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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING,
HELD AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM AT 3.30PM ON
THURSDAY THE 11th of April 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

The community development officer Andrew Ruscoe handed out a report to members and talked them through the projects he has been involved with this past month. He stated that he has been in talks with the committee that oversees the Bont field and they are open to discussions for use by local football teams. He has been notified that a team from Chirk will be playing there but they are not taking over the lease of the pitch. Cllr D Wright stated that he believes Cefn area teams should have priority over usage of the pitch and suggested that if this isn't achieved then a complaint letter should be sent to Eastmans (who own the land). Further talks are to be held with the Bont field committee and the Community Development officer will report back on this.

He discussed the projects he is undertaking to enable more girls football teams in the area, and work to engage with local clubs to initiate this and other community projects. He has recently engaged with Cefn United, who are offering volunteers to take part in a litter pick with Cllr Sonia Benbow Jones.

There was a discussion regarding work on Phase 2 of the MUGA refurb. The CD Officer stated that he has engaged with an architect who has the designs in place for how the facilities will look and what they can be used for. There was also a revisit to Phase 1 recently due to the design of the steps down to the pitch area, they needed to be reconfigured slightly to comply with planning.

The CD Officer discussed the partnerships that he has brought to the Council, such as working with Jobs Growth Wales enrichment program to bring 14 students into the community to engage in various activities with organisations, they have started off with painting and cleaning at Ty Mawr, they will also visit CRNCA and St Johns Church. He would like to discuss further areas that can be looked at by the students, and the clerk asked member to think of areas within their wards and to email her with the details, so that these areas can be added to a program of works.

The CD officer gave an update on the CV workshops that he is running, every Monday at Cefn Mawr library, there hasn't been many attendees however one person has got a paid job from it, and another a volunteer role.

Other projects discussed were - Ty Mawr and CRNCA have been assisted with their social media presence. The 'Stay onside' project with LLS volunteers. The first sessions have been started with Cefn Mawr and Rhosymedre schools.

A new project which the CD officer has been discussing with the clerk is a 'Community Award' scheme. Whether this would be an annual or monthly award is for further discussion. The purpose is to recognise people in the community, and the clerk asked members to put forward ideas for the awards. Would this be a certificate? Or a larger award?

The clerk furnished the members with a letter written in readiness to send for bigger financial contributions for phase two, when the opportunity arises.

Cllr D Wright thanked the CD Officer and asked that he concentrate an hour of his time per week to looking for funding to be able to extend his role beyond October. He requested that he speak with Deio Jones to further this. Cllr Wright asked for this item to be on future agenda for the Development committee.

ACTION PLAN / GENERAL DISCUSSION

Deio stated that has been looking at what funding streams are becoming available and is putting an EOI out next month to the lottery grant. He reported to council that a lot of funding has come to an end due to the time of year.

The clerk stated that as the feasibility study has been done for the hall, she would like to concentrate on funding for this, and the report contains details of the current condition of the hall and up to date pricing for refurbishment. Deio stated that there is a gap in funding for buildings currently, a new cycle has not started as yet, he is keeping a look out for when these start again.

The clerk reported to members that as the building is used Monday to Friday, day and evening, the toilets are a priority. Deio – stated that there may be smaller pots to make improvements to the hall in the meantime, he will look for these.

Cllr D wight reported to members that due to issues with attendance (two schools pulled out) the football tournament has been moved to the 14th of May. He has requested three referees from Ysgol Rhiwabon.

Cllr D Wright reported that there was a meeting on Monday with himself, the clerk and Cllr P Vaughan with the architect for phase 2 of the MUGA refurb. He presented the drawings on screen for members to view. Cllr Wright stated that the architect has been asked to turn the building so that solar panels can be used more efficiently (facing more of the sun for a longer part of the day) .

There are several stages to Phase 2, and each one costs money, so those present at the meeting made the decision to halt any further progress to prevent costs from escalating. The project is currently at 'RIBA stage 3' and will not progress until a quote has been received from a quantity surveyor (who is needed to further the project to the next stage). The costs will be brought back to council to ask for permission to go to the next step.

Deio stated that once you get to RIBA 3 you can apply for planning, the cost for the QS to progress to the next stage can be reclaimed from the grant.

Cllr D Wright stated that one of the ideas discussed for the new building was a large community room, with a wind turbine and water catchment area, which can be used by the schools to teach the kids about sustainability and the environment. This will hopefully be a flexible building.

TO DISCUSS THE CEFN COMMUNITY OLYMPICS

The clerk asked which medals are preferred for the football tournament so that these can be ordered, with or without logo, the members voted in favour of no logo on the medal.

A Presentation was put on screen. Cllr D Wright talked through it briefly, explaining the proposed activities due to run during that week. A discussion followed with regards to volunteers and the schools requiring them to be DBS checked. Cllr D Wright confirmed that we will have at least 3 volunteers from an organisation that Andrew has engaged with, some councillors have DBS, and also school governors - this will solve the issue.

The following welcomed to the meeting -

T Evison and C Rayner from Ysgol Min Y Ddol, L Edwards from Ysgol Rhosymedre, A Green from Ysgol Cefn Mawr, M Allman from Ysgol Acrefair

The clerk started by asking those present if they are interested in taking part in a short D Day Service on the 6th of June. The Council would like to have a couple of children from each school attend a brief service at 9.30am for approximately 15 minutes. There will be a bugler and the council will provide each school with a wreath. Cllr K Tilman has been asked to read the ode. There will be an opportunity for photos and then the children will return to school. All schools were in favour of this and the clerk will make arrangements.

Cllr Wright gave a brief overview of the weeks activities on screen and talked through the slides on the presentation. He reported that the council have DBS checked volunteers that are required to run the event. We would like to include children with all abilities to ensure it is inclusive. He talked through the route for the cross-country event at Ty Mawr and where the volunteers will be positioned so that the children are kept away from the water.

A discussion followed and the school representatives decided to take part. A further brief discussion decided that each event should be gender specific and not mixed – unless it was a

mixed running relay etc. Keep to year groups where possible. Children from younger years can be used where the numbers need to be made up. If a school is not able to attend an event this is ok, they will need to communicate this to the organisers so that they can play around this.

Further details to be planned out and emailed to all schools going forward. Any input from the schools please email ideas, a list of the activities will be sent to the schools and they can tick which ones they wish to take part in.

Also, any equipment will be purchased and sent to the schools (such as French boules etc) so these can be practiced before the event.

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