

Report of Bowls Club sub Committee
held 10th February 2017
between representatives of
Llantwit Major Town Council and Llantwit Major Bowls Club

Present; Councillor J Evans
Councillor M Marsh
Councillor R Austin
Mrs Ruth Quinn – Town Clerk
Mr Graham Jones – Treasurer, Llantwit Major Bowls Club
Mrs Etta Grey - Vice Chair, Llantwit Major Bowls Club
Mr Graham Snowdon – Secretary, Llantwit Major Bowls Club

Councillor Evans thanked all for attending and asked Mr Jones if he wished to start the meeting.

Mr G Jones informed members that the Bowls Club committee are looking at replacing the storage heaters in the pavilion. They have been liaising with contractors and it has been recommended that storage heaters are still the best way to go, therefore they are looking to replace the two old heaters and install a new one half way down the wall side of the pavilion. They have received costings from C A Jones from Pencoed and it is in the region of £2,000, the management committee have met and passed the works.

The Town Clerk, asked that before works take place the contractor must call into the Town Council and view the asbestos register and sign to say he has seen it, as well as provide a copy of his public liability insurance. Once works are completed a copy of the installation certificate must be provided.

Mrs E Grey thanked the Town Council for providing the new lighting along the path it had made a huge difference.

Mr G Jones stated that the hedge at the bottom of the bowling green alongside the tennis courts is starting to die and they are unsure what to do about it. The Town Clerk informed members that the handyman/gardener had mentioned the hedge was dying as it had a disease. The Bowls Club representatives asked if the Town Council would look into replacing it with a wooden fence. The Town Clerk stated that perhaps a chain link fence could be considered as it would open the area up. Mrs E Grey responded that she did not think this would be suitable as it would allow people to see in and have access to the pavilion. The Town Clerk replied that this could not be considered at the current time as budgets had already been set for 2017/18 and at the moment there is uncertainty over what additional services the Town Council may have to cover.

RECOMMENDED: That this be discussed further at a Full Town Council meeting for suggestions re fence type and possible tenders.

Mr G Jones informed members that the ceiling in the entrance corridor was in bad repair and the bowls club are looking at replacing this. It would involve removing light fixings etc. Would this be ok? Councillor Evans stated he could not see a problem as long as the works are completed by a suitably qualified person.

Mr G Snowdon explained to members that when the rugby club were looking to purchase a defibrillator the bowls club were asked if they would be prepared to contribute towards one and it be shared between the two clubs. The

bowls club did this but there has been some problems with regards its storage and accessing it when either club is closed. Due to this issue the bowls club have now made the decision to purchase their own one from Welsh Hearts.

RECOMMENDED: That this new defibrillator be included on the list the Town Council produced detailing their locations. The bowls club be forwarded a list to display in the pavilion.

Mrs E Grey informed members that she and one other members of the bowls club are due to complete a course on how to coach children in bowling. Five members of the club are also due to complete a first aid course over the next month.

Mr G Jones stated he believed the Town Council had agreed to an increase in the Recreational fees by 10%. Councillor Evans confirmed this was correct. Mr G Jones replied considering the fees had not been increased for a couple of years he felt this was reasonable.

Mr G Jones stated that the wooden pavilion is badly rotting in a couple of areas. The bowls club do not believe they are responsible for the maintenance of the pavilion and have instructed their legal representative to look again at the lease agreement. They strongly believe something has to be done to improve the pavilion. Ideally they would like the Town Council to build a new pavilion on the site of the wooden one. They have received quotations for the works and they are in the region of £80,000. The Town Clerk asked the bowls club representative what their current membership is. Mr G Jones stated 52 men, 28 ladies and 30 social.

Councillor Evans asked Mr G Jones had the bowls club looked into grants, as £80,000 was a considerable amount of money. The Town Clerk added that would this new build be the men's changing room as the wooden pavilion currently is? Mr G Jones replied it is hoped it would include other facilities as well.

RECOMMENDED: The Town Clerk, alongside the bowls club representative, look at possible grants available including the RCDF fund currently available through the Welsh Government.

Mr G Jones concluded by confirming that the bowls club would like to take over paying the utilities bills direct as opposed to going via the Town Council office.

RECOMMENDED: The Town Council to confirm if they are happy for this to happen, and if so the Town Clerk looks into the way forward.