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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PLAN & PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING 13TH OF OCTOBER 2022

HELD THURSDAY THE 13TH OF OCTOBER REMOTELY

PRESENT: **CHAIR** **CLLR. J BULMAN**
 COUNCILLORS **CLLR. H DAVIES** **CLLR. S KNOYLE**
 CLLR. G LEWIS **CLLR. D MORGAN**
 CLLR. S LANE

IN ATTENDANCE: **MX. C WILLCOX (CLERK)**
 CLLR. T PITMAN
 3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

No declarations of interest were received.

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE PREVIOUS PROJECT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE AND AUGUST 2022

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the Community Plan & Projects Committee Minutes of June and August 2022 be signed as true and accurate.

4. TO CONSIDER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREE PLANS FOR 2022

a) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk provided an update of conversations and paperwork needed and completed with NPTCBC, Centregreat and Western Power. Enquiries were still being made regarding provisions at the Lamb and Flag area for Glynneath and further along Chain Road. A quote had been sourced regarding the purchase of a Christmas tree.

ACTION: The Clerk to source quotes for a larger tree of 30 ft for further consideration.

ACTION: Clerk to make enquiries about the feasibility of a “Welcome to Glynneath” type light display for the end of the Chain Road section for future years.

b) TO DECIDE UPON LIGHT AND TREE PROVISIONS (INCLUDING LOCATIONS)

Currently, light positions and potential light positions were being checked with NPTCBC. It was decided to concentrate on one tree in the Llys Yr Ysgol area for this year. Cllr Pitman (in attendance) was invited to update Members on Christmas Events from the Events Working Party. Interest in a nativity display was expressed. Concerns regarding the condition of the ground after a gathering around the Christmas tree was expressed along with a suggestion that queues for visiting the Town Hall after the gathering could be kept indoors.

ACTION: To arrange for queues this year to take place in the Town Hall itself and arrange the necessary furniture and guidance to accompany this.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON FUTURE GRANT PROJECT BIDS

a) TOWN HALL

Councillors were keen to progress potential grant bids regarding the Town Hall.

ACTION: Cllr Knoyle to send the relevant documents and preparation work to the Clerk.

Cllr Knoyle left the meeting

b) SKATE PARK

The Clerk provided an update on the potential for grant funding and collaboration regarding a new concrete Skate Park next to the Dynamic Park site. Cllrs believed that this could be a good fit for the area. Concerns were raised regarding possible vandalism.

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate the possibility of CCTV cameras at the site and whether NPTCBC may also be interested in provision considering the plans for Celtic Leisure and their assets at the site.

Cllr. Lewis left the meeting

6. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY PLAN CAPACITY TO AID WITH COST OF LIVING CONCERNS

The Clerk advised Members that the insurers had been consulted regarding groups providing warm hub facilities. Should this be something that the Town Council was running, we would have appropriate cover. Members agreed that as long as the buildings were open and heated usually on the days that were needed, there would be no issue with using the facilities as warm hubs. Members considered the potential for this provision to be part of the Community Plan in the longer term.

ACTION: The provision of Warm Hubs to be added to the Community Plan

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate possible grant funding for the provision of a Christmas Community event/party.

7. TO CONSIDER METHODS OF ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members were keen to increase the profile of the Town Council and discussed an update of the

website, Facebook, and collaboration with the Events Working Party. Members would like to see the noticeboard used more often and considered a page within the Community Magazine.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate website provision; initial investigations into the Upper Neath Valley Community Magazine; clear and update the noticeboard outside the Bethania Community Centre.

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