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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 19TH OF
OCTOBER 2022**

Chair: Councillor P Vaughan

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

APOLOGIES None received

TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDIES

The tender for undertaking the three feasibility studies has been completed, as agreed with Cadwyn Clwyd, these are advertised on Sell2Wales website. One is looking at the refurbishment of George Edwards Hall, one looking at community facilities such as clubs etc, and the third is to look at community transport provision.

No company has put forward a bid for the hall, but it will be readvertised, and the stipulations altered to attract bidders. The company chosen to undertake the studies for community transport and facilities is Praxis. They were chosen from a scored assessment of what each company could offer, at a meeting attended by Cadwyn Clwyd and members of the community council.

They will be looking at the movement around the community, research and also be actively seeking consultation from members of the community. Once these studies are completed then evidence can be compiled for further funding bids.

Deio Jones confirmed that these studies are due to be completed by the first week of February 2023.

TO DISCUSS AND RECAP FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST MEETING

Deio Jones reported that the meadows have been cut and raked, they did not turn out exactly as planned due to the drought, but they received positive feedback from the community.

With regards to the paper copies of the community consultation, Deio Jones suggested delaying this as it will be too similar to the questions that will be asked for the feasibility studies. In order to complete the studies, Praxis will be visiting clubs and services around the community to gauge opinions.

Deio Jones stated that a meeting needs to be set up with the local schools to discuss the MUGA development and confirmed that he attended the nature walk last month, which was thoroughly enjoyable, and a few people from the community attended.

There are two walks to organise going forward and one is due to be scheduled for December.

As volunteer training was included in the funding bid, this needs to be discussed with the clerk so that a potential volunteer hub can be identified. There is enough funding for 3-4 people to be trained in using gardening equipment plus the insurance costs.

On the subject of the claims for the new windows and doors at the hall, Mr Jones confirmed that he will do this as soon as possible.

Within the Green Spaces project, there will be funding for planting a community orchid, a discussion took place to identify suitable sites and Mr Jones stated that this will need to be in place before Christmas. The clerk requested that Cllr Wright write to WCBC on ownership of land, which he agreed.

The clerk asked if Mr Jones could speak with his lottery funding contact to state that council wish to plant an orchid, but this cannot be arranged before Christmas this year. Could this be delayed until a suitable site has been identified.

Mr Jones confirmed that he will be arranging a meeting with Mike Bathers in relation to the world heritage site plans.

ACTION PLAN AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Clerk confirmed that quotes had been sought for a new mower and hedge cutting equipment, but the manufacturer of the original requested items differs from the one initially requested in the quote. Mr Jones confirmed that this was acceptable under the terms.

The clerk advised that as part of the Wrexham City of Culture bid 2029, potential funding has become available for the Cefn Community Council football tournament. Cllr D Wright proposed that an application be made, which was seconded by Cllr S Benbow Jones.

Cllr Wright discussed the idea of local companies, both past and present, such as Air Products, Eastmans, enquiring if they were willing to fund a new stand at the football club with a view to naming rights on the stand, or perhaps sponsorship. Clerk to write a letter to these companies in January 2023. Mr D Jones reported that there may be a chance for a combined project, money from the national lottery, therefore it will be better to wait for a few months after the feasibility studies to start applying for this.

The clerk reported that council have received a letter from Cefn Albion Football Club about potential funding avenues, but this will require further discussions over the lease of the MUGA, which needs to be in place before this can be applied for. A discussion took place with regards to calling a special meeting with Cefn Albion and the committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 1pm

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

