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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OF JUNE
2022.**

Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs J Jones attended at the George Edwards Hall.
Councillors - Mrs S Benbow-Jones, D Wright, Mrs G Wright and Deio Jones, Project
Coordinator, attended on Zoom

APOLOGIES Mrs I Twigg

TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORT FROM PROJECT COORDINATOR

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

- The community consultation can now commence after the recent elections. Mr Jones confirmed that £25, 000 was secured to resurface the MUGA and that work on this has already commenced. A steering group is meeting is to be held on the 13th June to discuss future plans on the Plas Kynaston Recreation ground, and that he is awaiting the schools to confirm attendance.
- The Wildlife Trust have seeded the meadows with wildflowers in areas of Coed Richard, and Plas Kynaston, and pictures were shared to the committee of the areas that have been seeded. There will be more seeding taking place in October of this year. There is funding for an orchard for fruit trees. The first of four guided walks will take place on the 17th of June, the other three will take place throughout the year, times and dates yet to be arranged. Signs will be erected on the planted strips advising the local authority not to mow the area.
- A community consultation will be set up within the next few weeks to help decide on the areas that need to be covered with a feasibility study, there is room in the funding to cover two more of these. Mr Jones advised that he is looking towards making a lottery funding grand bid for community projects, so more evidence is needed by consulting the community.
- With regards to the feasibility report on the MUGA at Plas Kynaston Lane, three steps were highlighted in the report. The first was the resurfacing, which is taking place, secondly the community facilities and third was the pitch area. Of the two remaining, the community room and facilities are more likely to be funded by a community grant. For the changes to be made to the pitch area, a funding bid is more likely to be successful if it was done in partnership with a local football teams and schools.
- The Clerk has asked that funding avenues for repairs to the two portraits in the council chamber to be explored. This could be tied in with a bigger project going forward and will be discussed at a later date.

ACTION PLAN AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr Jones confirmed that he will devise an online questionnaire, plus one on paper format, for the community consultation, to start going out within the next couple of weeks. He will ask the schools to share this with parents, and clubs to share with supporters and players so that a diverse range of people can be reached. A drop-in session at George Edwards hall will then be arranged. New project plans can be laid from this consultation.

There are a few ideas from council that he has not touched upon yet, so all angles can be looked to see what funding for these projects can be obtained by Christmas. Longer term it would be an idea to bid for one large community grant which comes with a 'paid person' - who can look at ways to improve the community as a 2-3 year project. This is to be discussed at a later date.

Cllr Benbow-Jones stated that having a community project leader would keep the momentum going with regards to grant funding for community projects.

Mr Jones stated that he will follow up with Eastmans in regards to the Monsanto walk.

Cllr Derek Wright stated that he would like to see a more coordinated effort with regards to the Trevor Basin project. The walk that has been discussed through Monsanto land could link up with the Trevor Basin. He suggested offering the council meeting facilities to the group to help bring about a partnership with Cefn Community Council.

Mr Jones confirmed that it was in the best interests of both parties to work together, as this will improve potential for further funding as the communities are linked. One area that was being looked at was active travel links from Trevor, via Cefn and through to Ruabon Station from.

Cllr Derek Wright requested that CCTV signs be put up on the MUGA to be actioned immediately due to reports of anti social behaviour in the area.

Mr Jones shared screen and showed the draft survey to committee members. Cllr Wright asked if better links to the world heritage site can be included, and Cllr Benbow Jones would like to discuss having an outdoor gym on the Plas Kynaston ground. Also, any projects that can be explored for the Acrefair area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 7th 2022 at 12.00pm

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

Pictures of the seeded wildflower meadows on Coed Richard /Plas Kynaston





Pictures of the re-laid MUGA surface Plas Kynaston

