

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Minutes Regeneration and Community Services Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th April 2017

Present: - Chair Cllr Mrs Shirley Matthews, Cllrs John James, Cllr Andrew Phillips, Cllr Michael Theodoulou, Cllr Mrs Moira Thomas,

In attendance: Melanie Carroll-Cliffe (Town Clerk), Lee Fox (TSO)

(Meeting Room, Memorial Hall, Burry Port 9.30am – 10.15am)

Minute taker: Lee Fox

1. Personal Matters.

Apologise from councillors Mrs Lisa Mitchell and Mrs Mary Wenman

2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business to be transacted.

No declarations of interest were made in relation to the business to be transacted.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Regeneration and Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 (copies enclosed).

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th April were approved as a true record

4. To consider any matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Consideration of the Committee's Budget Monitoring report

The Town Clerk mentioned that the Finance Officer had not updated the budget monitoring report

Cllr Mike Theodoulou requested the donation amount that had gone out to local organisations / groups.

He pointed out that there were several issues and viaments have been requested months previous. It has to be actioned with immediate effect. He also added that contributions were not correct and the report is not worth presenting.

6. Consideration of applications received for financial donations (if any).

The Clerk outlined details of the applications which had been received, as follows:

Dementia Care Group requested a donation of £1000.00 for local training
The TSO indicated that on speaking with the dementia carer this was to educate the local people and area.
Councillor John James suggested that the chair and vice chair were to have the power to accept allowance if a decision was to be made.

The Aikido club requested the following:

£150.00 for coaches and first aid.

£200.00 Library and DVD's.

Councillor John James suggested to the group that we should support this.

This was agreed by members.

The Town Clerk briefed the group that a letter had been received from Glan Y Mor Education Youth Group. An individual councillor was approached by the school .
It was mentioned that the correct channels were to be followed and the school were to be written to by the Clerk for clear direction.

Councillor Mike Theodoulou said we do not need to defer, the idea was that the money was to add that the school would be a community facility.

This was agreed by Fred Roberts the finance officer. This is caused by the school managing the finances and then informs the School Governors.

There was a general discussion amongst the members and the chair asked what the committee were to proceed with. Councillor Mike Theodoulou said that approaching the school with a letter would move things on.

The Chair Mrs Shirley Matthews stated that she had a meeting with Joe from the youth club on the 6th April 2017 to see that the area is being used for other parts of the day. Cllr Mike Theodoulou asked who was paying for the electric.

Cllr John James said they should not be turning anyone away.

Cllr Andrew Phillips said there was plenty available finance.

7. Update on entry to Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom 2017.

The Chair Mrs Shirley Matthews give clarity that no more finance was needed for the Wales in bloom project and that we are on track for everything needed.

8. Update on sponsorship and fundraising for Wales in Bloom/ Britain in Bloom.

The Chair mentioned that various sponsors were now on board.

The Town Clerk mentioned that Welsh Water would be attending the next town council meeting with a donation of £5000.

9. Update on planning for the hosting of the Wales in Bloom Awards Ceremony on 15th September 2017.

Discussions were had during the previous bullet points above.

10. To consider an email received from Burns Pet Nutrition regarding plans to purchase a plot at the Dyfatty Park Industrial Estate (copy enclosed).

Councillor John James offered his full support and suggested that all members to were to support this.

Councillor Mike Theodoulou said we welcome and support the purchase by Burns Pet Nutrition.

The Town Clerk said she would write to Burns Pet Nutrition with our support.

11. To consider a request on behalf of Pembrey Mountain Trust to provide a letter of support for grant funding (copy request attached).

The members fully support Pembrey Mountain Trust.

12. To consider any referred matters from the other Committees (if any).

The Town Clerk mentioned that the next Regeneration meeting would fall on the 4th of May which crossed with the elections. It was decided that the meeting was to be rearranged until further notice.

There was a general discussion about asset transfers and councils clustering.

Cllr Mike Theodoulou spoke about clear transfer of liability.