

Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr U Sikander, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Lit path by carpark

Clerk advised that, further to the notice of motion on 1 March 2022, there has been a meeting with Streetscene Officers about the possibility of installing a footpath along the grassed area side of Sainsbury's carpark with street lighting. The officers are going to detail what options are available and the costs involved. As the grassed area comes under the remit of Sara Parker at Caffi Isa, she has been informed also.

Resolved: The update was noted.

4. Electric charging points

Clerk advised that, as part of the general remit to consider climate change, a meeting was held with Mega Electrical (an approved contractor for Flintshire County Council) to discuss what options may be available for electric charging points in Mynydd Isa and the costs involved. A lot of information was given by Mega during the meeting and they are going to write with the options available to us and the costs involved.

Resolved: The update was noted.

5. Planters

Clerk advised that all the planters that have been ordered have been delivered and are being placed within the communities. Cllr Ian Jolly commented that the signs on them are rather small though in that you have to be very close in order to read the wording, he proposed that further

signs/stickers are sourced for them, maybe vinyl stickers of Argoed Community Council in 3 inch letters.

Resolved: Clerk to explore options for vinyl stickers in Welsh and English for the planters.

6. Quarry

Clerk advised that the next cut for the Quarry is due for 22 June 2022. Cllr Ian Jolly expressed concern:

- that there are areas around trees where undergrowth and saplings are growing and these need addressing so that the mature trees are not crowded.
- about the height of the Giant Hogweed as the Council is required to remove this by law.
- About the bushes growing at the top of the cliff-face, which are growing through residents' fences to be cut off and dropped back into the Quarry, which looks messy.
- About the ivy which has completely covered the cliff-face, which he thought was a shame, and the tree which is growing through the mesh fencing, which he proposed needs to be removed.

Cllr Miriam Shepherd is of the view that ivy is beneficial in that it stabalises the cliff-face.

Resolved: A site visit be arranged for 17 June 2022 to review the Quarry.

7. Registered land

Clerk advised that arrangements have been made for advice to be obtained from Flintshire County Council so that steps may be taken to get the unregisterd plots of land registered properly. General discussion about the issues.

Resolved: The update was noted.

Meeting ended 7pm

Next meeting due to be held on 20 July 2022