

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL YNYSANGHARAD WAR  
MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 12.30pm at the Council Headquarters, Clydach Vale.

**County Borough Councillors in attendance:-**

R. Bevan (Chair)

M. Webber     A. Crimmings

**Officers in attendance:-**

Ms J Cook – Director, Regeneration & Planning

Mr C. Hanagan – Director of Cabinet & Public Relations

Mr D Powell – Service Director, Corporate Design & Maintenance.

A Wilkins– Head of Legal, Corporate & Democratic Services

Ms A Virgo - Project Team Leader Funding & Implementation

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**7. TAFF VALE REDEVELOPMENT - YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE**

The Director, Regeneration & Planning referred Members to the report which provided an update on the Taff Vale Redevelopment, which also included the proposal for a new footbridge from the Taff Vale Redevelopment over the river Taff to Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

Members were advised of the improved connectivity between the town centre and the park with the introduction of the footbridge, the maximizing of increased footfall into the Park and it was added that the new landmark would also be a statement for the confidence in the future role of Pontypridd in the regional economy.

Members were advised that the Taff Vale multi-disciplinary design team had been commissioned to further explore the options for a footbridge by designing a new and exciting connection to the park from the town, whilst ensuring that there was no negative impact on the adjacent Gas Road car park.

The Director advised that a stage 2 concept design study has been produced and a series of surveys and investigation works undertaken including ecological, flood risk, geotechnical, utilities and buried services and a tree survey schedule. Following a detailed options analysis, the two options had been further developed and details of the options were provided through a PowerPoint presentation for Members consideration. The two options were:

- Option 1 – Tower cable stayed bridge with central mast; and
- Option 2 – Torsion box beam bridge.

After a detailed discussion the Members agreed that option 1 should be taken forward as the preferred design.

Members also discussed the necessary planning application and it was suggested that a further report be brought before the Committee following the application in 2018.

The Service Director, Corporate Design & Maintenance reassured Members that no work would be undertaken within the Park without the consent of the trustees although advised that continued site investigation would need to be undertaken, to which the Members agreed with.

Following discussions it was **AGREED:**

- a) That following consideration of the design options for the new footbridge, option 1 be taken forward as the preferred design.
- b) To endorse the next stage of detailed development work, including further site investigation work, as part of the scheme development.

**The meeting closed at 12.55 pm**

**Councillor R Bevan**

**Chair**