



Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Environment & CIL Committee

MS Teams

Thursday 9th February 2021. 11am

Present; June Gale (Chair), Elizabeth Aldworth, Derek Havard, Lisa Phipps

Derek took the Chair as June on phone only and Lisa has several items to update Members on as the only concurrent member of this committee.

Also Present: Marcia Jones - Clerk. Amanda McConnell. Jill Winslade.

Apologies; none

1. Declarations of Interest.

None

2. To note and approve apologies for absence.

As Above

3. Active Travel Consultation

Councillors felt it is important to response to the consultation.

RESOLVED: Up to date Ordnance survey maps to be purchased covering BTMCC area

RESOLVED: Community engagement to be requested with responses directly to the consultation and also to BTMCC for inclusion in BTM CC collated response by 28th Feb.

4. CIL Income & Expenditure to date

Noted

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ONGOING CIL PROJECTS

5. Children's Cemetery bench

Agreed by CCBC – provided no memorial plaque is added. Cost – to be confirmed approx. £800

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to liaise with CCBC Cemetery Officer, and contact CIL officer to confirm CIL expenditure

6. Spar bench

All complete and in place. The Clerk advised that VAT cannot be reclaimed on purchase of the bench.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to contact CIL officer to confirm CIL expenditure.

7. MUGA Bedwas /Trethomas Playground

Contribution to the project agreed by CIL Officer - allocated £20K. Currently awaiting completion of tender process.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact WHQS officer to request update on tender process

8. Wildflower Verges

Cllr Phipps has made representations to the CCBC officers who have expressed concern that

- the proposed budget is not sufficient,
- would not enable a 1m verge to be cut as required
- the level of preparation work required would increase costs
- wildflowers are annual and therefore benefit for 1 year only.

CCBC Officer will undertake site visit shortly and update with findings

RESOLVED: to discuss at future meeting when further information available

TO CONSIDER FUTURE CIL PROJECTS

9. Riverside walk

9.1 Seat & Bin by pond

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to liaise and consult with countryside warden on suitability and if permitted liaise with CIL officer for agreement of spend

RESOLVED: Provisional sum £1000 earmarked. To be finalised in due course

9.2 Parking/ Tarmac path by Bearmach/outdoor Gym/additional benches

This was discussed and all considered appropriate projects to progress.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to request a site meeting with CCBC officers and countryside warden to walk area and discuss options. Report to be presented, with outline costs is appropriate, at future ECIL meeting.

10. Tarmac footpath - Grove Sheltered Housing Complex in Trethomas

Cllr Aldworth highlighted there are several areas in the BTM area with similar issues and questioned if this responsibility should remain with CCBC, who deem this to be of low priority.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to request quote for work and present at future meeting for further consideration

11. Replacement fence for field off Lower Graig y Rhacca

A fence has previously been in place. This has been highlighted as a safety concern by a resident. All members agreed.

RESOLVED: Quote received from CCBC for £2980 plus VAT. Recommendation to proceed to be taken to full Council for ratification.

12. Bench Upper Glyn Gwyn Street

Now recognised as the village green in Trethomas. Proposal to

- supply 4 Harlech style seats would at £440.00 each
- installation of each = £100.00 per bench
- rub down and repaint the existing 2 benches = £75.00 per bench
- To rub down and repaint the existing steel knee rail in black with gold balls = £1176.00
- All prices plus vat.
- TOTAL = £3486 plus VAT

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to contact CIL officer to confirm expenditure permitted

RESOLVED: Recommendation to proceed to be taken to full Council for ratification.

13. Additional Defibrillators in BTM

RESOLVED: Cllr McConnell will update existing list of known defibrillators in BTM for presentation at future meeting to assist with areas that still require one.

14. Bin for BTM Office memorial Garden

The bin design under consideration remembers WW1 and is in keeping with theme of the garden.

RESOLVED: cost of £491 plus VAT unanimously agreed. Recommendation to proceed to be taken to full Council for ratification.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to contact CIL officer to confirm expenditure permitted

15. Painting of electricity/BT boxes

How to clarify ownership and agreement for painting to be established. To consult with CCBC highways to establish number in BTM area. Clerk to contact CCBC.

RESOLVED: a report with further information to be presented at future ECIL meeting

16. Extend the cycle track which runs from Machen to Trethomas to link Bedwas

Links with Active travel consultation. This is a project that has been considered but not actively pursued in the past.

RESOLVED: to investigate options to progress

17. Improve footpath - Manor Parc to Bryngwyn

This land is believed to be private property but understood to be a designated footpath/walking right of way.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to contact CCBC to establish if improvements are permitted and if so how to progress/options for consideration

18. Employ a gardener/caretaker on a Fixed term 1-year contract who can then ensure that the flower beds in the villages are tended to and that litter is cleared/hedges trimmed/weeds cleared/ signs cleaned etc

RESOLVED ; No further action at the current time

19. Install maps to show people where various paths will lead to, difficulty rating and time to walk in minutes.

Cllr Havard suggested a Secondary school art and design competition? Cllr Havard to discuss with school as on BHS governors. Further discussions to be undertaken on contents and location of signs.

RESOLVED: a report with further information to be presented at future ECIL meeting

20. Install hanging baskets / planters for summer bedding displays

Cllrs highlighted Vandalism issues following tree issue with Christmas trees. Hanging baskets were rejected due to the high maintained needs and costs as a result. Rhiwderin village roadside planters where highlighted as a good example, and members are minded to investigate options. An 'Adopt a planter' scheme was also noted, where local businesses/organisations could maintain planters.

RESOLVED: Cllr Phipps to contact CCBC officer to CIL officer to confirm expenditure permitted

21. AOB

Litter bins at BWH blocking/obscuring foundation stones - 1 X concrete 1 X metal.

RESOLVED: Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Land & Building Management Committee meeting

22. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 12th April 2021 at 11am via MS Teams.

Meeting Closed 12.50pm

Signed
Mrs J Gale
Chair of CIL Committee

Signed
M Jones
Clerk