

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM

ON Monday the 2nd Of October 2023 at 10am Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mrs J Jones, and Mrs I Twigg

Councillors D Wright Mrs G Wright, Mr D Jones (Project Coordinator) and Mr S Roberts (Chairman of Cefn Albion) joined on Zoom

APOLOGIES None Received

DECLARATION OF INTEREST None Received

TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING FOR MUGA PLAS KYNASTON LANE CEFN MAWR

Mr Deio Jones briefed the committee on the developments of recent funding application bid for ground improvements to the MUGA Plas Kynaston. Cadwyn Clwyd have opened grant applications for £50,00 through the Shared Prosperity Fund, and an expression of interest was placed on behalf of Cefn Community Council for the first stage of the application. This has now been accepted and for the second stage the application needs to be prepared, this needs to include details of what Council propose to use the funding for, along with quotations for the work to be undertaken.

Mr Jones stated that, based on the feasibility study into the football ground at Plas Kynaston, improvements to enlarge the pitch, and the erection of a (minimum) 100-seater stand been identified as priority works. It is proposed that the funding be broken down into the following -£30,000 pitch improvements, £15,000 stand, and £5,000 to make improvements to the parking area.

Due to the deadline being three weeks away, there is an urgency in obtaining quotes and Mr Jones suggested that this be worked on as a priority. Three quotes need to be obtained for each of the works to be undertaken.

Councillor D Wright suggested that the pitch be extended but not re-laid, this would keep that cost down.

A discussion followed on drainage for the site, and an appropriate location to place a spectator stand.

It was decided that a meeting be convened with the Councils solicitors as soon as possible, to ascertain what deeds are held for the grounds.

Councillor Wright discussed potential parking issues being created for the locals and what mitigating factors can be discussed going forward.

Advice from planning officers at WCBC should be sought as soon as possible to understand what the planning requirements and restrictions are for hard standings, as this would be essential in obtaining quotes, and what would be the requirements for extending a football pitch.

Mr S Roberts lost the Zoom connection during the meeting, but via email during the meeting, furnished the Clerk with potential ideas for quotations and solutions to the groundwork. Mr Roberts confirmed that he contacts who selling a 200 seater stand and he would enquire further on the price. A discussion followed on from this on what groundwork would be involve

Councillor Wright advised that the feasibility study be looked at again to ascertain the current dimensions of pitch, versus what the FA Wales requirements are, as a starting point to obtain quotes.

The clerk confirmed that work to obtain quotes will start immediately and requested that Cllr D Wright and Mr D Jones furnish her with further details on what is required for the next stage.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed