

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 20th December, 2016 at 12:30pm at the Council Headquarters, Clydach Vale.

County Borough Councillors – Cabinet Members in attendance:-

M Webber (Chair)

R.Bevan A.Crimmings

Officers in attendance

Mr C Jones – Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services

Mr D Batten – Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside

Mr P Mortimer – Funding & Implementation Manager

Ms S Mee – Project Team Leader, Funding & Implementation

Ms M Gibbs – Leisure & Parks, Facility Development Manager

Ms H Williams – Cabinet Business Officer

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

2. YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PARKS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME

The Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside introduced the report to the Committee which highlighted the progress made to date in the development of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

The Project Team Leader and Facility Development Manager explained that since the report was submitted to Cabinet on 19th July, 2016, a new phased approach was recommended. The first phase would request circa £1m on the basis that there was only £4m available within the programme per annum for applications from all of the UK.

Officers referred the Trustees to section 7 of the report where it was explained that a robust consultation had been undertaken with staff members within the Countryside Department and local schools, in order to develop plans. Officers stressed the

importance of the consultation process, in order to submit a quality bid but also to have a pleasing friendship network. It was explained that the consultation should factor in the opinions of a range of groups due to the uniqueness of the park.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank the officers for their hard work in developing the park into its former structure with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Tourism & Planning adding that it was a natural continuity to the success of the Lido.

Discussions arose around consulting with the local groups and it was agreed that a terms of reference be put in place to ensure the successful momentum is continued after the Bid.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Culture suggested that established local groups, such as OPAG and school councils are utilised during the consultation to add to the meaningful process.

The Deputy Leader questioned the September, 2017 deadline for the bid submission and it was advised that there are two per year and that another meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Committee would take place prior to the submission.

The Trustees questioned the future plans of the park in respect of the green houses and it was explained that in 2017, there would be a pilot training opportunity with Learning Curve for the public to volunteer to create hanging baskets etc. The staff at the park would be trained to develop their communication skills in order to run these weekly development schemes. It was advised that a room could be used to conduct any educational training schemes created, or be hired out by Groups.

The Trustees were pleased with the ideas to further develop the park with the Chair stating that she looked forward to meeting again in the near future.

It was **AGREED:**

- a) To support a phased approach to the development of a Parks for People application for Ynysangharad Park. The phase 1 application will be requesting approximately £1 million from HLF.
- b) That the application be submitted to HLF in line with the September 2017 submission deadline.
- c) That officers commence a planned process of consultation over the forthcoming months.

The meeting closed at 1pm

Councillor M Webber

Chair