

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF



Minutes of the Parks Standing Committee Meeting of Llantwit Fardre Community Council held at 5.30pm on Monday 15th April 2019 at the Council Office Rear of the Carnegie Parish Hall, Main Road, Church Village

Present: Councillors J. James (Chairperson), B. James, T Raines and N. Tizard-Lee

In attendance: Janice Stuckey - Clerk and Executive Officer.
Mr. R. Jones – Resident.

1. Apologies

Noted

1.1 Apologies for their absence from this meeting were received from Councillors M. Diamond, C. Johnson and L. Walker and CBC L. Hooper.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were none.

3. Admission of the public and the press to the meeting

RESOLVED

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 namely personal information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

4. Lease Agreements

Noted

- 4.1 The question as to why The Ridings park is not included on the list of those for which RCT CBC has issued agreements. The Chairman will follow this up.
- 4.2 The Chairman advised that RCT CBC has assigned a case worker to look in to the matter of the leases on the parks/play areas.
- 4.3 Mr. Jones handed out a document that he had prepared in respect of the Ty Coch play area. The document covered information on the feasibility of what work may be undertaken there, that the pylon does not pose a risk (supported by literature from the National Grid), the slabs forming a path could be a hazard to some users and the surfaces need to be updated to comply with The Equalities Act (which has replaced DDA).
- 4.4 The possibility of altering the current car park would not yield any benefit unless the access/egress for the school could be altered. All the equipment needs to be renewed/replaced to comply with The Equalities Act. Mr. Jones has supplied the Council with a list of suppliers of appropriate equipment. The Chairman raised the point that there is a possibility that purchases may be made in conjunction with RCT CBC to effect economies of scale in the purchase price.
- 4.5 The need for the project to be moved along in compliance with the Well-being and Future Generations Act. That, in line with the last parks review plan drawn up, Ty Coch park be dealt with first and the others follow on a rolling programme. The Chairman expressed the view that Measybryn Park needs to be dealt with as soon as possible as it is such a substantial area. Some of the other parks do not need as much attention (ref the Chairman's parks report).
- 4.6 If equipment is to be moved from certain parks and the area left as a community space, the question was raised as to whether there would be a need to repair/replace the fences in these areas.
- 4.7 The view that all the sites should be surveyed, and reports/recommendations received for consideration. Concerns were expressed in relation to the need to remove the bark from all the play areas as reports show that use of bark is hazardous. There is a list of work required to keep the bark in an acceptable condition and this is costly in terms of manpower and finance. The matter of how the bark may be sanitised was questioned.
- 4.8 The possibility of designing/installing a "standard" park was discussed with a view to making the project more cost effective. The possibility of designing different parks for different age groups in a bid to resolve any potential issues associated with different age groups using the same areas was thought to be a good idea.
- 4.9 Mr. Jones volunteered to examine the leases for all the areas. The co-ordinates would be needed to enable this to be done. The meeting was reminded that at a previous meeting it was agreed that the Headteacher of Ysgol Ty Coch Special School would be consulted on the design/layout of the Ty Coch part as it adjoins the school and pupils from the school regularly make use of it

RESOLVED

- 4.10 That be made with other authorities as to what providers they have used in dealing with parks/playgrounds in their areas. That Sutcliffe Play be asked to produce a suitable design for the layout of the Ty Coch park. This design to be costed with a variety of suppliers.

5. Open Spaces

Noted

- 5.1 The view that to spend money on repairing/refencing the parks that are to be closed would be a waste of money. These areas should be left to grass and used as open spaces for the community.
- 5.2 The money saved could be used to make other provisions for the community. A query was raised as to how the sum of £2,747 for the bark was arrived at. This includes the cost of the workforce.
- 5.3 The recommendation that The Ridings and Lower Woodlands be closed and that if it transpires that the Ridings belongs to RCT CBC then it be handed back to that Authority. That the equipment be removed from the Woodlands, if possible.

Proposal

- 5.4 That the Council has the bark and equipment removed from The Ridings and the Lower Woodland play areas and that these areas be returned to grass for community use.
That any equipment from these areas, that is in good working order, be utilised in other parks.

Councillors B. James and R. Butler – against

Councillors J. James and N. Tizard-Lee - for

The Chairman declined to use his casting vote.

6. Consultation Event

- 6.1 The Chairman's proposal that the residents be consulted on the parks project.

Recommended

- 6.2 That the Council accepts this recommendation.

