

Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



Minutes of the Assets Committee of Llannon Community Council

Monday, 12th February 2024 at 12:00

Held remotely via Zoom.

The Chair of the Committee, Cllr. Julie Owen presided over the meeting.

Minute No. 13 – Members Present.

Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD)

Cllr. P. Owen (PO)

Cllr. J. Owen (JO)

Also Present:

Mrs. C. V. Hope – Clerk (CH)

Minute No. 14 – Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr. Nigel Thomas - holiday

Minute No. 15 – Declarations of Interests.

There were no new declarations of interests.

Minute No. 16 – To discuss budget requirements for 2024-25.

It was agreed that LICC is fully committed in continuing to deliver our existing services and maintaining all our outdoor areas.

It was also agreed that the Council must seek opportunities to further improve facilities within Llannon Ward.

The Clerk had already circulated the proposed budget and recommendations for 2024-25. Future development of the Council's assets was considered and it was noted that there would need to be a requirement for a "Future Projects" budget if any improvements were to be considered. The following assets were discussed:

Parc Y Mynydd Mawr

The Clerk advised that during the past six months, she has been working closely with Tumble Rugby Club to explore the idea of additional changing facilities and training facilities within Parc Y Mynydd Mawr. The Clerk also stated she had been working with Tumble United AFC who also require new changing rooms and training facilities.

The Clerk informed the Committee that Tumble Rugby Club successfully applied for funding through the Shared Prosperity Fund to employ the services of a consultant to project manage feasibility in order to develop additional changing facilities. The grant also included the fees for architect's designs and relevant surveys required by the Planning Department.

Many meetings have taken place with representatives from various sporting bodies, in particular, the Cymru Football Foundation who can currently allocate funding up to £500,000. The Clerk noted that the project is now at the design stage and will comprise of an extension of the pavilion to include 4 new changing rooms (housing 20 shower cubicles and toilets); office space; additional communal space to house the community supermarket, café and warm space; a dedicated space for Tumble Family Centre and public toilets.

Once the estimated budget is complete, the Consultant and the Clerk will work in collaboration to source external funding and prepare the final project plan to be presented to the Council for discussion.

The Cymru Football Foundation have also advised that following the re-development of the building, LICC could then submit a further application to the fund for the installation of an All-Weather training facility.

Cross Hands Park

The Clerk confirmed she is currently working with Carmarthenshire County Council to finalise the Community Asset Transfer of the park and allow for a sub-lease for Cross Hands Bowls Club to officially take over responsibility of the bowls pavilion and bowling green.

The Clerk is also working with Tennis Wales with the aim of re-surfacing the tennis courts through a funding pot they currently have open. This will require a match fund from LICC should the Council decide to go ahead with the upgrade.

On presentation of a Masterplan which includes the re-development of the changing rooms and further improvements to the park, Carmarthenshire County Council will release the £35,000 maintenance grant which has been available to claim for several years.

To produce a Masterplan, the Clerk confirmed she has applied for £40,000 of funding through the Sustainable Communities Fund to cover project management fees, architects' fees and surveys. If the application is successful, work to create the Masterplan will start immediately. These are some of the ideas we hope to include based on recent consultation with residents:

- Install a Multi-Use Games Area with support from The Cruyff Foundation.
- Demolish the existing changing rooms.
- Install new changing rooms/café/communal space and public toilets.
- Re-establish sports pitches and carry out drainage works as required.

Y Graig, Llechyfedach and Tirwaun Park, Caeglas

It was agreed that both sites must remain as high priority areas for improvement. The Clerk will continue to look at funding opportunities to upgrade the footpaths and install new play equipment.

It was unanimously agreed that a “Future Projects” budget of £50,000 was necessary in 2024-25, to explore funding opportunities and provide match funding where required.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.45

Signed

Date

(Chair)