



Minutes of Amenities Committee remote meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr B Clarke

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr R Marsh, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Update on the fence at the Bonc

Clerk advised that the contractor now had all the necessary materials in, ready to go subject to the appropriate weather conditions. This should be progressed and finished in the near future.

Resolved: **Update was noted.**

4. Street lighting inspections

Clerk advised that there is a statutory requirement for ACC to have the columns inspected on a regular basis and that no inspections have taken place for a number of years, which could result in the Council being found liable if an incident occurred with the lights. Clerk proposed that all the lights be inspected now as Flintshire County Council has advised they have capacity to undertake the work prior to the end of March and that this would cost in the region of £2,000. There are sufficient funds on this budget line for this work to be done. It was also proposed that, if the work is authorised, that a sum of money is set aside in reserves each year, in preparation for the next inspection.

Resolved: **That Flintshire County Council be instructed to inspect all the Argoed Community Council lights, at a cost of around £2,000 and that funds then be set aside each year, in preparation for the next inspection.**

5. Planters – winter bedding update

Clerk advised that, further to a previous meeting, the gardening contractor has been tasked with outlining options for the Council to consider for winter bedding. Consideration will be given to having a central evergreen plant in the centre of the bigger planters, with bedding/perennials planted around the edges. There then followed a general discussion about where the next new planters may be located.

Resolved: **Update was noted.**

Window boxes to be considered for the village entry sign at the bottom of Wylfa Hill and on the village entry sign from the Alltami direction, subject to budget.

6. House at the bottom of Wylfa Hill

Cllr B Clarke expressed concern that this house is still deteriorating and is both dangerous and an eye-sore and queried what action is being taken. Cllr I Jolly advised that he had sent a letter to Flintshire County Council, outlining what enforcement action is available to them, but he has not received any response.

Resolved: **Cllr I Jolly to supply the Clerk with a copy of the letter already sent to Flintshire County Council.**

Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council, reiterating the enforcement action that is available to them and requesting regular updates regarding this property.

7. Re-surfacing of Heol Fammau and Moel Gron

Cllr B Clarke expressed concern about the current state of lack of repair and the pot-holes on Heol Fammau and Moel Gron. It was agreed that the roads are in a poor state of repair, including Moel Canol and Bryn Clwyd, and also recognised that the roads are on the list for resurfacing and it is not wanted that the roads are so improved that they come off this list.

Resolved: **Clerk to liaise with Streetscene Area Coordinator to see what interim repairs can be done to the pot-holes without jeopardising the opportunity to have the roads re-surfaced.**

8. CCTV camera

Clerk advised that the CCTV service has been undertaken and the system has been updated so the cameras are all working correctly now. However, one issue has been found in that the camera covering the alley-way between the community centre and Elite Studios needs replacing. An

alternative, better camera has been recommended with the proposal that the better camera is used to cover the front main door of the community centre and that camera then be used to cover the alley. The quotation received is £200 plus VAT and includes installation.

Resolved: **That the proposal and quote is accepted, Clerk to action.**

9. Quarry

Clerk advised that an invoice for £690 has been received for the clearing work that was done in the Quarry over the latter part of last year. It is believed that this represents great value for money. It has been agreed that, in order for a sustainable wild flower meadow to be created in the Quarry, it will need to be strimmed back and raked for 2-3 years, to remove the nutrients from the soil. The same contractor has been asked to provide a quote for two complete strim back and rake per year, together with an additional two strim and general tidy up per year. A quote has been provided for up to £2760.

Resolved: **That the quote is put forward to full council to consider and that it be accepted.**

That a quote be requested for the maintenance of the brambles at the top of the cliff-face, the ivy and the small Ash saplings that are growing under the existing tree canopy.

Cllrs I Jolly and K Mutch to fix the gate into the Quarry and check the pedestrian gate for ease of disabled access.

Clerk to obtain a quote for a sign saying the gate must be kept closed at all times.

Meeting ended 6.55pm

Next meeting due to be held 16 February 2022