



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman Ammanford Town Council

**Minutes of Asset Management, Planning and Environment Meeting of Ammanford Town Council
(ATC)
on
Thursday 17th June 2021
Via Virtual Media on MS Teams**

Attendees: Members of Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee (AM): Deputy Mayor Geraint Jones (GJ) (Chairperson of Committee); Councillor Stefan Butler (SB); Councillor Stephen Davies (SD); Councillor Emyr John (EJ); Councillor Helen Rees (HR); Wynne Jones, Facilities and Asset Management Officer (WJ)

Attendees: Non-Members of Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee: None

Minutes taken by: Clerk Duncan Morgan (DSM)

Deputy Mayor Geraint Jones Presiding

Meeting commenced at 18:03

The public were asked to refrain from using the chat facility otherwise they would be disconnected from the meeting. All present at the meeting were reminded that recording of this meeting was not permitted on any device.

1) Apologies for absence

Committee Members (AM)

Deputy Mayor Gruff Harrison

Councillor Julia Bell (JB)

Non Committee Members

None

2) Declarations of interest

Councillor Stephen Davies – Ammanford AFC

Deputy Mayor Geraint Jones – Community Councillor Tycroes Ward

Councillor Emyr John – Ammanford Foodbank

3) Ammanford Park Action Plan Update

The Clerk reported that the latest Playground Inspection Reports had been emailed to all the members and WJ prior to the meeting.

It was reported that all members and WJ had visited the Play Parks.

The Clerk then reported that he had received the following quotations to undertake refurbishment works on the Multi Play Area and Wet Pour.

Manufacturer	Multi Play Area Refurb Costs	Wet Pour Costs	Total
Sutcliffe Play	£10,887.29	£14,572.00	£25,459.29
HAGS Ltd	£19,977.88	£11,347.00	£31,324.88
DCM	N/A	£5,785.00	
Cheapest	£10,887.29	£5,785.00	£16,667.29

It was reported by the Clerk that the cheapest alternative would be to allow Sutcliffe Play to undertake the refurbishment work on the Multiplay Area and that DCM refurbish the Wet Pour areas within the Play Park.

The current lead time with DCM at the time of this meeting was 4 Weeks.

All groundworks prior to laying the Wet Pour would be have to be undertaken by CCC.

In view of the urgency of the Wet Pour remedial work required it was proposed that that this be given priority.

It was proposed that remedial works be undertaken to the edged areas where Wet Pour was currently installed and that the Clerk investigates the difference in price between a Black fleck and Colour finish and if the cost of the Colour finish is circa 10% of the cost of the Black fleck that the Colour finish be used.

Proposed – GH
Seconded – SD
All agreed

Resolved – To proceed with the remedial works be undertaken by DCM at a cost of £5785 to the edged areas where Wet Pour was currently installed at Ammanford Park Playground with a Colour finish with the proviso that the price uplift was circa 10% of the Black Fleck finish.

4) To discuss the erection of a Ball Netting Fence at Ammanford Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that a quotation of £9K had been received from CCC and that when researching Ball Netting suppliers could only provide the product on a supply only basis. It was discussed to move the goal posts back 2 metres but it was felt that this would have very little effect.

It was suggested that supply only quotations be ascertained and that CCC install the Ball Netting fence.

It was raised if CCC had been approached to fund the Ball Netting Fence.

The Clerk confirmed that CCC had been approached.

ACTION – To ascertain further quotations.

5) To discuss the erection of a Ball Netting Fence at Riverway Play Park and MUGA

The clerk reported that balls from MUGA were entering neighboring properties despite the high fencing already in place at the MUGA.

It was also mentioned that windows were also being smashed.

ACTION – Get costs to supply and install overhead Ball Netting Fence

6) To discuss Action Plan for the following Playgrounds:-

It was reported that site visits had been undertaken at all playgrounds by various members with WJ visiting each park. It should be noted that it had not been possible to undertake detailed reports due to timescales.

The essence of the site visits was to allow WJ achieve a better understanding of the set up and scale of works required at the playgrounds.

6.1 Carregamman Playground

It was reported that this was a small playground and hence did not have much equipment. The playground is maintained by CCC via an SLA Maintenance Agreement but from the site visit it was commented that there seemed to be a lack regular maintenance.

It was clarified that the smaller playgrounds had ground maintenance undertaken 10 times a year.

It was noted that a boundary fence was in need of repair.

The Clerk was requested to ascertain the lease agreement that would have been produced between CCC and ATC at the time of the Asset Transfer.

It was also agreed that a Land Registry Search be undertaken by the Clerk to ascertain the legal boundaries. The Clerk would be reimbursed all out of pocket costs to attain this information.

6.2 Maes Y Coed Playground

It was noted that there was substantial amount of weed growth on top of the Astra Turf which needed attention. CCC maintenance regime was questioned.

CCC were to be approached regarding the above mention to ascertain if it is possible to remove and manage this growth.

6.3 Norman Road Playground

It was brought to attention of one of the members during the site visit by a resident that anti-social behaviour was being experienced. To address this, it was suggested that Dyfed Powys be contacted with possibility of arranging regular patrols of the playground area.

It was reported that gaps were appearing on the edges of the Wet Pour Surface.

6.4 Pantyffynnon Playground

Nothing report from the site visit.

The Clerk, WJ and GJ are to familiarise themselves with Risk Assessment Report.

6.5 Riverway Playground and MUGA

It was reported that the Wet Pour Surface was in very poor condition with areas having been damaged by acts of vandalism. The Wet Pour area at the bottom of the slide was of greatest concern.

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation of £800 from CCC to make good the Wet Pour areas that had been vandalised.

GJ suggested that it would be more viable that DCM Surfaces by approached to prepare a quotation to replace the existing Wet Pour Surface as the repaired areas would be a target for further vandalism.

ACTION – WJ to measure the Wet Pour area and provide information to Clerk to ascertain quotation for DCM.

It was proposed that CCC undertake a temporary repair Wet Pour Surface area at the bottom of slide.

Proposed – GJ

Seconded – HR

All agreed

Resolved that CCC undertake a temporary repair Wet Pour Surface area at the bottom of slide.

FURTHER ACTION - Attain Quotations for bilingual signs that can be placed on all playgrounds denoting responsibility of ATC with both an office hours and emergency out of hours telephone numbers to report faulty/ damaged equipment.

7) To discuss Lease of Land at Rear of College Street

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by Grant Howells who owns the land to the rear of College Street located behind Chopsticks, Peppinos and the Fish Bar and has freehold possession of the land. Mr. Howells asked if the ATC were interested in leasing the land from him.

It was suggested that this land would be of use should ATC wish to develop the area around the tennis courts at a later date to produce a floodlit MUGA.

ACTION – Approach Mr. Howells for more information i.e. drawings, plans, existing rights of way, rights of access, boundaries, costs, etc.

8) To discuss ‘de-highwayising’ of Quay Street

The following points were raised:-

If Quay Street were ‘re-classified’ as a pedestrian only area would this affect/restrict access of delivery vehicles to the shops that can only be accessed via the front entrance.

It was reported by one of the members that there were signs present that prohibited vehicular access between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

Placing bollards at the bottom of Quay Street to restrict vehicular access during the restricted periods.

It was also reported that Quay Street had been pedestrainised for about 15 years and remained classified as highway.

ACTION – Correspondence to be sent to CCC requesting that Quay Street be ‘reclassified’.

9) Sale of Land at Pantyffynnon

The Clerk reported that a Parcel of land was for sale by auction at Pantyffynnon that borders railway line and Pantyffynnon RFC Ground.

It was reported that this was contaminated land and that no legal pack was currently available to view prior to the auction and that ATC has no budget to purchase this land.

It was further added that this land had no value other than to use as a cycle path.

It was decided that the land was not of interest to ATC but CCC would be made aware by DSM of the proposed sale in relation to extending the cycletrack

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed.

Next Asset Management, Planning & Environment Committee Meeting - TBA

Meeting Closed at 19:11

Signed: (Chair)

Print Name:

Date:

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