



Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cllr Ian Jolly (Chair), Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Uzma Sikander

In attendance: Clerk - Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies:

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr Roy Marsh, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Poppies for lampposts and wreaths

Clerk advised that last year Argoed Community Council bought and displayed 70 poppies on lampposts. Unfortunately, there are only 26 intact poppies remaining as there was a significant amount of wind damage. A potential alternative in the lorry poppies has been suggested and one has been bought so that the difference in composition and style can be viewed. The Council's attention was also drawn to the latest style of lamppost decoration that is available for purchase. The Clerk advised that four wreaths have been provisionally ordered, for Mynydd Isa, New Brighton, Mold and Buckley. Permission has been sought and given to display the poppies on lampposts again this year, pleasing given the positive feedback received for last year's display. Volunteers will also be needed to install and then remove the poppies.

The committee had a general discussion about the merits of the different options and the number of poppies that should be ordered for this year's display.

Resolved: That four wreaths be ordered at £17 each and 49 lorry poppies be ordered at £10 each in the expectation that they will be more wind resistant than the Council's current stock.

4. Proposals for winter bedding

The report from the gardening contractor had been distributed prior to the meeting and there was a general discussion about the options proposed. It was noted that whilst a winter display will

enhance the community over the winter months, there are budgetary constraints also. The new planters have been very successful in that they have retained water very well, in comparison to the old wooden planters, which lose water very easily. Cllr Miriam Shepherd asked if Periwinkle and Cyclamen could also be considered for the planters.

Resolved: That the committee recommends that the window boxes are removed this winter, rather than planted up – to save some costs.

That the wooden planters are removed as and when they become too damaged for display purposes and consideration will be given in the spring as to whether replacements can be bought at that time. Other spare planters to be moved to spaces within the communities to spread the displays.

Tete-a-tete daffodils be purchased at £55 for a 25kg sack.

The options for winter bedding be brought for the attention of Argoed Community Council for full consideration and approval of budget.

5. ASA Garage

Clerk advised that there are two matters for consideration; the first is that the lease for the garage has expired and is in the process of being renewed. It is anticipated that the ASA will ask the community council to pay the Flintshire County Council legal costs of £150 as it is the community council that needs and uses the garage.

Clerk also advised that there is an issue with the garage door as it is getting increasingly difficult to operate and lock/unlock. There was a recent incident where it had been opened and left open, we suspect by youths in the area. A contractor has been to see the garage door and has said that it can be fixed to some extent, notwithstanding that it is an old, cheap door. Clerk is expecting a quote in for around £175.

Resolved: That Argoed Community Council will be responsible for paying the Flintshire County Council legal costs of £150.

The matter in relation to the maintenance needed to the garage door was noted.

6. Laurels at Argoed Playpark

Clerk advised that Aura have commenced the refurbishment work in Argoed play park and several of the Laurels have been removed. Their removal has opened the area up a great deal, but the remaining Laurels are huge. It is thought unlikely that Flintshire County Council will prioritise these shrubs and permission to request a quote for Argoed Community Council to consider is requested.

Resolved: That a quote be sought for the reduction in height, etc of the remaining Laurels at Argoed play park.

Meeting ended 6.35pm

Next meeting due to be held on 19 October 2022