

**Minutes from the Recreation Committee Meeting
4th Oct - 2022**

1.Present

Mike Jones, Andrew Williams, Dave Stacey, Karen McMinn-Davies
Betsan Jones (ex-officio)

2.Apologies

None received

3.To receive disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None

4.Confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd. 2022

NOTE - Recommendation from Agenda item 9 to be passed to full council for ratification.

5.Election of chairperson to serve for the coming year.

Mike Jones - Proposed by Andrew Williams, Seconded by Karen McMinn-Davies
Agreed unanimously

6.Terms of Reference

It was agreed that a copy of the current terms would be emailed to all members, with a review in the January meeting when members have had time to consider.

7.Christmas Lights

Proposal - Proposed by KMD, Seconded by DS - Unanimous

Two sets of Christmas lights currently in storage from previous years to be moved to Maesquarre Tree

BJ to approach the local home owner about using electricity from their property if they are reimbursed

Tree in Betws Park - KMD has approached local companies to see if a tree could be donated for Betws Park

Lights in Betws Park - KMD to discuss with local electrician options for purchase sets of lights either for a new tree or the existing one as a plan for the next three years.

Aim is to report to full council in a week

8.Park Updates

a Betws Park/Volunteers

The committee notes:

- First installment of money now received
- Between 10 and 20 volunteers on a Saturday, with around 5 people each day over the summer
- Black Mountain signs have been approached with information and quotes for signage - quotes and designed to be sent around members of the committee.
- As the project comes to fruition, this committee and the community council will need to update the maintenance plan for the park.
- Committee wished to note our thanks to Andrew Williams for going over and above when it comes to leading this project.
- The committee would also like to publicly note our thanks to all the volunteers for their time and help.
- Cllr M Jones advised that his assessment on final spend would be about £75,000 plus VAT.

b Maesquarre Park

The committee notes:

- The updated play equipment, part funded by a Windfarm grant.
- Much of the rest of the equipment needs replacing - additional funding will need to be identified, and a replacement plan developed

c Heol y Felin Park

A discussion about the best way of recording weekly checks. DS to discuss with Cllr Peter Comley

9.Consideration of a Public Sponsorship Programme for the 3 Parks to include:

- a.Seating and location plans
- b.Shrubs and Plants
- c.Identify costs for Sponsors

A discussion of an idea to develop a public-facing plan to show future spaces for development of benches, bird and bat boxes and plants that members of the public or private companies may wish to sponsor or purchase. Plan could be hosted on the website to allow those who might be interested to view the opportunities

It was agreed that the committee would take this work forward in future meetings.

10. Externally funded projects - Section 106 and Windfarm grants

A number of previous funding bids had been successful, but planning and organisation were required to ensure possible funding opportunities were not missed

It was noted that some councils have a number of grant applications in at any one time, and this is part of the role of the Clerk.

It was noted that there were discussions within the county council about concerns that Section 106 money was not being redirected back into local community projects.

It was noted a number of projects had been previously identified, including

- Picnic benches at the top end of Waunddwfn Road
- Goal Posts for Heol y Felin
- Landscape and seating on path off Cornel Road

ACTION - Ideas to be raised at the next council meeting and then considered at an additional meeting of this committee

It was noted that the long term aim is to build a development plan to allow the on-going maintenance of the equipment in parks.

11. Walking inspections

Previously covered in park reports.

Next scheduled meeting 18th. January 2023