

Minutes of Park and Environment Committee held “remotely”.

At 6.30 p.m. on the 21st of February 2024.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Slate Chair, D E Williams, M Williams, G Slate.

One elector present in addition to Howard Davies Clerk.

1. Apologies: Cllr P Totterdale.

2. Declaration of interest – To be recorded during agenda items

3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of November 2023 were confirmed as a true record **(Minute 0224-P3)**

4. The Playground Operational Report for November, December and January were discussed, and it was pleasing to report that all findings were reported as low risk. It was decided to review the January report only, being the most up to date available.

Regrettably the recent bad weather had delayed the commencement of repair and servicing works to the park equipment, which would address these findings. The Contractor is now waiting for a window of favourable weather to commence these works. This scheme of works also includes an ongoing repair programme which will address issues as they occur, which will reduce the size of this report considerably due to adopting a proactive as opposed to a reactive approach. It was resolved to accept the report and its findings **(Minute 02/24 - P4)**

5) Noted that the Biannual Inspection report dated 20th November 2023 had been received, with all finding risk rated at low risk. Furthermore, it had been identified that the boundary hedge adjacent to the skateboard park at the bottom of the park is not our responsibility, but that of our landlord Carmarthen C C and our adjoining neighbours at Maes Lewis Morgan as it excluded from our lease from Carms C C. a view confirmed by our Solicitors Morgan La Roche. Therefore, complaints received from our neighbours along this stretch of hedge would need to be directed to Carms C. C. It was resolved to accept the report and its findings. **(Minute 02/24 – P5)**

6. The Clerk a quick update on the following matters:

- i) Works on the electricity connection was nearing completion. The electricity metres had at long last been fitted, with Charles Sams now to connect the cables to the Isolator.
- ii) Ground works for the concrete slab for the CCTV pole are scheduled to commence tomorrow (Thursday 22nd) weather permitting, with the CCTV system to be installed and commission by early March.
- iii) The new Mulch pour for the upper toddlers had been delayed due to ongoing inclement weather, as had the repairs to the park equipment. Realistically looking at completion now on both projects during early spring again, weather permitting.
- iv) The skateboard area will also be dismantled and taken away as soon as the ground conditions dry out sufficiently to get machinery over to the site. With the ground being so wet, a time frame of removal by early spring will be adopted with our contractor Homes Recycling has agreed to remove at no cost to the Council, as he was keen to give something back to the community, and we thanked him for his very kind gesture.

7. The estimate received from Charles Sams Electrician for the provision of 2 flood lights associated cabling and control switches was discussed at length. The two lights would cover the entrance and the children's play area and would be controlled via an off switch, under our control.

It was also felt that we should explore the merits of having the lights operated via a movement detector as complaints had been received from dog walkers about how dark the park was in the autumn and winter, when they were out walking their dogs. The Clerk agreed to discuss options with Charles Sams. Consideration also to be given to installing a solar light on the toilet roof to illuminate this area. Clerk again to discuss with Charles Sams.

It was agreed to recommend to full Council that the quote received from Charles Sams in the sum of £1046 inc Vat be accepted and, on this occasion, not to seek a further quote given our excellent working relationship, his knowledge of the electricity connection at the park having wired it up, and already has a working relationship with Dyfed Alarms the installer of the CCTV system. **(Minute 02/24 – P7)**

8. The draft letter of response to be sent to the adjoining residents of Maes Lewis Morris was accepted by the Council. The Clerk advised that the letter will be sent, once he has been advised of the point of contact at the Council, to whom their complaints can be addressed to. **(Minute 02/24 -P8)**

9. It was resolved that the toilet will now be open at weekends only on the run up to Easter. Thereafter revised opening times to be revisited for the spring/summer period, along with servicing and cleaning schedules. **(Minute 02/24 – P9)**

10. Date of next meeting – 8TH May 2024.

As there was no other business meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

Signed as true record:

Date:

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