

Minutes of Park and Environment Committee held “remotely”

At 6.30 p.m. on the 6TH of April 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Slate Chair, P Totterdale, G Bevan, Elwyn Williams.

1. Apologies: Cllr C Evans

One elector present in addition to Howard Davies Clerk.

2. Declaration of interest – one-for agenda item 7

3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of March 2022 were confirmed as a true record (**Minute 0422 – P3**)

4. Councillor Slate introduced her revised proposal to again provide toilet facilities at the park over the busy summer months, but instead of renting the unit, to purchase.

The revised proposal was supported by Cllr P Totterdale and seconded by Cllr G Bevan.

She had decided to revise her previous proposal as discussed at our March meeting given the inability of the clerk to obtain any quotes for the rental of such, having approached five different suppliers which included Tip Top Toilets who supplied last year’s unit. It has become very apparent, that portable toilets are in high demand, as the Country opens again following relaxation of Covid rules, and currently no one can supply us with one.

The clerk through his endeavours has been able to source two quotes for the purchase of a new disabled toilet unit, with baby changing facilities - details as follows:

Verbal quote from Kangaloos Aberystwyth circa £2100 with estimated delivery 16 weeks although this could not be guaranteed due to high demand.

Written quote from RP Hire Carmarthen at £2350 plus VAT including delivery, with an estimated delivery time of 12 weeks where again this was not guaranteed but deemed achievable at present. This toilet comes with strengthened sides and would have an estimated life expectancy of 10 years plus.

Allowing for a rental cost of £80pm (£78pm last year), and a 10 week hire period then payback would be seen in three years, with additional savings thereafter as there would be no recurring annual rental costs saving an estimated £1000 per year assuming a 12-week period of usage, as a minimum.

The clerk had spoken to Adrian Lloyd at Carmarthen Town Council, who would be prepared to store the toilet unit at their yard over the winter periods. He further confirmed that he had also spoken with Abba Loos, who were happy to service the toilet this year again.

Following a vote, it was agreed (**Minute 0422 P4**) to proceed to purchase the toilet unit. For 3 Against 1.

Action point: Clerk now to place an order for the toilet with RP Hire

5. The clerk read out a prepared summary From Cllr C Evans who was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments, summarising the present position about the Jubilee Event which is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

6. Cllr Slate advised that she had been looking at suitable signage for the park, and wanted to gain the Committees approval to the following:

i. As an emergency contact number was required to be quoted on certain signage, it was felt that the clerk should have a basic “pay as you go” mobile phone to answer any queries. She went on to say that this number could be held by the clerk, and would have the advantage of not having to redo the signage if the clerk were to leave, as would be the case if his personal contact numbers were used. Secondly if the clerk was away on holiday the phone could be given to a nominated Council contact to take calls in his absence therefore ensuring continuity of service.

ii, To seek the input of Neil Pigdon of Sunshine Playgrounds, who had recently been granted the Inspection and Maintenance contract for the park, as to what certain signs around various pieces of equipment needed to display to ensure full compliance with statutory requirements.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed for the clerk to explore the cost of purchasing another phone, and for him to ask Neil Pigdon to contact the Chair, to provide input and guidance for the equipment signage within the park. (**Minute 0422 P6 i,& ii**)

7. The clerk advised that following our last meeting he had contacted Mike Harries a local painter and decorator from Tregynnwr with a view to providing a further quote to paint the park entrances, but regrettably due to current workload he felt that he was not in a position to quote, and was thanked for his time and consideration.

That now left us with two quotes for consideration, being a quote for £472 from the Emrys Williams our handyman, and £1200 plus VAT from Eifiion Williams a Llanpumsaint based builder introduced to us by Llew Thomas Clerk to Gorslas CC.

Cllr Elwyn Williams declared an interest (handyman being his brother) and left the meeting whilst this was being discussed.

After having fully discussed both quotes it was unanimously agreed that the lower quote from Emrys Williams be accepted, having taken account of his previous workmanship at the park when asked to carry out various repairs, which had always been completed in a satisfactory manner. (**Minute 0422 P7**)

8. The Clerk advised that J R Fabrications had been instructed to complete the repair to the Skateboard park, and this would be undertaken over the coming weeks. He further advised that due to the increased costs of stainless steel sheets, the quote had been

amended to £1660 plus VAT to reflect these price increases and sought the Committees ratification for his action in instructing the company to proceed given that these repairs were required on the grounds of Health and Safety. The clerks actions were unamisously ratified. (**Minute 0422 P 8**)

9. The clerk advised that he was still awaiting to hear back from Sunshine Playgrounds regarding the performance objectives that he has placed within the contrat and would again chase up this week.

10. A further brief discussion took place around how the Council was going to commemorate the loss of local lives to the Covid Pandemic, where it was felt that it would be prudent to defer this until our summer meeting as whilst the Pandemic rerstrictions were being eased, there was still many people country wide surcoming to the virus.

11. The clerk with the permissiion of the Chair advised that he had today received a quote from Plantscape in the sum of £ £753.90, for the provision of two flower planters to go beneath the Llangunnor sign on Login Road, and beneath the Llangunnor sign on Pibwrlwyd Flats. Plantcare being the preferred suppiier of Carmarthen Town Council who supply the foral displays to us, and from where we have purchased previous planters from.

The agreement to provide two new planters this year had been previously agreed in last July's meeting **under minute 0721 P8**. The purchaae of the planters as per quote was unanimously agreed **Minute 0422 P11**

Action point : Item to be placed on the agenda for our summer meeting.

12. Date of next meeting to be advised by the Clerk.

As there was no other business meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed as true record:

Date:

Appendix 1

Jubilee

Working group met on Thursday 24th March 2022 to discuss next steps. We were joined by a representative of St Ceinwr WI, Jackie.

Plans are progressing with Serenar Douch, Carmarthen Twirlers and Circusdayze among other things confirmed for the event. Flyers are published and printed- we decided against distributing until early May in order to be closer to the event. As previously discussed, Richard Goodridge will be opening the event. A further leaflet is to be produced outlining what will be on in the event. Welsh; Union Jack and Jubilee bunting to be ordered this weekend.

PTA have chosen to join the working group and they will contribute to the event practically- to be confirmed what this looks like. Social media engagement to begin requesting specific

volunteers- such as the moving of tables to the event as well as more volunteers to joint the working group.

Last Full Council meeting agreed to have a Councillors Table manned by councillors throughout the event- a great opportunity to recruit new councillors also.

Budget-wise- update since Full Council meeting- planned expenditure looks to be just over £1,000 as it stands- we will endeavour to keep this as close to this as possible.

The school stand ready to host the event covid regulations permitting. A decision on this will be made 7-10 days before the event by looking at the forecast. The school has been engaged regarding competitions too.

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