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Minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held by Video conference on Monday the 4th of April 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

Town Clerk C Kennedy

APOLOGIES: Cllr N Thomas

ABSENT: Cllr R Spencer-Downe

THE MEETING WAS RECORDED

1	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Automatic apologies were received from Cllr N Thomas as agreed by dispensation granted in February 2019.</p>
2	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no declarations of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.</p>
3	<p><u>MINUTES RESOLVED</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 7th of March 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
4	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A meeting has been arranged with Colin Anstee to review the tree survey with a view to concentrating on Twt Park and Southgate Park. b. The assets of Cowbridge in Bloom are being transferred on to the Council's asset register effective April 1st 2022. The Mayor invited representatives of Cowbridge in Bloom to her coffee morning on 2nd April and thanked them for their hard work over the years. Funds are expected this week. c. The grass cutting contract was awarded to Edenvale and the first cut has taken place. d. Some repairs have been carried out in Waitrose car park and most of the litter has been removed. Cllr Andrew has arranged a meeting with the manager of Waitrose and this will be attended by Cllrs Andrew, Tonkin and Trousdell.



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	<p>e. Two new memorial benches have been installed in Southgate Park, but we are waiting for a concrete plinth to be laid in Llanblethian Playing Field. We are awaiting a date from the builder.</p> <p>f. Cllr Trousdell had approached Taylor Wimpey about a Council notice board in Clare Gardens. They have agreed in principle and are waiting to discuss siting.</p>
5	<p><u>THE FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The final report for 2021/22 showed a position pretty much in line with the budget, although there were some movements in both income and expenditure. Expenditure was boosted by the cost of repairing the damage caused by the storms. Cllr Trousdell drew attention to the fact that there was no expenditure under biodiversity against a budget of £1,000 and reminded Councillors that this was now a legal obligation.</p> <p><u>ACTIONS</u> Look at areas which could be “rewilded”, particularly in the Limes Cemetery on the boundary with the school, Southgate Park on the boundary with Gateway House, and in the Twt Park.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> The Financial Report was approved.</p>
6	<p><u>THE LIMES CEMETERY</u></p> <p>a. The current price list dates from April 2018 and we have seen considerable cost increases since then. An increase of 10%, in line with the 4-year inflation figure was approved to be rounded up or down to make all charges divisible by 5.</p> <p>b. The spacing of the various plots appeared to have gone awry and while not wanting everything to be cramped, it was felt that a reasonable amount of space should be allowed around each plot.</p> <p>c. Work continues to remove the ivy.</p> <p><u>ACTIONS</u></p> <p>a. Cllr Trousdell to prepare the new list of charges for the Limes Cemetery. b. Spacing of plots to be reviewed with the maintenance staff.</p>
7	<p><u>TWT PARK</u></p> <p>a. The playground inspection showed no urgent issues to be addressed. The shackles on the multi swing unit have been replaced.</p> <p>b. The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk, the Town Hall staff, the Vale of Glamorgan staff and the various contractors for their hard work in improving the equipment in the play parks so that the number of faults had been reduced in a time of increasing usage.</p>



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8	<p><u>LLANBLETHIAN PLAYING FIELDS</u></p> <p>a. The inspection report revealed nothing requiring attention, other than the rusting goalposts which are to be removed.</p> <p>b. There is a memorial bench to be installed which has arrived in the Town Hall and requires a concrete plinth to sit on. Builders are busy and materials are in short supply, so we are still awaiting a date.</p>
9	<p><u>SOUTHGATE PARK</u></p> <p>a. Two memorial benches have been installed and the owners have expressed their appreciation of the help given by Town Hall staff.</p> <p>b. A new fence has been installed by the occupants of Gateway House and no further action is required on this matter. This does present the opportunity to improve the planting in this area and advice would be sought from other parties, the Old Hall Garden, for example.</p>
10	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>This will be confirmed by the incoming Council after the Annual General Meeting</p>

Cllr Alec Trousdell, Deputy Chair of the Committee