

Environment & CIL Committee October 2022 Minutes

1. **Apologies from Phil Rosser**
2. **There were no Declarations of Interest**
3. **£89,687.94p available to spend**
4. **To receive an update on ongoing projects:**
 - i) **Additional Defibrillator/s in BTM**

This matter is ongoing. AM has chased Dean at the Parish Trust regarding the installation of a defibrillator at St Barrwg's Church, Bedwas.
It was mentioned that Bedwas Junior School do not have a defibrillator and it has been suggested that a defibrillator is installed near the Spar in Trethomas.
 - ii) **Painting of electricity boxes**

We need to obtain numbers in order to get costs. We will also need to seek permission from the owners.
 - iii) **Install local walking/cycling maps**

This item requires further discussion.
 - iv) **Cycle Shelter in Machen and re-painting of parking bays**

SA to progress. A site meeting was suggested to include member of the ECIL Committee and the appropriate Officers from Caerphilly County Borough Council.
 - v) **New fence and bench at the old caravan site, Trethomas**

New fence completed.
 - vi) **Knee rail near Subzero, Trethomas**

Knee rail installed.
 - vii) **Fencing between new MUGA/Bedwas Bowls Club**

LP to progress with Simon Beacham, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Area Parks Officer
5. **To consider and agree future projects to take forward (including resident & Member suggestions):**
 - i) **Installation of new swings around the village of Trethomas**

LP to progress with Simon Beacham, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Area Parks Officer.
 - ii) **Larger litter bins for the BTM area**

This has been agreed at a previous meeting. LP is liaising with Kerry Galey, the Countryside Warden for Bedwas Riverside Park, to decide which type of bin would be in keeping with the area - the location of our first larger litter bin.

iii) Personalised school crossing signs

It was agreed by all that we would fund the purchase of personalised school crossing signs for:

- Bedwas Junior School
- Bedwas Infants School
- Tyn y Wern Primary School
- Machen Primary School
- Graig-y-Rhacca Primary & Nursery Community School

6. To consider and agree future projects to take forward (including resident & Member suggestions):

i) Installation of 5 New Bird Boxes inc Owl Box at Redbrook Woods

Agreed to fund a spend of up to £250 on 5 Birds Boxes & 1 Owl Box for Redbrook Woods.

ii) Hedgehog Highway project

Agreed to purchase 1 x box of 50 Hedgehog Highways surrounds with 50 information leaflets and a display box & window sticker showing we are part of the project.

iii) Widening of foot-path through Bedwas Park

LP to progress with Simon Beacham, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Area Parks Officer

iv) Solar panels on Council owned buildings

Item discussed but it was agreed that we require further information. SA to progress and come back to a future meeting with further information.

v) Re-tarmacking of footpaths in Machen/replacement of steps with sloped path.

Item discussed but it was agreed that we require further information. SA to progress and come back to a future meeting with further information.

vi) Upgrade of signage for Machen Forge Trail

Item discussed but it was agreed that we require further information. SA to progress and come back to a future meeting with further information. It was agreed that this links with the installation of local walking/cycling maps discussed earlier in the meeting.

vii) Upgrades to Crescent Road Park, Machen

AM asked if works could be carried-out to upgrade the surface of Crescent Road Car Park in Machen. LP explained that this enquiry had been raised by her previously, but the price quoted was too high.

viii) Replacement Fencing and self-closing gate for end of Ffwrwm Road, Machen

Item discussed and it was agreed to fund part of the works. AM to progress and come back to a further meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 21 February 2023