints.

The Chairman noted that this meeting of the Amenities Committee will be the last for Councillors Erwyn Jones, Ronwen Roberts and Bedwyr Gwilym and he thanked them for their work in the last year.

The Meeting ended 8.15pm _