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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OF APRIL
2022.**

Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors: Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs J Jones, Mrs I Twigg , D Wright, Mrs G Wright also Deio Jones, Project Coordinator.

APOLOGIES Non Received

TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORT FROM PROJECT COORDINATOR

This is a short summary of the progress made during the period from January 1st to March 30th 2022:

- Details are being ironed out for the Green Spaces Nature Project with the grant of £38,092. Work is due to start between March and June which will require volunteers from the local community. The Wildlife Trust have produced a poster which they are looking to send to schools as there is a significant amount of money set aside to provide bird boxes for the Children and residents of the community. The launch is due to coincide with guided walks, which will be taking place in the summer. There has been money allocated for a new tractor and are currently in the process of obtaining quotes. Health and safety training will also be provided through ENVIS the in-house contactor to the Wildlife Trust who have experience of working within the Wrexham borough. This work is due to take place between now and March 2023, some elements will take place throughout the year, such as the planting of the orchard planned for November this year.
- The feasibility study for the redevelopment of Plas Kynaston Recreation Ground has been carried out by Just Solutions. The final draft was discussed and approved by a stakeholder workshop in February 2022 and has been signed off.
- An application was made to the FAW for a grant for £25,000 to resurface the MUGA which was successful. Once the grants are signed off then a steering group will be set up involving local schools and football clubs to decide how to take this forward. The work to replace the surface on the MUGA will need to be completed by June.
- Work has started to improve the viewpoint at Cefn Bank, which has been funded through the AONB's OPL project. The new bench that is due to be installed at the site is ready, but work to complete the stone wall and the refurbishment of the existing bench needs to take place first. Volunteers will be required for this which will be advertised on social media and is scheduled for May.

- **Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones declared a conflict of interest in the next item and was placed in the waiting room:** A discussion has taken place with Dee Valley Trust in relation to funding of future projects. At this time the DVT are unable to fund the community agent post but have agreed to offer 50% of the funding required to continue to employ the project coordinator.
- Capital works to replace the windows at George Edwards Hall is underway, works to replace the roof has now been completed. The doors and windows will be installed within a few weeks.
- Discussions are ongoing with the WHS visitor group, dates to be obtained with the wildlife trust.

Mr Jones was thanked for his report.

REPORTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

A discussion followed with regards to ongoing projects. There is funding in place to undertake two new feasibility studies which will be done in middle of the year. An option would be to conduct a feasibility study on the Hall, as it currently requires further upgrades to facilities. The project coordinator is to meet with the stakeholders and an invitation will be sent to Just Solutions. The Project co-ordination is to explore funding options to help reconfigure the park at Ty Mawr to include an adult gym.

A community questionnaire is to be carried out post elections. Community consultation will provide evidence for future funding bids, with a view to putting a 2–3-year funding plan in place. It was agreed that the form will be available in paper format and online and will ask residents to tick boxes relating to living and or working in the community, age, the ward they currently reside in, and languages spoken.

The literature will also include a list of successful and ongoing projects initiated by the Community Council and plans going forward, also an option for the residents to state what they would like to see happening in the community in the future.

Usage figures of local facilities to be established to ensure funding applications to be targeted at the areas that require it the most. A steering group to be assembled after confirmation of grant money for changes to the MUGA. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the project coordinator regarding ongoing projects.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th of June 2022 at 11.00a.m

The Chairman thanked members and Mr Jones for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.