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Minutes of the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 4 December 2018 at 11.00 am at the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, Pontypridd (Bowling Pavilion).

County Borough Councillors - Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor M Webber (Chair)

Councillor A Crimmings Councillor S Powderhill

Officers in attendance

Mr D Batten, Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside
Ms S Mee – Regeneration & Planning Officer
Ms J Edwards – Leisure, Parks & Countryside Officer
Ms M Gibbs - Leisure & Parks Facility Development Officer

Others in Attendance

Friends of the Park Group

6 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor L De Vet.

7 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council Code of Conduct there were no declarations of interest pertaining to the agenda.

8 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the 12th June 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

9 YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) PARK FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME

The trustees received Ms C Hayden, The Environment Partnership officer (TEPS) who proceeded to provide Members with the amended designs drawn up by both TEPS and AJA in respect of the RIBA stage 3 design proposals for the Horticultural Centre. The officer advised that the designs had been amended to ensure they were sympathetic to the environment and tree line of the Park and Members were also advised of

the renewable energy boiler within the designs.

Members discussed the designs before them paying specific attention to the key components illustrated within the mood board for the horticultural training centre commenting on the suggested local buff brick and the timber vertical cladding-stained. Members suggested that a grey brick would be more in keeping with the local community and that the timber should be lightened. Members also commented on the maintenance work that would be needed with the proposed design materials. The Chair noted that the designs were out to public consultation and spoke of the importance of listening to the public in respect of their opinion on the designs. Members also queried the long term viability of the renewable energy system and officers confirmed that this was a sustainable form of energy for the centre.

The Regeneration & Planning Officer advised Members that the updated designs had resulted in an increase to the overall costs originally set for the project with Heritage Lottery confirming that there was no scope for increasing the original grant request that was submitted in stage 1 approval. The Officer continued by advising that alternative funding sources were being actively explored.

Members commented positively on the programme and the enhancements the programme would bring to the Park for the benefit of residents of the County Borough.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the progress made to date and to continue to support the ongoing project work in preparation of a submission of a Parks for People stage 2 application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park by August 2019.
2. To take into account the programme timescales and to note the projected increase in costs, of the enhanced design proposals for the Horticultural Training Centre and support progression through to the planning application stage.
3. To reconsider the RIBA Stage 3 design proposals following the public consultation commencing on the 4th December.

10 FRIENDS OF YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

The Leisure, Parks and Countryside Officer provided Members with an overview of her report which detailed the successful volunteering programme and the development of the Friends of Group taken forward within the Park.

The officer provided details of the range of engagement activities offered

in order to attract users to the park providing time to discuss and explore interests in a volunteer programme.

The trustees welcomed members of the Friends of the Park group to the meeting and the Chair of the group spoke on their behalf advising of the work done to date, the community resilience and wellbeing opportunities provided through the programme.

Members discussed the potential of sharing of good practices with other groups across the County Borough and spoke of the good work undertaken by the group commenting on the recently successful Poppy project, with the group working with local schools within the area.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED:**

1. To note the progress made by the volunteers and the establishment of a Friends of Group.

This meeting closed at 12.00 pm

**Cllr M Webber
Chair.**