

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee via Zoom on  
Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm**

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**Members of the Environment Committee present:**

Councillors Dr WEVJ Davies, FLanc, O Grant (Chairman), TMcDermott, JMiller.

All other members of Council for information.

Observing: Cllr GADavies, PJRogers

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

700. **Apologies for absence. Cllr CMDavies.**
701. **Declarations of interest. NONE**
702. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. (Exchange of information only).  
NONE**
703. **To consider planning applications as notified by Carmarthenshire County Council.**  
This item is a CFGP committee meeting item. **APPROVED** that the agenda item with the same No. be discussed at the CFGP meeting directly following this meeting.
704. **To consider the response to the community consultation held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**  
Although only a small number attended the face-to-face event a good discussion was had. Approximately 20 Welsh and 164 English responses via the online consultation had been received.  
Playpark. Over 157 stated that they thought that it was important to have a play park in the town. 154 would travel to the area if the park was improved. Over 50 felt that the equipment was the most important aspect and that it should have multi-purpose use. Approximately 57 would not recommend the park in its current state.  
  
Woodland. Nearly 100 responded that they thought that it was very important to have a woodland area and that the main benefit would be that of the well-being of those that visited the site large percentage felt that it would be well utilised and a large number approximately 90 were prepared to volunteer with the project.  
  
Skate Park. Similarly, the response indicated that more would use the facility if the provision was improved and some suggestions included that the area be made safer with better lighting, additional litter bins and CCTV coverage.

Council thanked Cllr TMcDermott for her presentation on the evening and analysing the responses.

Next steps include a consultation and gathering of the views of the local school children and the architects draw a draft plan of the woodland layout. Three different playground providers to provide draft plans and costs for playground equipment suitable for the playpark site. **RECOMMENDED that Cllr OGrant inform council once the school pupil consultation is completed so that a meeting may be arranged with West Wales Housing Association to discuss the woodland.**

705. **To consider repairs to the playpark and skatepark.** CCC has informed the Town Council that they are currently unable to undertake the maintenance required to the play equipment. However, they have provided the name and details of a reputable company the council may wish to use to undertake the work. Cllr TMcDermott proposed, and Cllr JMiller seconded the **RECOMMENDATION that GBSports be contacted to provide a quote to complete the low and medium level maintenance works required to the skate and play parks as per the CCC's reports.**

706. **To consider posters and the criteria for the eco garden competition.** Council considered a draft criteria document for the various gardening competitions (appendix i). Residents would be permitted to participate in all the events if they wished. Cllr OGrant offered to prepare the poster and weighted scoring sheet for approval at March's Full Council meeting. **Cllr Dr WEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr TMcDermott seconded the RECOMMENDATION that the criteria document be accepted and that the weighted scoring sheet and poster due to be prepared be approved at next Full Council meeting in readiness for publication, so that residents may be informed early to register to participate in the competition.**

707. **To consider the panels for the Heritage trails.** One of the Banc y Beili heritage trail boards is showing signs of weather damage and requires a new backboard. The second board has not been seen since it was removed and as such arrangements need to be made to collect the board to see if it also requires repair before proceeding. **RECOMMENDED that Cllr PJRogers contact Juvenile Sports to collect second board to see if it requires repair. Council to consider if the Heritage boards be replaced on the changing room wall or if alternative means of displaying is necessary.**

Cleaning of all Heritage Boards, the question was raised would this be something the Local Authority's Tîm Tacluso could undertake. **RECOMMENDED to find out if the Tîm Tacluso would clean all x12 heritage boards. Council to prepare a list of tidying up jobs required around the town or alternatively, could the cleaning of the boards be an intergeneration community task between the Men's Shed and the Youth.**

708. **Correspondence.**

- a) River walks footfall information (appendix ii). **NOTED**
- b) Notice of removal of 'bring sites' for glass collection etc.at Bancyfelin Village Hall and Llangynog as of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. **NOTED**
- c) Keep Wales Tidy events - Sustainable cleaning & maintenance for Community & Town Councils. **NOTED.**

- d) Carmarthenshire County Council have planted hedgerow according to the Town Council's biodiversity plan at the south end of the Welfare field funded through the Local Places for Nature fund.

Cllr TMcDermott raised concerns about the amount of fly tipping occurring in St Clears. Cllr OGrant commented that the issues with trees being cut down at the new development site near High Street was under investigation.

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

Heritage Boards

Footpaths

Meeting date with the Local Authority's officer to discuss next steps for the Bancyfelin park as no date had been offered yet.

***The chairman closed the meeting at 19:58 hrs.***

**Appendices**

**Appendix i**

**WILDLIFE GARDEN**

Judges should expect to see examples of a sustained diversity of wildlife to include birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians through varied plantings and provision of refuges and nesting sites.

- Planting should include species which will provide natural foods sources.
- Judges will also assess the overall appearance and presentation of the entry.
- Range of Habitats created (in relation to garden size)
- Choice and variety of plants chosen to attract/benefit wildlife
- Artificial nesting provision or areas set aside for refuge
- Sustainability and biodiversity approaches to sustainable planting, peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods, home composting.
- Overall knowledge of wildlife gardening principles and best practice

**HANGING BASKETS & CONTAINERS**

- Judges should look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, approach to design, along with plant selection and structure.
- Judges should also consider health and vigour along with measures to reduce the need for watering and sustainable cultivation methods.
- Maintenance - Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease
- Design suitability in relation to the basket.
- Range and diversity of species that may include interesting collections
- Impact - presentation, use of colour, texture or scent
- Seasonal potential plants used for long term display

**VEGETABLE GARDEN**

- Quality of crops - plants should be free from disease, pests and damage, a broad range of food crops and flowers should be in evidence with the available growing space taken into account.

- Condition of the plot - Unplanted areas where crops have been harvested or about to be planted should be free from weeds and the soil should be of a good well cultivated condition.
- Good workmanship - Soil between crops should be weed free, paths and other areas should be well maintained. Evidence of successional sowing will be given credit as so should good practise such as pinching out broad bean tips, protection from carrot fly. Intelligent use and sturdiness of plant supports where appropriate.
- Condition of sheds, greenhouses and other structures - Structures, including cold frames and cloches, should be neat, clean and well maintained. Use of plant supports / crop protection also attract credit.
- Environment friendly practises - good use of compost bins, rainwater collection where possible and any other environmental/animal friendly practises will be given credit.
- Originality of layout and planting - intelligent adaptation of the plot layout to suit the plot holder's needs, use of companion planting, overall visual effect, cultivation of less common plants and use of no-dig or deep bed methods will all be given credit where evident.

**Appendix ii**

**St Clears: River Walk: F156 Footfall Report / Adroddiad am nifer yr ymwelwyr**

**Period/Cyfnod: 01-02-2024 - 29-02-2024**

Date/Dyddiad	< 07	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	> 19	Total/Cyfanswm
Thu/lau 01-02-2024	-	-	1	-	-	2	4	7	5	5	7	8	7	2	2	50
Fri/Gwe 02-02-2024	1	-	5	-	6	5	3	4	6	3	3	5	-	-	1	42
Sat/Sad 03-02-2024	-	-	1	9	14	15	1	5	7	3	7	1	-	-	2	65
Sun/Sul 04-02-2024	-	-	1	4	5	11	13	7	3	17	8	8	3	-	2	82
Mon/Liun 05-02-2024	-	-	4	3	5	11	3	4	7	7	1	4	5	-	2	56
Tue/Mawr 06-02-2024	1	-	3	7	4	2	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	27
Wed/Mer 07-02-2024	-	1	3	7	22	7	7	13	7	5	-	3	6	-	1	82
Thu/lau 08-02-2024	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	3	1	3	8	1	2	26
Fri/Gwe 09-02-2024	-	-	1	5	6	-	8	7	9	5	6	3	3	-	1	54
Sat/Sad 10-02-2024	-	-	4	3	15	12	11	5	3	3	6	5	-	-	1	68
Sun/Sul 11-02-2024	-	-	-	2	6	8	5	16	10	11	7	9	3	-	2	79
Mon/Liun 12-02-2024	-	1	1	-	3	11	11	12	10	11	-	5	1	3	4	73
Tue/Mawr 13-02-2024	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	21
Wed/Mer 14-02-2024	2	-	2	-	-	4	4	6	2	1	-	5	3	1	1	31
Thu/lau 15-02-2024	1	-	3	7	2	-	-	3	4	2	3	2	6	1	1	35
Fri/Gwe 16-02-2024	-	-	2	4	2	11	10	5	7	10	2	4	1	1	1	60
Sat/Sad 17-02-2024	1	-	4	2	7	5	5	4	-	1	1	3	2	-	1	36
Sun/Sul 18-02-2024	-	-	7	2	12	14	4	14	17	10	8	7	3	-	1	99
Mon/Liun 19-02-2024	1	1	3	4	5	4	8	4	5	10	15	7	9	6	5	87
Tue/Mawr 20-02-2024	-	-	4	7	2	3	4	10	2	4	-	2	-	2	1	41
Wed/Mer 21-02-2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Thu/lau 22-02-2024	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	8
Fri/Gwe 23-02-2024	1	-	2	4	4	-	3	2	-	5	1	4	4	1	3	34
Sat/Sad 24-02-2024	-	-	3	5	8	5	6	6	4	2	1	4	1	-	1	46
Sun/Sul 25-02-2024	-	-	1	3	5	5	3	1	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	23
Mon/Liun 26-02-2024	-	1	4	1	5	6	9	6	3	4	-	8	8	4	3	62
Tue/Mawr 27-02-2024	1	-	3	4	8	2	5	2	5	1	5	5	7	2	-	50
Wed/Mer 28-02-2024	-	-	2	1	4	1	1	2	4	2	1	3	5	1	2	29
Thu/lau 29-02-2024	2	3	3	-	3	3	7	4	3	3	1	2	9	5	3	51
<b>Total/Cyfanswm</b>																<b>1418</b>