



Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held on Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Keith Mutch

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

1. Apologies:

Cllr Uzma Sikander, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr Jack Morris

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Christmas Tree in New Brighton

Clerk advised that the current Christmas Tree in New Brighton has died. However, a member of the community who was one of the volunteers who transplanted this tree has asked if another attempt could be made to have a rooted tree planted on this site. It is understood that a replacement tree, a Norwegian Spruce, could be obtained for £80 and the resident would arrange for the existing tree to be removed and replaced with a new one. It was noted that the height restriction for a tree which applies in Mynydd Isa does not apply in the same way in New Brighton as a cherry picker is able to have easy access to the tree in this location, if need be.

Resolved: The resident be allowed permission to source a new tree on the Council's behalf at a cost of £80 and to then arrange for it to be planted in the place of the dead one on a volunteer basis.

4. Match-funding proposal from Aura 2022

Clerk advised that a site visit of Wats Dyke, Argoed and Heol Fammau parks had been undertaken with Richard Roberts of Aura. It was noted that a number of improvements had already been made to Wats Dyke park in recent years and there are items in both Argoed and Heol Fammau parks that are heading towards end of life, albeit that the bases are still sound. Aura then produced a proposal, which has been circulated around the members and is attached, and which would utilise the sound bases of identified items within both parks and also

replace the parts of those items which needed updating, thereby achieving best value from those items of equipment.

The Committee considered the detail of the proposal and noted that the overall cost of the proposal is £12,000, for which the Council would need to match-fund £6,000.

Resolved: The proposal was approved in principle.

That the proposal is referred to full Council in order that the increase in budget may be approved.

5. Approval of invoice for bedding plants 2022

Clerk advised that the outstanding invoice for the bedding plants had now been received and that the total spent on bedding this year has come in just under budget at a cost of £1,722.02. This is an increase from last year, but there are new, bigger planters which are being filled.

Resolved: Bedding costs were noted and approved.

6. New Brighton Directional Signs

Clerk advised that the delay in the installation of these is due to 'Pentre Cythraul' not being recognised as an authorised place name by Welsh Government notwithstanding its current use by organisations such as the DVLA and the Post Office. The Welsh Commissioner's Office has been in contact with Flintshire County Council which will now consult with the residents of New Brighton as part of its process for a proposed name change.

Resolved: The update was noted.

7. Bus shelters on Wylfa Hill

Clerk advised that contact had been made to Flintshire County Council to request bus shelters on Wylfa Hill and a response has been received. The policy guidance has been sent, together with the cost implications for the Community Council should the proposal go ahead. Our County Councillors have confirmed their willingness to assist with any consultation/assessment needed.

Resolved: The update was noted.

Clerk to circulate the policy guidance and include the cost implications for consideration when the Precept is being discussed.

Meeting ended 6.30pm

Next meeting due to be held on 21 September 2022