

Minutes of EGM, Llangattock Community Council
6.30pm Mon 9th March 2020

Apologies - Kay Bailey

Present - all council members except GP. In attendance, Josh Wright, young Scout leader, who has an interest in the Park and would like the Cubs to help with the garden.

Declarations of interest - none

Appoint Minute taker - Ann Williams

To discuss and vote on quotation for memorial seat/s - AW presented a report of the recent work and deliberations to this point, inc two site visits to plan and 'mark out' the site for the garden and position of benches.

- a) A 'Friendly bench' had been suggested, but this proved unsuitable for this part of the Park and at £10,000 was deemed too expensive., and would not be ready in time
- b) At first it appeared the 'perfect' commemorative benches sourced would not be available in time either, so we considered a cheap wooden bench and commemorative plaque, at under £500
- c) Mant Leisure, a Bath firm could not provide the benches in time. Costs £1,010 and £1,430, plus VAT, plus £125 delivery, were thought too high and required an EGM
- d) RJ, chair, sourced another company, which proved to be the manufacturers. David Ogilvie could deliver the benches on time if ordered this week (by 16th). Costs £896 and £1,271, plus VAT and delivery £125, though discounted for more than one bench. Also available are leg extensions at £27 per set, plus VAT.

We felt the leg extension kits best - they would be cheaper and easier to install by the tree. Paving could be added later.

RJ presented the financial statement, which shows a surplus in 3 headings, one inc VAT returns of some £5,000, Contingencies for last year were not used, £2,050 and Councillors expenses had not been claimed, £1,700. It was advised we could vire the latter two sums to Street Furniture and keep the VAT refund for match funding at a later date.

Councillor GJ proposed and Councillor GD seconded that we purchase the two benches, with leg extensions, in Lest we Forget design, from David Ogilvie. All agreed.

Councillor AW undertook to email the order the next day, requesting the clerk to send a pro forma order form.

The decision re a plaque was deferred to the full meeting on 17th March. Wording to be considered. Also whether we wanted a steel plaque or a brass one. GD offered to translate into Welsh. TJ would send wording to all for comment by 17th March.

It was agreed by all to vire the monies from contingencies and councillor expenses to Street Furniture for the purchase. It was also agreed to invite donations from the public.

Next Steps - there was some further discussion re next steps.

GJ to provide plans for memorial garden as all approved the rough draft.

Butterfly seed pack requested from KWT.

Propose to cut out squares of turf in which to plant these - 5 squares for 100g seed each.

Work party could meet on last Sat March, as per our Volunteer day. TJ N/A but MR agreed to photograph.

Discussion re moles. AW had received a leaflet re charge of £6-£10 ?per mole. JR knows someone who would do it for £5. Agenda next week.

GD suggested some hedging to outline the garden, maybe box.

Council to consider a friendly bench as part of the larger makeover and grant application, together with paths and any further play/exercise equipment.

Josh was asked if he had any observations. He is concerned about the old tennis courts which are frequently covered in broken glass and needs some work to improve it and encourage activities. He and the cubs are willing to be involved.

The meeting closed at 19. 17 hrs