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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM AT 10am ON THURSDAY THE
29TH OF FEBRUARY 2024**
Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan

PRESENT Councillors Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs J Jones, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright and Mrs G Wright. Also Andrew Ruscoe, Community Development officer.

Project Co-ordinator Deio Jones joined on Zoom

APOLOGIES

None received.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Received

UPDATE FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Deio Jones updated the committee. He stated that he will be working with the CD officer next week to discuss funding bids for phase 2. He reported that one of the funding streams will not allow Community Councils to apply. This can be mitigated by applying in the name of the War Memorial trust, which was set up for the Plas Kynaston grounds. This can then be in partnership with the community council. Bids will be in before the end of March; we are waiting on final costings for Phase 2 before the applications can be made.

TO DISCUSS PLAS KYNASTON GROUND RENOVATION

Clerk reported that 70% cost of the stand has been agreed. The stand can be ordered. £3k extra cost for the concrete base has been covered. The £3.5k for the architect is to be covered by £1k from the WM Fund and the rest covered by council.

The football ground will be closed from the 19th of May for the work to begin. Widening and lengthening pitch dug outs and a new stand etc.

Cllr D Wright reported that Cefn Albion applied to use the ground for the 24/25 season – which was rejected by a footballing organisation, due to lack of evidence that the ground will be ready in time.

A timetable was agreed with Jones bros to ensure that the work will be completed on time, and an inspection by the Welsh FA (to ensure that the ground is up to tier 3 standards) is due to take place on Monday March the 4th. Due to the work local company RPM have done on the containers inside and out with painting and tidying ready for the inspection, the ground is to be closed this weekend to ensure is in perfect condition for inspection.

The work will begin immediately to improve the pitch after the ground is closed, then Jones Bro will return in the school summer holidays to work on the hard standings. Andrew has been tasked with speaking to Acrefair FC to see if an agreement can be put in place to use Bont field for youth and girl's football.

Derek discussed the agreement that would need to be made in order for fair use of the new pitch. It will be stated that the team in the highest tier will be the highest priority for that season. This will apply to the team specifically, not the club as a whole.

A discussion followed on the details of the contract the would be required between the council and the football clubs.

Cllr Derek Wright stated that the car park on Plas Kynaston will need to be closed during the works at the football ground, so the schools will require an official letter sent to them giving advanced warning of the closure as many teachers park there.

Deio Jones discussed the need for clubs and schools to give their list of needs for phase two of the project and the clubs that have responded. The clerk suggested that PCSO Shiers give her opinions.

TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The clerk reported that she has been in touch with Macron and Plas Madoc Leisure centre for updated prices. £1K has been precepted. The prices are roughly the same, £1,400 will cover the fees for the leisure centre, Macron and the printers. £200 from Francis Roberts Funeral directors and £200 from Chairs purse. Deio suggested that there is money in Andrews projects that can be used but the clerk suggested that this be kept for the Olympics. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the funding required can be covered for the football tournament. The date has been set for the 16th of April, and the same set up as in previous years. All schools have agreed to take part.

UPDATE ON THE CEFN COMMUNITY OLYMPICS

Cllr D Wright stated that swimming has been organised for the Friday, and there will be a medal presentation afterwards at George Edwards Hall. A discussion followed on who will present the medals. Cllr D Wright suggested a local footballer or boxer. The clerk suggested a player from Wrexham women's team.

Cllr Derek Wright stated that a meeting has been convened for next week to walk the running route at Ty Mawr. WCBC have given permission to close the park for the morning but stated that as there are 6 entrances so this would be difficult enforce.

There will be marshals along the route to keep the children from the river, and the bottom car park will be closed to ensure that no children come into contact with any cars.

Andrew has a price from Net World Sports for equipment needed for the Wednesday sports day event on Plas Kynaston - £167 excluding VAT which is a minimal cost.

Andrew stated that he has reached out to LLS coaching and they may be able to supply volunteers for the events as all their students are DBS checked.

A discussion followed in regard to the volunteers required for what events.

It was discussed what schools will require transport, and times that the children will need to be picked up to take them to the event.

Further discussion involved the issues with gaining interest from the schools. Cllr D Wright requested that a meeting be arranged for Thursday 11th of April at 3.30pm for the committee and invite the schools to join at 4.30pm. If attendance is low, then consider cancelling the event.

Cllr D Wright asked for it to be made plain to all parties that attendance is critical.

A discussion followed in regard to DBS checks for councillors and volunteers. It was agreed in principle that the cost could be covered by the council.

TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TREE PLANTING ON LAND OFF ROCK ROAD RHOSYMEDRE

Cllr D Wright, Chairman P Vaughan and Clerks Assistant will be meeting a horticultural officer from WCBC on Tuesday 5th of March in regard to planting trees in the green space behind Llys Y Graig, off Rock Rd in Rhosymedre. It is proposed that 4,000 trees donated by Wales and West housing will be planted on this site, and the meeting is to bring forward to WCBC any observations or suggestions from local members. A Map was shown on screen to stipulated where the proposed planting will take place.

A discussion followed with regards to some of the tree quota being planted on the MUGA field as mitigation from the trees that have recently been taken away, also any other areas where the trees would be of benefit. Part of the green space off Rock Road is used by children for sledging in the winter, therefore covering it with tree plantings will not be recommended to WCBC.

The outcome will be reported at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO UPDATE ON HIS ONGOING PROJECTS

Andrew Ruscoe handed report to councillors detailing his work from the past few weeks. He reported that he has set up a CV writing workshop at the library starting next Monday (4th of March), which will advertise on social media and through local organisations. It is part of an employability project he is setting up. He stated that as part of the MUGA Phase 2 Project, he has been contacting clubs and schools for information required in order to write the bid

submission, some clubs have been more forthcoming than others. Andrew discussed his 'Stay Onside' project with the local schools, a 6 week program with the aim of tackling anti social behaviour through playing sport.

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