

AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

21st March 2022

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On line at 7.00pm

Present:
Councillors:
Rory Francis (Chair)
Erwyn Jones
Ronwen Roberts
Dafydd Dafis
Mark Thomas
Alun Jones

Apologies::
Councillors:
Bedwyr Gwilym
Glyn Daniels
Nathan Jarvis

1. Accept Apologies

Apologies from Councilors Bedwyr Gwilym, Glyn Daniels and Nathan Jarvis.

Recommendation: To accept the apologies.

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

Councillor Rory Francis item 12 Letter from Dref Werdd (Blaenau in Bloom)

3. Playground Monthly Reports.

The Committee discussed the reports.

Bryn Coed Field : Mud on site around the equipmet. A small hole in the wood on the roundabout.

The Park: Mud around the multiplay equipment.

Tanygrisiau Field: There is a small hole on one of the steel platforms.

The Deputy Clerk will add the Crazy Golf and new play equipment to playground checks next month.

Councillor Dafydd Dafis raised concern that logs and wood from fallen tree had been thrown onto his land. It has been cleared. We must make sure this doesn't happen again.

Recommendation: To re-seed the ground where there is mud at Cae Bryn Coed and Y Parc. Get advice from GL Jones regarding the roundabout. Councillor Dafydd Dafis to inspect the hole on the steel platform at Cae Tanygrisiau.

To receive the reports.

4. Police

Summary of conversation with a local PCSO

Conversation summary with Delyth PCSO 03/03/2022

1. The local "Pub Watch" organisation needs a chairman to conduct their meetings. The organisation meets at Ty Gorsaf every 5 to 6 weeks. Are any of the town councillors willing to chair the meetings?

2. North Wales Neighbourhood Community Alert. Local police are urging our local residents to register. This will enable the police to communicate better with residents.

Link to register - Home - Neighbourhood Alert (northwalescommunityalert.co.uk)

<<https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/>>

3. CCTV - need to check camera outside Shop Gloddfa.

4. PCSO Delyth and PCSO Emma are organizing a "drop in" session to enable Bro Ffestiniog residents to have a chat about any concerns they may have. They wanted to organise at Caffi Llyn, Tanygrisiau. Eirian suggested that the location was difficult for some and maybe the Community Centre would be better (in the town centre). PCSO Delyth agreed and will let me know once the arrangements are in place.

Recommendation : To discuss the issue of Chairman of Pub Watch after the May 2022 elections. Clerk to look at the position of the Gloddfa Shop CCTV cameras. To receive the information and invite the Police to Ordinary Council meetings.

5. Update of work by the Deputy Clerk

The Committee discussed the report .

Recommendation : To receive the report

6. Discuss quote for the repair of the bus stop at Llan Ffestiniog

The Committee discussed the quote . Councilor Dafydd Dafis and Mark Thomas did not have a site visit with the contractor . Councilor Dafydd Dafis submitted a report and photos. He is not of the opinion that all of the work quoted needs to be done. Need to check with Huws Gray if the price of the material would be cheaper if bought on the Council account.

Recommendation : To arrange quotes from other contractors and Councillors Dafydd Dafis and Mark Thomas to meet the contractors on site to discuss the work . The Council officers must have detailed reports of the work to arrange get quotes with contractors .

7. Discuss prices of new slate flower pots for the High Street.

The Committee discussed the quote for slate flower pots.

Recommendation : A number of councilors have inspected the flower pots which are in place and it was decided not to replace them this year.

8. Discuss the quote for the work clearing bramble and rubbish on the land near Baltic Field

The Committee discussed the quote .

Recommendation : To receive the quote on the condition that there are no chemicals to be used and the bramble roots are to be dug up.

9. Tan y Manod – Community Orchard

A) Discuss quote for entrance to Tir Tan y Manod .

B) Discuss arrangements of a safety while the work is being carried out.

Councillor Mark Thomas is eager to start the work of planting the trees with the community He has received a price of £ 20 per tree and 30 trees needed with 5 meters spacing.

Recommendation : Councillors available meeting on site on Thursday 24th March at 5.15pm to discuss the entrance . After the discussion for the work needed for the entrance it will be possible to get quotes from contractors.

10. Club Youth – funding request for two disco and two visits of Prestige Gaming van

The officer for Gwynedd Youth Clubs has contacted to ask for funding two disco , food and drink and a visit by the Gaming Van, at the Blaenau Ffestiniog and Llan Ffestiniog locations. The funding the Gwynedd Council had earmarked for the Youth Club that was given to the Town Council could be used.

The amount above is approximately £ 2500. The cost of the disco and a visit by the Gaming van, to the two location would cost approximately £ 650.00

Recommendation : To release the funding of £ 650 to the Youth Club so that the young people of the town have an event to look forward to.

11. Discuss the Letter from the Bowls Club re rent for the bowling green at in The Park.

The Bowling Club have contacted regarding the invoices for rent at the Park. The letter states , because of Covid 19 restrictions, the Club have not been able to use the lawn and therefore have not received any income . The letter asks for the Council to consider reducing the amount of the invoices .

Recommendation : The Committee discussed the letter and is of the view that Bowling Club is a big part of the Park and will support the return of the Club. Councilor Mark Thomas proposed a motion that the invoices should be reduced from £ 400 for the last two years to £ 100 for the two years .

Councillor Mark Thomas, proposed an amendment that the Council do not charge rent for the last two years at all , Councillor Alun Jones seconded the motion .

12. Blaenau in Bloom - letter by the Dref Werdd asking for a financial contribution to the competition this year for the prizes.

The Committee discussed the letter.

Recommendation : Councillor Ronwen Roberts proposed that the Council contribute £ 260.00 and Councillor Mark Thomas seconded the motion.

13. Ras y Moelwyn - letter asking for a financial contribution .

The Committee discussed the letter and agreed to donate and support Ras y Moelwyn this year .

Recommendation : Councillor Mark Thomas proposed contribution of £ 260.00, Councillor Alun Jones at seconded the motion.

14. War Memorial Llan Ffestiniog - Ned Scharer 's report

The Committee discussed the report. The Deputy Town Clerk has forwarded the report to the War Memorials Trust for comments and has requested if there is any grant funding available to carry out the work and is waiting for a response .

Recommendation : To accept the report and ask Ned Sharer for a quote . To forward the quote on to the War Memorials Trust and ask for assistance with funding.

15. Enterprising Communities Grant - the ' World Heritage Site : What 's next ? ' – choose a facilitator for the workshops and discuss next steps.

Following receiving grant funding of £ 3960 to host workshops and discuss the next steps in the project, the Council has received two quotes from facilitators to host between 4 and 6 sessions .

Recommendation : Councillor Mark Thomas proposed that the Council accept the quote from Lafar and Councillor Ronwen Roberts seconded . The details of the workshop to be

discussed at the April Amenities Committee meeting and creating a Committee Site World Heritage Site Committee at the Council Annual meeting in May 2022.

16. Invoices for payment before the end of the financial year.

GL Jones new equipment in the Park - £ 29,000.40 in including VAT (the grant has been claimed)

GL Jones new Zip Wire at Bryn Coed £ 10,944.00 in including VAT (the grant of £ 8664.00 has been claimed)

Eifion Stores cut a new set of keys for the Café £ 15.00

Idris Painter painting train Sgwar Diffwys £ 895.00 (as per quote)

GL Jones paint for the equipment at the Playgrounds £ 160.64

Kevin CCTV annual report £ 150.00

New wire for the camera at Ysgol Maenofferen £ 110.00

New Recorder in Antur Stiniog £ 510.00

6 new cameras at Antur Stiniog £ 730.00

2 new cameras at Shop Gloddfa £ 355.00 (price includes fitting cameras temporarily and once repairs have been done on the porch the cameras will be fitted on the new structure)

Recommendation : To pay the invoices .

17. Discuss the condition of the A470 from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Manod following complaints from local residents.

The Committee discussed the matter.

Recommendation : To send a letter to the Welsh Government Highways Department stating the concerns of local residents regarding the condition of the road from the Crimea down i Manod.

18. Make a decision in principle on internal changes to the café layout by new tenant Dylan Williams. To make a decision in principle, dependant on receiving confirmation from the Building Regulations Department.

The Committee discussed the proposal.

Recommendation : The Committee decided to ask for detailed plans of the work before a decision in principal is made.

19. Any urgent business

No urgent business

The meeting came to an end 8.50pm