

GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GENERAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held 17th January 2018.

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

Matters discussed.

1. There were no apologies.
2. The **minutes of the previous meeting** held on the 23rd October 2017 were moved by Councillor Atkinson and seconded by Councillor Dutton and agreed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** The Clerk highlighted progress on a number of items not otherwise on the agenda. No response has as yet been received to the letter that has been sent to the company that had moved the noticeboard in Marford. A quotation is awaited from a contractor for the small area in front of the noticeboard. It was agreed that slabbing the area would be easier. The Conservation Officer had been written to on a number of occasions concerning the outstanding matters and in discussion Councillor Dutton confirmed the boundary posts are still missing. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should continue to pursue this matter with the Conservation officer. Councillor Dutton confirmed that the installation of the lectern is in hand. **Action: Clerk to write to the Conservation Officer.**
4. **Play Areas:-** A discussion took place concerning the provision of play equipment for the disabled child. The Clerk advised on the quotation received from Ray Parry Ltd. A discussion took place about whether if installed it should go ahead in both play areas. The amount of space available and level of the ground was also a consideration. It was suggested that something be put on the website to ascertain any other ideas or difficulties experienced with either site. The Clerk advised she could put something in the next essentials article. **Agreed: The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for both sites which will then be considered.**
5. **Gresford Lake:** - There were no issues to be considered with regard to the lake. Councillor Bailey confirmed that the shredder could be used in future. The shreds could potentially be used as mulch.
6. **Lighting Matters:** - No specific lighting matters had been reported. The lighting columns have now been installed at Clappers Lane and positive comments have been received. Councillor Atkinson advised that he has received requests for additional lighting at Pont Y Capel Lane. After discussion it was suggested that the Council are sympathetic but the considerable cost involved is a prohibitive consideration at the present time. It was also agreed that not every area in the community can be lit. The Clerk confirmed she is aiming to set up a meeting to discuss the possible benefits of joining the lighting consortium, and it was agreed to go with the date of 24th January. The Clerk will arrange this meeting. The notification received from WCBC of the possible costs of replacing the SAOX lighting columns with LED lighting was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain further information about the Salix funding and obtain a quote for replacement from Jones Lighting.
7. **Youth working party:** - Councillor Blackmore advised the leaflet will be sent to each organisation.
8. **Grass cutting contract:** - The Clerk advised this will be taken forward by a meeting with Gresford Trust.

9. **Telephone Kiosk:** - Councillor Blackmore advised of the outcome of a useful meeting held with Sian Shakespear of Cadwyn Clwyd concerning the development of information for the information board. The Clerk will liaise with Ms Shakespear and with other organisations such as IMAGE to set up a workshop for her.
10. **Progress on bike stands:** - The Clerk advised this is in hand, but installers would need a street license to install. She is still obtaining quotes and is awaiting information from the company concerning the bolts type.
11. **Community Agent:** - The Clerk advised on the position with other neighbouring Councils and other Councils within the borough and the funding available for additional agents. After discussion it was agreed to recommend deferring this matter for a further six months.
12. **Community Speed Watch scheme:** - Councillor Atkinson advised that a piece of equipment had been purchased and training is to be arranged. In addition, the meeting would cover issues such as what would be needed in a protocol and what is to be done with any data collected, any health and safety issues. Clerk was requested to find out from Rhos if they already have a protocol in place.
13. **Future Christmas issues:** - The Clerk advised on information received from Mold Town Council concerning lighting and she will enquire with other Councils. A discussion took place about the tree and lighting and it was agreed that a tree is still needed. The suggestion of a possible permanent tree in this location for the purpose of Christmas and for greening the area was considered and it was agreed that Councillor Bailey will enquire with the Woodland Trust.
14. **The next meeting will be held on the 11th April at 6.15.p.m.**