Bargoed Town Council Events & Environment Committee Meeting Tuesday 21st July 2020

Minutes

PRESENT COUNCILLORS Councillors J Bissex, H Llewellyn, R Carroll, D Price,

V Stephens, S Horton.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Helen Williams, Town Clerk CHAIRMAN:- Councillor V Stephens (Leader)

1 Apologies for Absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk.

Councillor S HamerThomas.

2. Declaration of interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

No declarations of interest were made.

The chairman asked the committee to consider item 6 on the agenda first.

- 6. To consider the implications of the Coronavirus and the recommendation of the CCBC Events Safety Advisory Group on the 2020 Fireworks Event. [clerk to provide an update] As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, considering public health and social distancing responsibilities, the committee RESOLVED to cancel plans for a fireworks event in 2020. Members will consider the event for 2021 in the Autumn months.
- 3. To consider the recommendations from the Festive Lighting working group, approve the plan and authorise the expenditure.

The chair asked Cllr Price to explain the working group's activities leading up to today's meeting and their proposal for improvements to the festive lighting scheme. Cllr Price advised the committee of the site meetings that had taken place with officers from CCBC, and run through the details of the supplier quotations obtained, including the rental options dismissed by the working group, which resulted in the final proposal being suggested by the working group. Cllr Price thanked Tom Llewellyn (CCBC) for his patience and his recommendations which enabled the working group to complete the proposal which includes a combination of the installation of existing town council lighting stocks along with the purchase of 22 new figurines, a cut Christmas tree, multi coloured tree lights and string lights.

The chair reminded the committee of several comments being received from the public requesting a cut Christmas tree be returned to the square in Bargoed town centre, and that this is a key element to be included in the improvement scheme.

The committee thanked the working group for their work over the past six months. Members scrutinised the recommended plan for the festive lighting improvements and considered the

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available budget. The committee RESOLVED to authorise the virement of funds made available because of events and activities cancelled due to the coronavirus and RESOLVED to invest in town council assets purchasing new equipment. The committee noted that this investment would support the festive lighting scheme for the next few years with only a few replacement figurines necessary as older stock becomes beyond repair. The committee approved the working group's proposal. RESOLVED £10,008 + vat approved for 24 new figurines and brackets to be purchased. RESOLVED £850 + vat approved for Bargoed Christmas Tree. RESOLVED £1,892.60 + vat approved for CCBC to carry out infrastructure improvements in Gilfach and at the Miners heads. RESOLVED £8,400 + vat approved for new tree lights, catenary wire, string lights, installation, maintenance, removal and storage of festive lighting equipment.

4. To identify the Events and Environment Committee priorities for inclusion in the town council Forward Work Programme.

The committee worked through their priorities for the forward work programme. Cllr Price declared an interest in the cancer garden, Bargoed. Members updated the draft document in preparation for its completion at full council. RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to liaise with secondary schools regarding Members working with 6th form students. Clerk to provide full council with details of youth representatives.

5. To discuss committee membership.

Members considered the importance of community involvement in town council events and activities. Due to the coronavirus pandemic this item will be discussed in more detail in the Autumn with a view to making a decision.

7. To discuss arrangements for remembrance activities.

RESOLVED Clerk instructed to contact Bargoed branch of the Royal British Legion regarding assistance with lamp post poppies and poppy display at the Miners Heads.

Date of next meeting 5.30pm Tuesday 15th September 2020

Signed:

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