



Minutes of Amenities Committee hybrid meeting held at Mynydd Isa Community Centre on Wednesday 16 November 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 there continues to be issues with the poppies that have been ordered not being delivered. Another 10 have been received but the final 15 are still awaited. Assistant Clerk continues to liaise with the Poppy Shop regarding this.

Resolved: The report was noted and it was agreed that no discount would be requested due to the ongoing issues given that it is the Poppy Shop and its fundraising is supported by the Council.

Gardening Contractor Update

Clerk advised that MLandscape UK is due to complete the work on the Laurels in Argoed Park on 30 November 2022. Our other contractor is due to have surgery soon and will be contactable to organise others to undertake work only. The planters have been planted up with the winter bedding, for which an invoice in the expected price range has been received. It was commented how well the winter bedding is looking in the planters.

Resolved: To note the report and authorise the Clerk to pay the invoice in the sum of £647.78

Quarry

Cllr Ian Jolly explained how, over the last 10 years, bushes have been allowed to grow at the top of the rock-face and neighbouring residents cut back what grows through onto their property and throw the green waste back into the Quarry. There are also saplings growing out of the rock-face, which are of concern and one growing through the fence at the base of the rock-face. In addition, the trees at the top which had been felled and treated so that they wouldn't re-grow are in fact, coppicing.

Resolved: To obtain a quotation from MLandscapeUK to prune the bushes at the top of the rock-face and remove the tree growing through the fence.

Contact the contractor who felled the trees and request that he re-treats them to prevent further growth.

Contact North Wales Wildlife Trust to obtain advice so that the next stage of the Quarry Management Plan may be decided and agreed.

Sign for the Quarry gate

An update was requested about the sourcing of a sign for the gate to say that it must be kept closed. Clerk accepted that this was outstanding and that a sign remains to be sourced.

Resolved: That the options for a sign be revived, mocked up and brought back for consideration at the next meeting of Amenities.

Meeting ended 6.30pm

Next meeting due to be held on 21 December 2022