

17th July, 2024

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Llandybie Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 17th, July, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mrs A.J. Evans D. Thomas
 Mrs C. Thomas J.W. Tandy
 P. H. Roberts, ,

Attending online; Mrs K.D.L Davies S. Roberts

Apologies: G. J Davies

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To receive apologies of Absence;

Cllr G. J. Davies had notified the Clerk he was unable to attend.

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

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Clerks Update on the Banc Y Draenen Project.

The Clerk explained that a considerable amount of time had been spent organising and attending meetings at the initial stages of the project and much engagement had taken place between authority, One Voice Wales and Carmarthenshire Council to develop the action plan for the site discussed at the last meeting. These meetings and subsequent plans were to be a precursor to a substantial grant application which relied on a positive feedback from the community immediate to the site via a public consultation exercise.

The Clerk updated councillors that 2,000 flyers had been delivered door to door and consultation had occurred with the three Primary Schools local to the site, however he had to date only received four replies with only two offering to engage with the project and be a part of work or initiatives.

The Clerk an email from Rachel Carter at One Voice Wales who had advised that this was obviously disappointing for the authority and advised that a smaller grant be looked at on which begin to at least get the key greening elements of wild meadows and walk ways developed and that consultation could be undertaken wit the authority on 'Its for them' signage to garner future interest and that we reassess the need in a year.

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Cllr C. R. Thomas felt that this was a prudent approach and small steps in gaining community attention and interest maybe be now needed.

Cllr J. W. Tandy who was chairing the meeting agreed and felt an exercise of raising awareness with small works as suggested and that a sign could be up showing a plan and asking for feedback could be erected.

Cllr A. J. Evans concurred and felt that the people of the community needed to envisage the dream.

Cllr D. Thomas who was supported asked for costs to be presented, the Clerk agreed to compile these once he had met with the County Council and in fact had a meeting arrange for the following week.

Cllr C. R. Thomas, Cllr A. J. Evans and Cllr J. W. Tandy both felt small projects such as herb planters, bird boxes and ding something on the hard standing area could still be feasible.

It was **recommended** that the Clerk identify get clarification on the funding available and develop a smaller project plan.

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To consider ongoing actions to improve the councils green credentials.

The Clerk opened discussion by explaining that himself and the V. Chair J. W. Tandy had met to see if a plan for our assets could now be brought forward in our work as a council to meet our green credentials responsibility to the community and in line with our policy.

A full discussion took place The Clerk explaining that he was undertaking the final stages of the Asset Management plan.

Cllr A. J. Evans highlighted that floodlights could be looked at lifespan in lieu of new technologies and Cllr S. Roberts offered his experience at his employers where they had won award for greening the business and offered an invite to the Clerk to explore 'best practice' as part of his research.

The discussion ended with the Cllr J. W. Tandy summarising the actions points of the meeting;

- Explore grants on energy supply and green projects on land.
- Prepare a green plan of action that feeds into the Asset Plan and considers lifespan of equipment.
- Look at parks and areas of land within the community look at grants to aid development, for example the 'Waste Disposal Fund'.

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It was **recommended** that the Clerk action the above points and report on progress at the next meeting.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.