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Minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held by Video conference on Monday the 7th of March 2022 at 7.00pm, in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

PRESENT: Cllr A Trousdell (Deputy Chair of the Committee)
Cllr S Vaughan (Mayor)
Cllr J Andrew (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr B Tonkin
Cllr A Pritchard

Ms C Kennedy (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr N Thomas

ABSENT: Cllr R Spencer-Downe

THE MEETING WAS RECORDED

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Automatic apologies were received from Cllr N Thomas as agreed by dispensation granted in February 2019.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

3 MINUTES RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 7th of February 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 7th of February 2022.

5 THE FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. The Town Clerk reported that there had not been any spend recorded under the project headings and these would be removed when setting up the new financial year.
- b. The Town Clerk reported that the bank had confirmed that it is not possible to set up direct debits for regular incoming payments.

RESOLVED

The Financial Report was approved.



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6 COWBRIDGE IN BLOOM

The letter received from Cowbridge in Bloom regarding the transfer of assets was discussed and accepted. It was felt that it would be appropriate to recognise the amount of work done for the benefit of Cowbridge by the volunteers and the Mayor suggested that she would send the volunteers personal invitations to the next coffee morning.

ACTIONS

- a. The Town Clerk to sign a letter of acceptance to Cowbridge in Bloom and ensure that the items were added to the Asset Register.
- b. The Mayor to send invitations to volunteers.

7 GRASS CUTTING

Only one tender had been received for grass cutting, this was presented to members.

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk to send a letter to Edenvale Garden Services accepting their tender for a 3-year contract – April 2022 - October 2025.

8 WAITROSE CAR PARK

It was reported that complaints had been received from residents regarding the state of Waitrose car park, particularly the uncleared litter and leaves not cleared up since the autumn.

ACTION

The Deputy Mayor to contact Waitrose requesting action.

9 THE LIMES CEMETERY

- a. It was reported that the stump of the tree which came down in Storm Arwen has been removed, along with unsafe branches. Cllr Vaughan reported a cherry tree was lost in storms on the 7th of February and expressed a wish to personally replace the fallen tree immediately outside the cemetery gates with a Magnolia in memory of her father.
- b. It was agreed that monies should be allocated in future budgets to deal with the ash trees in the cemetery which are all showing signs of dieback disease.
- c. Cllr Trousdell reported that he had started work on cutting the ivy as close to the ground as possible. Of necessity, only those plants which are easily accessible have been tackled, however, he planned to complete the work in the next fortnight - Cllrs Vaughan and Tonkin volunteered to help.



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10 **TWT PARK**

- a. It was reported that the shackles on the multi swing unit had been replaced that morning.
- b. Flooding of the area to the West of Waitrose remains a problem, drier weather was required in order for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to install drainage.
- c. Cllr Trousdell reported that he had also started cutting the ivy in the Twt, again only that which was easily accessible. Cllrs Vaughan and Tonkin volunteered their services.
- d. Cllr Trousdell drew members attention to the funds available for improving public areas and also reminded councillors of the need to involve biodiversity. The area of grass either side of the path leading up to Town Mill Road could become a wildflower meadow. The muddy and rather dark area next to Waitrose would benefit from improvement and advice would be available to achieve this.

ACTION

Cllr Trousdell to contact One Voice Wales for further information regarding biodiversity.

11 **LLANBLETHIAN PLAYING FIELD**

- a. Improvements to the slide have been completed. A memorial bench is now ready to be installed and this will be done as soon as an opportunity arises. Cllr Trousdell remarked that we now have some responsibility for parts of Clare Garden Village. He noted comments on social media from residents who felt excluded and undertook to approach Taylor Wimpey to install at least a community notice board.

ACTION

Cllr Trousdell to contact Taylor Wimpey regarding the provision of a Community Notice Board.

12 **SOUTHGATE PARK**

It was reported that the two memorial benches have arrived and will be installed by the end of the month.

13 **TREE SURVEY**

It was agreed that following the work carried out at the Limes Cemetery that Twt Park and Southgate Park would be next on the list for attention, followed by Holy Cross churchyard.

14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday the 4th of April 2022.

Cllr Alec Trousdell, Deputy Chair of the Committee