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Report of the School Gardens Committee meeting held in the Heritage Centre, Town Hall at 2:00pm on Tuesday 3rd June, 2014.

Present; Councillor M. Mason – Chairman.
Councillor G. Ingram.
Councillor Mrs P Lancaster.

Declarations of Interest Forms were received from Councillors. Pursuant to the requirements of this Councils Code of Conduct, Councillor Mason declared an interest as a School Governor on both Llanilltud Fawr Primary School and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant.

There were no apologies received.

To discuss format for judging School Gardens Competition

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Form detailing the judging criteria. The form showed the following criteria that the gardens will be marked on :

Depiction of Theme which is World War 1
Use of Available space
Variety and condition of plants
Originality of design

Councillor Mick Mason raised concerns of judging for Llanilltud Fawr Primary School and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant as he is a Governor at both schools.

Discussions took place as to when the panel will go around all the Schools to judge the Gardens. The Deputy Town Clerk informed Councillors that the original letter sent to Schools regarding the competition stated that June 16th and June 17th were the dates set for Councillors to judge the competition.

Recommended: That the Forms and judging criteria will be used to mark the School Gardens competition.

Further

Recommended: Councillor Mick Mason will not vote in the competition when Llanilltud Fawr Primary School and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant are judged. Instead the average marks from the other judges will be used as Councillor Masons voting marks.

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Further

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk contact all Schools stating the times on June 16th / June 17th when Councillors will come to judge the school gardens.

To discuss prizes /certificates to be awarded to winners/runners up of each category

Councillors were shown copies of previous Certificates issued to Schools and discussed the format of the Certificates. The Deputy Town Clerk showed the Councillors previous shields given to schools that came in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Councillors all agreed that these were excellent prizes. Councillors also agreed that out of the School Gardens budget prizes should be given to the schools that were not placed in the competition. Councillors discussed the possibility of buying wind chimes/ garden tools or looking into asking local garden centres for vouchers or seeds.

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk make and laminate the Certificates for all Schools and depict some flowers etc. on the Certificates to make them brighter.

Further

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk order 6 shields from 'Allsportsawards' at a total cost of £46.50.

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Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk look into purchasing 3 children's garden tools for Schools that were not placed in the top three places.

To discuss plans for presenting prizes to the Schools

Councillors discussed the timings and format of the presentation of the prizes in the Council Chambers on Monday 7th July 2014. Discussions took place on refreshments for the children and the number of children to invite.

Recommended: That 5 children from each category be invited to the presentation to be held at the Council Chambers and back room between 12.00 and 1.00 on Monday 7th July 2014.

Further

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk ask the Net Cafe to provide a variety of children's sandwiches to cater for up to 50 children. Drinks, fruit to be purchased separately by the Deputy Town Clerk.