

10th July, 2019

Minutes of the Parks and Play Areas committee meeting held at the Council Offices, High Street, Llandybie on Tuesday, 10th July, 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	R.A. Davies	N. Evans	W.D. Evans
	Mrs K.D.L Davies	P.H. Roberts	Mrs A. Evans

Apologies	I. Rh. Llewelyn	Mrs S. E. Thomas	E.W. Nicholas
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Park signage competition

The Members adjudicated the photographs which had been submitted as part of the recent school design project. The winning photographs were chosen and as had been previously agreed a cheque for £100 to the school councils' of Llandybie, Blaenau and Penygroes would now be sent. No entries had been received from Saron or Pacyrhun CP Schools. Four photographs were chosen by the Members as the preferred options for inclusion on the signs.

A discussion took place on the preferred design of the park signage and it was **recommended** that the Clerk review the options available, taking due regard of any mandatory legal text which had to be included.

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Review of the parks and planned work for 2019/2020

The Clerk gave a comprehensive review of the 10 parks now maintained since Asset Transfer from the County Council.

a) MUGA Signage – as had previously been reported at Full Council signs highlighting the Health and Safety requirements when using the MUGA had been purchased. They had not been received as yet and the Clerk will arrange for erection on receipt.

b) Inspection reports had highlighted the need for information signs to be erected to demonstrate how the fitness equipment in the parks should be used. Suitable signage was being researched.

c) There had been no High risk issues reported on the annual park inspection undertaken in February 2019, or the operational inspection in May 2019. The Clerk had reviewed the reports for all risk issues identified and had visited the parks with local contractors so that medium, low and very low risk issues could be reviewed. The Members were shown a comprehensive list of work that needed to be done and it was **recommended** that the contractors complete the work so that future inspection reports had fewer ongoing issues to deal with.

Members were in agreement that eradicating these risk issues was a vital part of the park safety and it was **recommended** that the Clerk ask the contractors to complete the work as soon as possible.

Contractors are R.M Jones, P Bishop and Carmarthenshire County Council

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d) The work on installing new equipment at the parks had commenced but had been delayed. The work is now scheduled to complete before the end of July 2019.

A budget for £70k had been agreed in the last financial year, but work had not commenced until April 2019 at Llandybie. £41665.66 had been paid to date. A further £30k had been allocated to Parks and Play Equipment for 2019/20, and reserves of £150k had been specifically designated for park equipment replacement.

Some park equipment had deteriorated since the initial tender had been agreed and Members were asked to consider a further tranche of new equipment to eradicate the increasing risk. It was resolved that the clerk obtain quotations for :-

Multi Play Senior at Llandybie

Multi Play Senior at Penygroes

Fit Point at Llandybie

Multi Play Senior at Penybanc at Penybanc

Surfacing at many of the parks had been causing concern and it was **recommended** that the Clerk obtain quotations for those areas including full replacement, edging repairs, or patching where appropriate.

Ideally, the Council needed to draw up a rolling programme of replacement for the parks but current historic issues with poor maintenance needed rectifying before such a programme could be introduced. It was recognised that high usage parks were likely to demand more investment, and that if vandalism became a regular occurrence, consideration would have to be given to removing rather than replacing the equipment.

e) MUGA floodlights at Llandybie

The Clerk had been concerned at the invoices being received from EDF since the facility was taken over from the County Council. Despite assurances from EDF that everything was correct it has now transpired that the incorrect meter was being read by the data controller responsible for meter readings. Revised invoices from EDF are due shortly.

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As there was nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 7.30p.m.