

GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GENERAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held 17th July 2017

Present: Councillors A Bailey, J Dutton, J. Blackmore, S.Atherton, B. Blackmore

Apologies: Councillor A. Atkinson

Matters Discussed.

1. **Apologies** were given and received.
2. The **minutes of the previous meeting** were proposed by Councillor Blackmore as a true record and seconded by Councillor Bailey and these were agreed as a true record. Matters arising were picked up in the items of the agenda.
3. **Play Area Inspection reports:** - It was agreed that in future, the Play area inspections sent by Wrexham Council will not be copied out as hard copy to each member but sent electronically. The current inspection reports were considered. It was acknowledged that there were no high risk items flagged, all items raised had been classed as low risk. After discussion, it was agreed that the work should be taken on as if left the matters would become high risk eventually. All items would need to be costed and this was to be worked through by the Clerk.

Actions agreed: Councillor Atherton would put all the items in a table format which could be presented to Council in September and discussed further at the October meeting. Clerk to work through and cost all items, which included contacting the installer of the equipment , and other contractors.

4. **Gresford Lake:** - Councillor Dutton advised that she has asked Shelley's signs to go ahead with the manufacture of the sign. It was agreed that Mr Lightwood be asked to erect the lectern The Clerk is to contact him to arrange. The lectern should have metal feet to prevent rotting. Planning permission has been applied for and is awaited. A risk assessment of the lake area had been carried out by Councillor Dutton on the 26th May 2017. The items identified were considered. The jetty is missing a wire. Councillor Dutton explained that it had been missing since installation. The white strip had faded. Councillor Dutton advised that Mrs Williams would do it as part of the lake tidy up. Any costs involved to be taken for approval to September Council meeting. A discussion took place about the lake tidy up and the fact that WCBC may charge for the taking away of the rubbish. It was also raised that there is a problem with the collection of the bin by the lake and on High Street. The Clerk explained the discussion she had had with them about rubbish collection, including possible charges and rubbish collected by volunteers. It was agreed that if they do charge that the Council would be requested to pay for this. Clerk will raise on September agenda.

Actions agreed: Councillor Dutton to try to find out who had installed it with a view to them being requested to fix the wire. The Clerk will also look online and contact the Sailing club for similar. Costs to be taken for approval to September meeting. Clerk to explore issue further with WCBC in terms of the lake tidy up and any costs, and also the issue of rubbish collection generally. To be put on the agenda for September Full Council.

5. **High Street Signage:-** The Clerk reported on the delay with WCBC and the latest position with installing the signs as described by Mr Lloyd. An update was given on the white lines on the High-Street junction.

Actions agreed. Clerk to continue to pursue for the installation of the signage.

6. **Lighting Matters:-** The additional lighting requested for Pont Y Capel Lane was discussed. A discussion took place about the additional costs brought about by Scottish Power's refusal to use the existing pole in the field for the hanging bracket. It was agreed that in view of the substantial additional costs, that the matter be put on hold for the time being and the situation monitored. There were no further lighting request at the time. The committee considered the issue proposed by WCBC to address an issue of speeding at Pistyll Hill which residents there had called a meeting over. It was noted that this too had been declined due to the substantial costs involved.

Action: Clerk to write to J Fletcher to inform her of the outcome, which is due to Scottish Power's change of policy

7. **Youth Working Party:** - Councillor Blackmore advised on the current position. A webpage is to be taken forward which Jan Jones will develop. This will have links to between various of the organisations offering youth provision. A discussion took place about the need to engage young people through Social Media in terms of Community issues and how a Youth Committee could be taken forward.
8. **Telephone Kiosk-** The Committee acknowledged the current position which is that the Community Council now own the box. It had been agreed that the box remain in its current location and that it be used as a site for a defibrillator. Alyn Family Doctors had expressed an interest in contributing to costs. Clerk advised that BT had sent her a kit for the box. it was suggested that the clerk get in touch with Peter Moroney to see if he would help with the refurbishment of the box. It was also queried whether there is any power to the box, the Clerk had received contrary information on this but will try to seek clarification. Power might be needed for lighting- is there emergency lighting that could be obtained?

Action: Clerk to get back in touch with Cadwyn Clwyd to see if this box could have the funding for the defibrillator that was on offer.

9. **Progress on Bike Stands:-** A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Committee would recommend the provision of bike stands to Full Council. It was decided that the area by the Planters in the centre of the village shops would be the best location. Both the Clerk and Councillor Atherton had examples of Stands with costs.

Action: Clerk to find out if Planning Permission would be required.

10. **Meeting with Conservation Area Officer:** - The notes of the meeting were considered.

Actions agreed: Clerk to contact the Conservation Officer to confirm : the colour of the railings by the school, the missing boundary posts, and the missing royal oak sign off house in high street.

11. **Councillors issues for consideration:** - Councillor Blackmore highlighted the state of the top of Pant Lane with multiple cabinets. She suggested that some landscaping might be possible with shrubs and grass seeding. The moving of the noticeboard has resulted in rough ground and flags are needed by the noticeboard. Action: Clerk to write to the telephone company that moved the noticeboard to request some compensation. To organise some sort of landscaping in that area. It was suggested that Allington Park might be looked at in terms of putting some large boulders on its edge to prevent the movement of vehicles on to the land or bikes. Suggestion was made that Mr Gibson could be contacted re: boulders at the golf club, even for a temporary period. Action: Clerk. It was also highlighted that Councillor Atkinson had previously made a suggestion of a linesman. Councillor Bailey mentioned that it had been discussed in a WCBC workshop. Councillor Atkinson had also raised the issue of the verge by the telephone kiosk on Pant Lane. Action: Clerk to contact Councillor Atkinson on these matters to discuss a way forward.

12. The **next meeting** will be held on the 23rd October at 6.15 pm