

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment Committee** held at  
the Gate on **Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm**

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**Members of the Environment Committee summoned and present:**

Councillors GADavies (Ex-officio), Dr WEVJ Davies, O Grant (Chairman), FLanc, TMcDermott, JMiller, JRees, IThomas-Wigley. All other members of Council for information

**In attendance:** Press (0), Members of the public (0), Carmarthenshire County Councillor (0)

538. **Apologies for absence. Cllrs CMDavies, IPrice**

539. **Declarations of interest.**

Item 493, Community Woodland – All Councillors

540. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. (Exchange of information only).**

Item 495, river pollution – reported to Natural Resources Wales (ref. No. received). Request to report any future incidents on their website.

541. **To consider committee's assets and receive a budget update. RECOMMENDED to update committee's assets and accept budget update.**

542. **To receive the Skate and play park reports. NOTED**

543. **To consider future projects and planned expenditure for 2024/25 events. DEFERRED until future meeting of Council.**

544. **To discuss the 'Food for thought' event due to be held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.** The following items were discussed: Posters/advertising. Councillors to consider up to six members from different organisations/associations to be invited to the event. Max no of invitees set at 50. Table decorations arranged. Chef/caters booked, tableware, crockery & cutlery sourced. Volunteers to assist on the day and set up the room. **RECOMMENDED that Councillors invite a minimum of 5/6 members from different organisations/associations to attend the event. Poster to be published.**

545. **To discuss the community woodland venture in collaboration with West Wales Homes.** Approximately x2 acres of woodland available to create a Community Woodland on a long-term £1 annual lease. Insurance to consider if adopted. Japanese knotweed treatment would fall to West Wales Housing, and a Himalayan Balsam management plan would need to be approved. A woodland walk could be created with oak and willow trees, with potential opportunities for green gyms. **RECOMMENDED in principle to move forward with the project.**

546. **To discuss a rolling programme to replace the benches (seating) in and around the town and replacing the bench that was damaged at the riverside.** Town Council's bench list and photo album to be sourced, if possible or a new list created. **RECOMMENDED to replace picnic bench at carpark and purchase x2 new recycled plastic benches to replace damaged wooden ones at Bancyfelin.**

547. **Correspondence.**

- a) Keep Wales Tidy – Local Place for Nature webinar information. Register here: [Learn about Local Places for Nature - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- b) Letter regarding Banc-y-Beili park being area overgrown and affecting property on Bridge Street. NOTED. The land in question is not the responsibility of the Town Council.
- c) St Clears Men's Shed – letter offering improvements to Rebecca Riot statue. **DEFERRED.**
- d) St Clears Men's Shed – request to site a container on the land at main carpark. **RECOMMENDED to decline the request until the full storage needs of the Town Council has been addressed.**
- e) SMART Towns Cymru – information regarding four-part series training. NOTED

548. **Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only)**

Planning and advertising at Priory fields.

Improvements to Rebecca Riot statue

**The chairman closed the meeting at 8:05pm**