

Minutes of Park and Environment Committee held “remotely”. At 6.30p.m on the 11th of March 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Totterdale, R. Griffiths, Elwyn Williams, P.Price. Both Clerks.

Apologies: Cllr Dafydd Williams

1. Declaration of interest - none.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th of January 2021 were confirmed as a true record (Minute 0321 – P2)
3. Appointment of new temporary chair until May AGM

It was unanimously agreed (Minute 0321-P3) that Cllr P Totterdale be elected chair.

4. Update on improvements to Park entrance.

Clerk advised that works in respect of the new fence was in hand, and that it was currently being fabricated with a lead in time of between 4-6 weeks.

Wicksted the contractor will contact the clerk again once the fence is ready to undertake a site visit; and agree a date for commencement of the work.

5. Update on estimates awaited for other works in the park.

Wicksted have advised that wish to undertake a site visit with their contractor to discuss the additional works to be undertaken at the park that they have been asked to quote for. The costs of these works will fall into the 2021-2022 financial budget. Wicksted will contact the clerk to arrange a further meeting.

6. Sticle path update

The clerk advised that whilst he had received one estimate, an estimate from Tumble Forge had not been received.

Action point

Clerk to chase up Tumble Forge to undertake site visit and to provide an estimate.

7. Improvements around Memorial Stone, Llangunnor Road,

Cllr R Griffiths advised that he had met with a representative of the contractor G Williams St Clears on site to discuss the proposed improvements. The meeting had proved satisfactory, and he then wished to propose, and was seconded by Cllr P Totterdale and unanimously agreed (minute 0321 – P7) that the quotation (£1,590 + VAT) be accepted. This is within the committee’s budget and will be reported to Council at its meeting on the 18th.

8 Arrange meeting CCC (Biodiversity Officer – Carmarthenshire County Council)

Given the ongoing Covid Pandemic, it was agreed to defer the proposed site visit until such time as these restrictions can be lifted.

8. Consider email received from “Trees for Carmarthenshire” previously circulated.

Several counsellors advised that they had been emailed directly by this individual, who is a resident of Llangunmor.

It was agreed to place on the agenda for our post AGM meeting for further discussion/response.

In the interim it was agreed that the clerk email this individual to advise that his email would be placed on the agenda for our May Council meeting, and in the interim politely suggesting that he visit Llangunmor Park to view the 2000 trees already planted by the Council.

Action point

Clerk to provide further interim response advising item to be further discussed at our May meeting.

9 Any other business

Cllrs Griffiths, Elwyn Williams had recently been informed by DPP that Llangunmor Park was one of their busiest, with parents adhering well to social distancing.

To preserve our own public liability, it was suggested that any individual or group or individual seeking to arrange an organised event, should be asked to provide a copy of their “public liability insurance” before we can consider/confirm their booking which will bring us in line with other organisations.

Cllr Griffiths reported that Cllr. Thomas had contacted him and wished to report that the area at the top of kiddies play area had become very muddy due to the recent heavy rainfall, and suggested considerations be given to an artificial grass surface, where the clerk was able to confirm that these works had already been included on the schedule of works to be undertaken and quoted for.

Counsellors were reminded of the no smoking policy around the kiddies’ area, where suitable signage was already on display.

The Police have also advised that they will not be providing any more written reports,

but would be maintaining an active presence within the area.

Signed as true record:

Date: