

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

**REPORT ON RECREATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 11TH OCTOBER, 2012, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WINE STREET,
LLANTWIT MAJOR**

Present;	Councillor	Mr J Evans – Chair
	Councillors	Mr E Williams
		Mrs S Hanks
		Mrs S Geary
		Mr G Ingram
		Mr M Mason
		Mr M Marsh
		Mr R Jenkins
		Mrs P Lancaster
		Mrs P Percy

Apologies were tendered by;

Councillor Mrs A Matthews
Councillor K Geary
Councillor E Hacker
Councillor G John

Councillor Evans welcomed and thanked Committee members for attending this Recreation and Building Committee Meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Evans and Councillor Jenkins declared an interest in Agenda Item 1, due to being members of Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club.

Report of the Recreations and Buildings meeting held on the 17th September 2012

Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the Recreations and Buildings Committee meeting held on 17th September 2012. Noted.

Copy of email received from planning department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, regarding request to use tennis courts as multi sports facility.

Copy of previous Minutes and Reports regarding permission for the Boxing Club to build on tennis courts

Copy of conversations with planning department and legal representative

To receive Mr M Pilcher

Councillor Evans informed Committee members that as he had declared an interest in the following agenda item, he would have to step down as Chair. Could a member be elected to sit as Chair?

Councillor Mason was elected to sit as Chair for the following Agenda Item.

Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy of the above information in relation to a request from Mr Pilcher to build a multi sports facility on the tennis courts.

Councillor Mason asked permission to suspended standing orders to allow Mr Pilcher to address Committee members and answer any questions.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

Mr Pilcher informed Committee members that after receiving a copy of the email from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department, he felt their main concern was objections from the neighbours. He had visited all the houses which backed onto the tennis courts and out of 18 visited, 15 residents had signed letters of support, 2 had objected and he was waiting for 1 to get back, but he had verbally supported. Mr Pilcher handed the Town Clerk a copy of the letters.

Mr Pilcher went on to state that the WRU have reiterated their full support of the project and their offer to help with outside funding. Mr Pilcher asked that all he wants at present is an agreement off the Town Council for him to go ahead and get full costings for the project and obtain a breakdown of the funding element. To do this he would need to look at the cost for building the proposed structure. He would then bring all this back to Full Town Council for further consideration. If he was given the go ahead he would put together a Committee to look into all the costs involved etc, and included on this Committee would be representative from all local clubs and schools, as well as a Town Council representative.

Councillor Mason voiced his concern with regards vehicular access. Mr Pilcher reiterated that he strongly believes parents would drive up, drop the children off and leave, so there was no need for car parking spaces.

Councillor Mrs Geary informed Mr Pilcher that the Boxing Club in their planning application had consulted 26 people. Mr Pilcher replied he was unsure who the 26 people were, but he had visited all the properties that backed on to Llantonian Hall and the tennis courts. He believes that the Boxing Club did not actually consult anyone prior to their application; it was in fact the Vale planning department who had sent out the consultation letters. If the planners had consulted 26 people he was unsure who they were. Councillor Mrs Geary advised him to look on the Vale planning website and a list was there.

Councillor Ingram stated that in the email from planning, it refers to issues with the landscaping and this has to be overcome. Mr Pilcher agreed and stated he would be happy to work with the planners and residents regarding this.

Councillor Mrs Geary queried how much of the proposed building would overshadow Llantonian Hall and the bowling green. Mr Pilcher informed Committee member that the tennis courts were actually on a lower level than both Llantonian Hall and the bowling green, so not very much.

Councillor Mrs Geary also queried the extra waste water concern raised by one of the neighbours. Mr Pilcher assured Committee members that they would be using the existing changing rooms in the tennis pavilion, so there would not be any extra.

Councillor Ingram informed Mr Pilcher that he would like to see more detailed plans and the Vale planning department would want more information. Mr Pilcher replied that he was aware of that, but as he did not have permission off the Town Council to move forward yet, he could not do this, but once the Committee was formed this would be the first thing to look at.

Councillor Mason asked how Mr Pilcher proposed to administrate the running of the building. Mr Pilcher replied he would hope the schools would use it during the day and clubs from 4pm – 9pm. There would be an online booking diary to allow clubs to book sessions. There would be solar panels installed on the roof, and these would help with the electric cost. All clubs would be issued with a card for the lighting system and it would register their useage and they would be billed accordingly.

Councillor Mrs Geary asked how certain was Mr Pilcher of getting the funding. Mr Pilcher replied nothing in this world was certain, but he was confident.

Councillor Mason informed Committee members that they needed to decide whether to let Mr Pilcher go and get more drawings and obtain costings. Mr Pilcher assured Committee members that if he was given permission to move forward the first thing he would do was set up the Committee, get more detailed plans drawn up, obtain costings and breakdown of the funding elements. This would all then be brought back before a meeting of the Town Council for further discussion, before any other steps are made.

Councillor Mason asked permission to reinstate Standing Orders.

STANDING ORDERS WERE REINSTATED.

A proposal was put forward that the Town Council Mr Pilcher permission to move forward with setting up a Committee and drawing up more detailed plans, so that he can put in an outline planning application.

An amendment was put forward that a before any plans submitted a public meeting be held.

Following a vote of 6 in favour, 1 abstention and 1 against, it was;

RESOLVED: That Mr Pilcher be given permission to proceed with setting up a Committee to look into drawing up more detailed plans, ready to submit an outline planning application. That before any application submitted the Town Council views the plans and application. That Mr Pilcher covers any costs involved in the drawing up of plans and the application.

Further

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk writes to the Boxing Club committee informing them that the Town Council has been approached by Mr Pilcher and that permission has been given for him to move forward with his proposal, have they any comments?

Councillor Mason thanks Mr Pilcher for attending the meeting.

Councillor Evans resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

To receive Mr R Chappel regarding the forming of a new tennis club

Committee members noted that Mr Chappel was not present and so this item could not be discussed.

Date and time of next meeting

To be confirmed