

**Report on Recreation and Building Committee Meeting  
held 9th September 2015 at 7.00pm  
In the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major**

PRESENT: Chairman – Councillor J Evans

Councillors; Mr M Mason  
Mrs P Lancaster  
Mr D Foster  
Mr R Jenkins  
Mrs A Knight  
Mr G Morgan  
Mrs S Geary  
Mrs J Norman

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;

Councillor Mr E Williams

Councillor Mr E Hacker

Councillor Mr M Marsh

Councillor Mr G John

Councillor Mrs S Hanks

There were no Declarations of Interest Forms received from Councillors.

Committee Members received report from the Buildings and Recreation Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Noted.

**OPEN SPACES**

**1) To discuss letter received from Llantwit Major Social Club Committee re tennis courts**

Committee Members had previously been circulated with a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 from Mr Roger Andrews on behalf of the Llantwit Major Social Club regarding a donation of up to £400,000 to equip a state of the art training facility on the Tennis Courts, behind Llantonian Ha ll. The letter stated that when the Social Club was dissolved funds held were to be used for the good of the community.

Committee members discussed this offer. Councillor Mr J Evans said he would like to see a barn structure erected over the Tennis Courts and a multi-purpose sports floor laid. He stated solar panels could be put on the roof to reduce electrical/heating costs. Councillor Evans would like permission to obtain Architectural drawings on possible designs for a barn structure. He stated that £300,000 could be spent on the build of the barn and flooring and £100,000 retained for maintenance and upkeep costs.

Councillor Mr M Mason raised concerns over the administration and maintenance costs of the proposed barn. He felt additional thought was required. Councillor Mason questioned if the Town Council would still receive the donation from the Social Club if the barn concept was rejected.

Councillor Mrs A Knight queried who would be responsible for administering the Barn. She raised concerns over gaining Planning Permission for such a development. Councillor Mrs Knight questioned the lack of car parking spaces and the opinions of local residents to such a development.

Councillor Mrs S Geary and Councillor Mrs P Lancaster also recognised the need for extra parking spaces and the need to look at access points for such a facility.

Councillor Mr D Foster stated to Committee Members that there should be no question that we do not accept this donation however further thought and consideration must be given to the planning and administration of such a project.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be written to the Social Club stating that we accept the donation of £400,000 and confirm that the money will be spent on the good of the local community.

**Further**

**RESOLVED:** That letters be written to all local sport clubs and community groups asking the question that if a Barn was built in Llantwit Major incorporating a multi purpose sports floor would their organisation have interest in using such a facility.

**2) To receive verbal update on zip wire**

Committee Members were updated by the Town Clerk that the Zip Wire seat in the Recreation Ground had been stolen again. A replacement seat costs £60.00. The Town Clerk stated she had spoken to the Vale of Glamorgan Parks Playground Inspector and had suggested an alternative way to secure the seat.

**RESOLVED:** That a new zip seat be purchased at a cost of £60.00 and the Vale of Glamorgan Playground Inspector be asked to secure the seat.

**Further**

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be written to the Gem Newspaper detailing that the zip wire, in the Recreation Ground, has been vandalised again and will be replaced. If anyone has any information re the continued damage to the seat could they please contact the Town Hall.

## **LLANTONIAN HALL**

### **1) To discuss letter received from Llantwit Major Social Club Committee re staging**

Committee Members had previously been circulated with a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 from Llantwit Major Social Club offering a donation of £4000 towards sponsoring a new collapsible stage for Llantonian Hall. The Town Clerk informed Committee Members that the old staging had not been put back into the Hall following the new flooring being laid. A decision was to be taken in November 2015 following observations from Hirers that use the Hall as to whether a new stage should be purchased or if they prefer the additional space.

Committee Members discussed various types of staging including light weight decking staging, portable staging that can be stacked in a store room when not in use and motorised staging. Councillor Mrs A Knight informed the Committee that she felt some form of staging was required in the Hall for when Awards Ceremonies etc. were held.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be written to Llantwit Major Social Club Committee thanking them for their offer of funding a stage for Llantonian Hall.

Further investigations will be undertaken re types and costings of staging.

## **LORNA HUGHES PARK**

### **1) To discuss proposed projects put forward following site visit**

Committee Members had previously been circulated with Quotations for Benches, Litter Bins and Flower Beds following a site visit to Lorna Hughes Park on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This was a result of a bequest of £5000 from the late Mr J Hughes. Councillor Mrs S Hanks in a written statement felt that there was a need for extra benches and bins in the park however the two green shrub beds should remain. Councillor Mrs P Lancaster and Councillor Mrs S Geary both felt the two shrub beds could be removed as were positioned incorrectly as the beds never get any direct sunlight.

**RESOLVED:** That two benches be purchased made from recycled materials at a cost of £571.67 (plus vat) each. One bench will replace the existing bench positioned under the trees. The additional bench will be placed along the path area, both benches will have commemorative plaques displaying the wording 'In memory of Lorna & Joe Hughes'. Quotations will be required to fit the benches in the Park.

Further

**RESOLVED:** That one litter bin be purchased at a cost of £275.00 excluding vat, including fittings. Quotations will be required to install the bin in the park.

Further

**RESOLVED:** The two small shrub beds be re-turfed with just a few shrubs left in the ground. This area will then be left over the next six months to see how the area matures. Quotations will be sought to re-turf the two small beds.