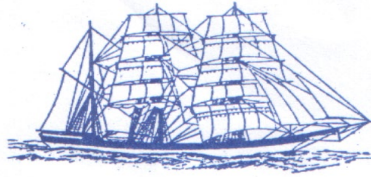


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PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA 19.00 on Tuesday November 26th 2024

MINUTES

E.1.11.24 In attendance:- Councillors :- Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Aled Griffith (Chairman); Alwyn Gruffydd; Glenda Murray
Elfyn Lewis (Chairman of Cae Pawb Allotments Society)
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent :- Councillors:- Trefor Jones; Llywelyn Rhys

E2.11.24 Apologies:- Councillors:- Dr Melfyn Edwards; John Gwynedd Roberts; Michael Roberts; Karena Owens

Cllr Gwilym Jones declared an interest in the matter and left the meeting.

E3.11.24 Cae Pawb

The report following the latest inspection of Cae Pawb on 9.11.24 was received correctly. Elfyn Lewis reported that things were running better at the moment with the new committee and he raised the following issues:-

Removing the additional £3 to the annual rent of £20 collected by the Association to clear the costs of mowing outside the allotments. It was noted that Cae Pawb's invoices will go from April 1 2025 to December 31 2025 and then annually from January 1 to December 31 in 2026.

Decision :- to remove the additional £3; the Town Council to give a greater contribution to clear these costs in the Financial Applications in February; to raise annual rent from £20 to £25 from January 1 2026 onwards according to the proposal of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

- Elfyn Lewis emphasised that it is the sole responsibility of the Cae Pawb Committee - and not the other tenants of Cae Pawb - to show and offer vacant plots to prospective tenants.
- He was concerned about the condition of the road into Cae Pawb and it was agreed that this land is the responsibility of the Town Council. As National Grid is talking about having access to Gae Pawb as part of their plan to lay electric cables we must wait to see what comes of that before taking action.
- Skip hire - it was suggested that money should be applied for in the Financial Application in February to clear the costs of hiring a skip.
- It was noted that the procedure of letting tenants move from one allotment to another continues.

Elfyn Lewis left the meeting.

Cllr Gwilym Jones returned to the meeting.

E4.11.24 Public footpaths – nothing to report

E5.11.24 Cae Bodawen – still waiting for G.L.Jones to replace the gate. The Clerk will contact them once again.

E6.11.24 Bryn Coffa – nothing to report.

E7.11.24 Bus Shelters – The bus stop opposite Aldi has had its seat repaired following damage by vandalism.

E8.11.24 Madocks statue - update on the Ffion Gwyn commission

After receiving 3 drafts of the information board it was felt that none of them quite hit the mark because they were far too verbose and that they had little or no information about Madocks himself. The initial email was shown with the original brief and it was agreed that it was necessary to be much more specific about the content of the work.

Decision :- Cllr Carol Hayes to use previous research on Madocks to select information to include on the work and put it before the Full Committee in January; the Clerk to write to Ffion Gwyn to thank her for her work and to ask her to pause while the Town Council revisits the content of the information; to acknowledge that we asked too much when we gave her an original brief that was too open-ended; to ask her to design the work in the same style as the two on the Cob Crwn; to ask her to produce work that would appeal to children and adults; hoping that the work will be completed by spring 2025

E9.11.24 Howard Bowcott artwork - signing of new contract

Cllr Carol Hayes wished to record her complete opposition to the Chairman signing the agreement that had been decided upon at the meeting of 12.11.24. It was explained that the Town Council - by paying additional insurance of £39.10 on top of an annual insurance premium of £1,860.11 - bears the responsibility and accepts ownership for the 4 pieces of art and the agreement was signed. Dissatisfaction was expressed in the way the artist had included text on the artwork so late in the process without first consulting with the Town Council or the Slate Team regarding the content of the text. It was felt that this last development had been forced upon us at the eleventh hour by the sculptor.

E10.11.24 Update on the Welsh flags installation

It was heard that 46 flagpoles and flags have been removed from the High Street shops by a local contractor and have been kept in the Clerk's office. The rest of the flagpoles and flags will be taken down in due course.

Decision :- rather than putting the flagpoles in the shop to keep them until the spring the Clerk will arrange with the contractor to keep them with the rest of the flagpoles in the Clerk's office. The Clerk will then place new flags on them and it is hoped they will be put back in place by March 1 2025.

The meeting ended at 20.10

Marian Roberts
(Clerk)
28.11.24